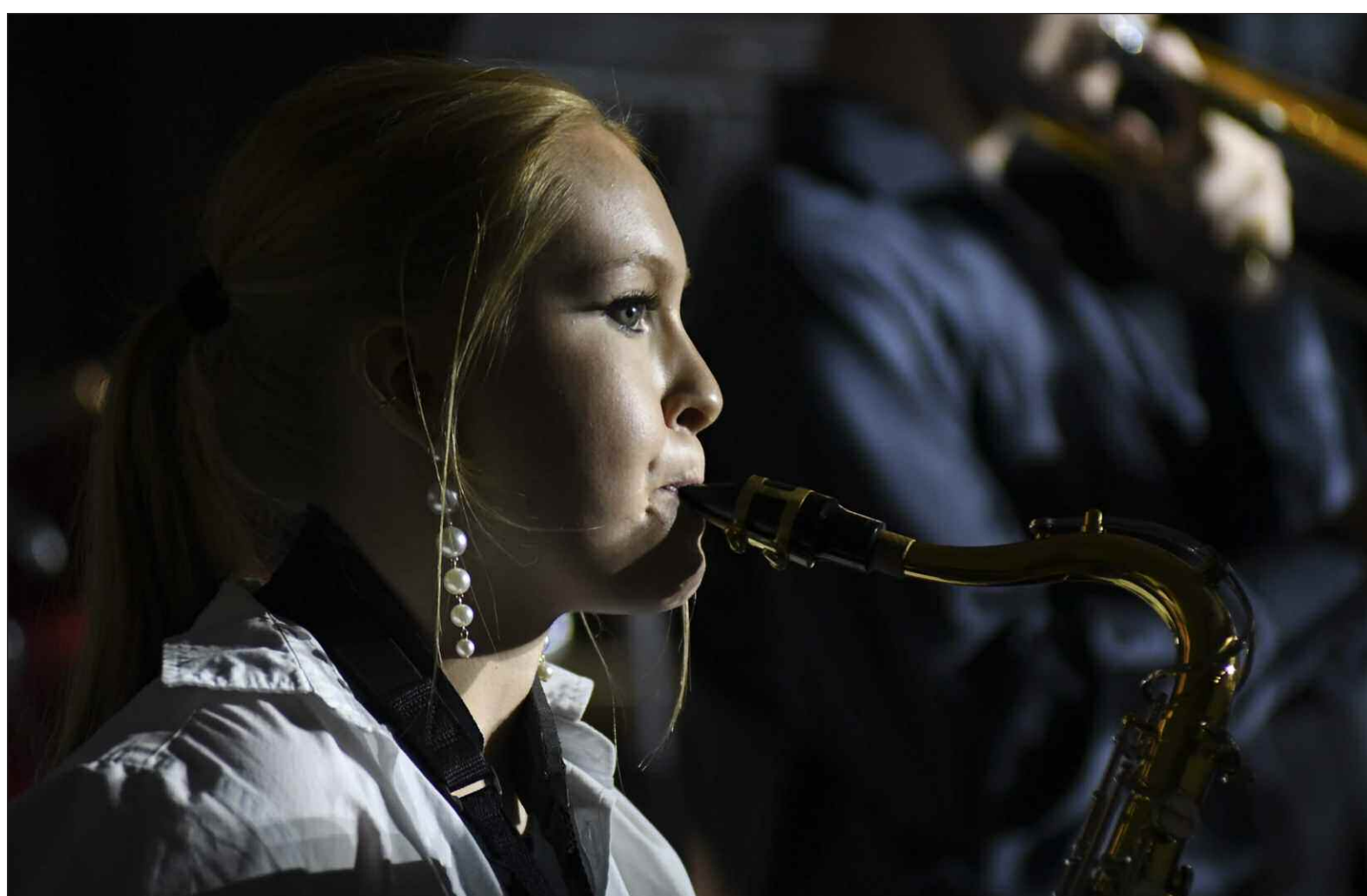


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County looks at some ARPA options

Firms present proposals for radios, EMS and housing

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Jay County has just under \$4 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds. County officials have until the end of 2024 to figure out what to do with those dollars.

Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council reviewed three possible projects — purchasing new emergency personnel radios and installing a new radio tower in Portland, creating infrastructure for housing and constructing a new facility for Jay County Emergency Medical Service, Jay County Health Department and Jay County Coroner's Office — at a meeting lasting more than two hours Monday.

Michelle Watts and Jordan Graves of civil engineering firm Butler, Fairman and Seufert, shared a design layout for potential housing near Jay County Highway Department. The total cost of the project is estimated at just under \$24 million. (Possible upgrades to the water and sanitary sewer systems alone would cost roughly \$3.2 million.)

Housing along county roads 100 East and 200 North would be constructed in four phases. Proposed plans include a large lot for an apartment complex, 38 lots for duplex houses and 187 lots for single-family lots.

Both water and sanitary sewer access are located close to the site, explained Graves. The existing 12-inch water main southwest of the area could be extended to reach the housing areas. (However, the water company has not yet gotten back with Watts on the flow and water pressure at the end of the water main.

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Last show

The Jay County High School band program closed out its local performance schedule for the year with its spring concert Sunday, the last under the direction of the retiring Kelly Smeltzer. Pictured above, senior Lilly Hedges plays saxophone during the jazz band portion of the concert, which included the songs "Inside Out," "Autumn Mist" and "Island Dance." At left, Smeltzer directs the band during the final song of the concert.

Funding allocated for flood project

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — A chunk of federal funding will go toward mitigating flooding, if the city can secure a state grant to cover the rest of the cost of the project.

Dunkirk City Council on Monday allocated \$400,000 from the federal American Rescue Plan Act to go toward an estimated \$1 million project to construct detention basins on the southeast side of the city.

Representatives from Kenna Consulting and engineering firm Beam, Longest and Neff visited the council meeting to explain the project and hold the first public hear-

ing required as part of the process of applying for a \$600,000 grant from Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

The project calls for detention basins to be constructed west of 3rd Street near the southern city limits and east of Broad Street near Moore Avenue. The basins would remain dry most of the time and would be used to detain water during heavy rain events. That water would then be released at a controlled rate, thus taking pressure off of the city's storm sewers.

It would also include increasing the size of some of the city's storm sewer lines.

Initial proposals for the grant

are due April 29. The city would then have to hold a second public hearing June 13 before final grant applications are due July 1. Grant awards are scheduled to be announced Aug. 25.

Letters of support from residents detailing flooding problems and concerns are also part of the grant application. Anyone who would like to submit a letter of support can drop it off at the city building.

"The more we can get resident participation, the more competitive our application is going to be," explained Donna Anderson of Kenna Consulting.

Council members Jesse Bivens,

Tom Johnson, Bryan Jessup, Kevin Hamilton and Christy Curts then approved Mayor Jack Robbins' request to allocate the \$400,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds for the project. (The city received a total of \$509,117.07 through the federal legislation.) City attorney Wes Schemenaur explained that final guidance from the Treasury Department on April 1 listed infrastructure upgrades as an approved use for the funding.

Robbins noted that the detention basins represent the first of three projects the city hopes to be able to implement as part of its long-term plan to mitigate flooding.

See Flood page 2

Facility to get new system

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

A new water filtering system is planned for Jay County Country Living.

The residential center formerly known as Jay County Retirement Center will be getting a system to filter arsenic out of its water, an issue that has been prevalent at the facility for a few years. Jay County Commissioners awarded a contract Monday to engineering consultant RQAW Corporation to design and install the device.

Commissioner Chad Aker explained the arsenic levels in the water have fluctuated each month, shifting from being compliant and not meeting state requirements. Because of the constant change in readings, he added, Indiana Department of Environmental Management

RQAW Corporation hired to design and install device at Jay County Country Living

has asked the county to resolve the issue.

RQAW Corporation of Fishers will perform the work estimated at roughly \$21,000, although that number may change because of material costs and other variables. Accounting for time to design and receive a permit, the company will likely have a new system ready for Jay County Country Living in about 120 days.

Commissioners also OK'd Melissa Blankley of Jay County Country Liv-

ing to remove fence posts on the west side of the residential center's property

Also Monday, commissioners approved a contract with B and H Buildings of West Lebanon to construct a new salt storage structure estimated at \$206,663 for Jay County Highway Department. (The decision is subject to paying the supplier for materials and commissioners receiving an invoice from the supplier.)

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Easter activities

Sawyer Stephen, 6, and Annie Klopfenstein, 6, decorate eggs Saturday at Dunkirk City Park. Families gathered for Easter activities, including an egg hunt, petting zoo and egg painting.

Deaths

Lola Joy, 91, Portland
James Burk, 75, Portland
Larry Lanning, 81, North
Manchester
Betty Abbott, 73, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature climbed to 68 degrees Monday in Jay County. The low was 51. Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 61 with winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. Showers and thunderstorms are likely Wednesday with a high of 70 and winds up to 30 mph. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Treasurer's Office sent out tax bills in today's mail. Due dates are May 10 and Nov. 10. Payments can be made online, at First Bank of Berne, First Financial Bank, and Farmers and Merchants, via drop box at the south side of Jay County Courthouse or in the treasurer's office inside the courthouse.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of Sen. Mike Braun's visit to Jay County.

Friday — Results from the Jay County vs. Fort Recovery softball game.



Flood ...

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“I think this is going to make a big difference on that side of town,” said Robbins.
Council also approved a request from Donna Revolt of Dunkirk Beautification Committee to place a digital sign for community event information and public service announcements in the green space in the downtown area. (She offered four possible locations for the

sign, with council members settling on the green space as the best site.) She said the beautification committee is planning to seek a grant for the sign, installation, a computer and software. In addition to approval for the location, council also agreed to have the city pay for the electricity to run the sign — estimated at \$12 per month — and to have a clerk-treasurer’s office employee input the infor-

mation to be displayed on the sign.
Revolt also reported that the committee will host a scaled-back concert series this year, with four shows scheduled at Webster-Depot Park. The schedule features Jay Fox Band on May 21, Boot Hill Band on June 18, a yet-to-be-determined band July 16 and Spittin’ Image on Aug. 20.
City council approved the

concert schedule and agreed to help with refreshments at the June 18 event.
In other business, council:
•Received the following updates from Robbins:
—The start of construction to fix railroad crossings at Broad and Washington streets in the city has been pushed back to June. It was originally scheduled for May.
—Indiana Michigan

Power began installing new LED street lights last week.
•Heard Ryan Wilson express interest in property that is for sale at 4899 S. Broad St. He said he’d like to possibly put a duplex on the property. Zoning administrator Al Curts and Schemenaur said they don’t believe rezoning will be necessary for that purpose, but said they would check the ordinance and provide Wilson with the pertinent information.

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Wednesday 4/13	Thursday 4/14	Friday 4/15	Saturday 4/16	Sunday 4/17
70/43	57/41	61/41	53/33	53/38
Wednesday's forecast shows thunderstorms are likely, with wind gusts reaching up to 30 mph.	Rain may continue Thursday with a 30% chance of showers. Otherwise, sunny and windy.	There's a 20% chance of showers after 2 p.m. Skies should be mostly sunny with a high near 61.	Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Saturday with a high in the mid 50s.	Another chance of showers is in the forecast for Sunday under mostly sunny skies.

Lotteries

Powerball
Monday 5-7-24-31-34
Powerball: 4
Power Play: 2
Estimated jackpot: \$302 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$106 million

Hoosier
Monday
Midday
Daily Three: 2-8-0
Daily Four: 3-4-4-5
Evening
Daily Three: 3-9-4
Daily Four: 2-4-9-3
Quick Draw: 3-4-14-16-24-26-29-31-33-34-46-47-53-

60-64-66-68-72-75-80
Cash 5: 9-15-20-24-41
Estimated jackpot: \$437,500

Ohio
Monday
Midday
Pick 3: 1-6-9
Pick 4: 4-5-6-8
Pick 5: 9-1-0-2-2
Evening
Pick 3: 6-6-3
Pick 4: 5-8-8-3
Pick 5: 1-1-2-0-9
Rolling Cash 5: 2-17-25-32-37
Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Classic Lotto: 2-5-10-13-17-33
Kicker: 9-5-0-8-6-8
Jackpot: \$25.5 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....7.71
May corn.....7.74
Wheat9.07

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....7.75
May corn.....7.85
June corn7.90

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn.....7.61
May corn.....7.61
Beans.....16.52
May beans.....16.52

Wheat 10.09
May wheat 10.09

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....7.59
Late April corn.....7.61
Beans.....16.53
Late April beans.....16.53
Wheat.....10.23

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....7.61
May corn.....7.61
Beans.....16.35
May beans.....16.35
Wheat9.95

Today in history

On April 12, 1861, the Civil War began as Confederate forces opened fire on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Georgia, at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.

In 1963, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested and jailed in Birmingham, Alabama, charged with contempt of court and parading without a permit. (During his time

behind bars, King wrote his “Letter from Birmingham Jail.”)

In 1972, Portland Park Board voted to install spouting and investigate further measures that could be implemented to repair the city’s deteriorating youth center.

In 1981, former world heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis, 66, died in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In 1985, Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, became the first sitting member of Congress to fly in space as the shuttle Discovery lifted off.

In 1988, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a patent to Harvard University for a genetically engineered mouse, the first time a patent was granted for an animal life form.
—AP and The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Today
5:30 p.m. — Portland Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

Wednesday
6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Court St., Portland.

Thursday
8 a.m. — Upper Wabash River Basin Commission, Wells County Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton.
6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Obituaries

Lola Joy
Oct. 18, 1930-April 9, 2022
Lola Vickers Joy, age 91, of Portland passed away Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Independence Village in Fishers.
She was born in Chicago on Oct. 18, 1930, the daughter of William and Charlotte (Willette) Vickers. She was married on July 23, 1949, to Richard D. Joy and he passed away on July 8, 2017. She retired from Teledyne Portland Forge where she worked in the personnel department.
Lola was the first woman elected to the Portland City Council and was active in community events for many years. She was a member of Tri Kappa, Women’s Giving Circle and Mt. Zion Church.



Joy

Surviving are two sons, Rick Joy of Richmond and Bob Joy (wife: Kathy) of Fishers; one daughter, Nancy Joy of Seattle; one granddaughter, Meagan Neagli; and one great-grandson, Brody Joy.
She was preceded in death by a grandson Brett Joy and a daughter-in-law, Christie (Lyons) Joy.
A celebration of life service will be Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. The family will receive guests from 10 to 11 a.m.
Memorials can be made to the United Way of Jay County.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

James Burk
July 30, 1946-April 9, 2022
James A. Burk, age 75, of Portland passed away Saturday, April 9, 2022, at his residence.
Born in Portland on July 30, 1946, he was the son of Ralph and Martha (Pauling) Burk. He was married on March 10, 1968, to Sue Balle who survives.

Capsule Reports

Head-on collision
A Portland man and Hartford City woman were hospitalized after the man drove his vehicle into oncoming traffic on Indiana 67 about 1:45 p.m. Friday.
Witnesses told Jay County Sheriff’s Office 74-year-old John K. McClung of Portland was attempting to pass several cars at once while driving his 2010 Ford Escape northeast on the highway just southwest of county road 800 South. At the same time, 30-year-old Kayla R. Rowles of Hartford City was driving southwest on the road. Rowles told police McClung got into her lane, and she attempted to swerve her 2007 Jeep Wrangler to avoid a collision but was unsuccessful. McClung’s car went into a yard at 11813 W. 800 South, rolled several times and ejected him.

McClung and Rowles were both taken to IU Ball Memorial Hospital for treatment. Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Multi-car crash
Three Jay County residents were taken to hospitals after their vehicles collided on U.S. 27 about 8:25 a.m. Thursday.
Hannah Shawver, 22, Bryant, told Jay County Sheriff’s Department she was driving her 2013 Dodge Grand Caravan north on U.S. 27 near county road 300 North when she looked away from the road and sneezed. When she looked up, a 2006 Mercury Mariner driven by 53-year-old Tonya Roser of Portland was stopped in the road. Roser was facing north on U.S. 27 waiting on a 2008 Buick Enclave driven by 53-year-old Denise

Degler of Portland so she could turn west onto county road 300 North. Shawver struck the rear of Roser’s vehicle, causing her to crash into Degler’s car.
Shawver was taken to IU Ball Memorial Hospital of Muncie, and Roser and Degler were taken to IU Health Jay for treatment. All three vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Blacked out
A Dunkirk woman went unconscious while she was driving, causing her to go off Indiana 167 about 7:15 a.m. Monday.
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Jim was retired from Teledyne Portland Forge, served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam and was a 1965 Portland High School graduate. He was a member of American Legion Post #211 and Zion Lutheran Church.
Jim loved riding his bicycle, sitting on his front porch, spending time with family and friends and going to Florida.
Surviving are his wife Sue; one son, Jeff Burk (wife: Terri) of Portland; one brother, Richard Burk of Fort Wayne; one sister, Patricia Burk of Portland; and three grandchildren, Erik Ridgway (wife: Destinee), Marcie Burk (wife: Arika) and Adam Burk (fiance: Kiersten Bad-ders).
He was preceded in death by a son, James Michael Burk.
Funeral services will be Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 10 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Darrell Borders presiding. Burial will military graveside rites by American Legion Post #211 will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m.
Memorials can be made to American Legion Riders.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



Burk

inghouse in Muncie, Miller Jones Shoe Store in Goshen and Crown International in Elkhart. He was a member of Calvary Assembly of God in Elkhart.
Larry married Joyce Hittle on March 1, 1962, and she passed away on April 26, 2021.
Survivors include:
Two children — Greg Lanning (wife: Mary), Granger, Indiana, and Lisa Hardman (husband: Dan), Frostproof, Florida
Six grandchildren — Tommy Beckwith, Kristi (Jesse) Miller, Audrey Lanning, Logan Beckwith, Brody (Brigette) Beckwith and Chloe Lanning
Ten great-grandchildren
Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Larry’s life will follow at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Center Cemetery, west of Portland. American Legion Post #211 of Portland will conduct military graveside rites.
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.



Lanning

Betty Abbott, Portland, Dec. 17, 1948-April 9, 2022, died Saturday at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Center. She was the daughter of Ed and Anna Abbott. Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home is looking for any of her family members. Those with information should call (260) 726-7111.

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

SERVICES

Wednesday
Joy, Lola: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Lanning, Larry: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Thursday
Burk, James: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Springtime brings a long to-do list

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

I sure hope the weatherman is right about the upcoming temperatures this week.

It is supposed to be warm enough to start dragging the indoor forest back outside. I have to be careful as Mother Nature may not be done with winter yet. It is too early to leave most house plants outdoors overnight. A couple of them have already had day trips to the porch. A mini-vacation for them results in leaves that are darker green and healthier than those destined to stay

As I See It



inside until after Mother's Day.

I do need to plant the hyacinths and paperwhite narcissus I got for Christmas. They are finished blooming and need a permanent home. They were forced into early bloom. For some reason the paperwhites didn't do well this year. I am hoping that they will be better

once they are out of the house.

Just like most of us can't wait for any reason to open the doors and windows in order to air out the house, the plants are looking forward to feeling soft breezes on their leaves. They also appreciate a good drink of rain water. I try to allow tap water to sit long enough for most, if not all, of the chlorine to evaporate but it isn't the same as water straight from the clouds.

Sunshine and warmer weather almost demand that we abandon indoor projects. I really should use the colder months for

planning a new layout for the garden and flower beds, but that would be too easy.

As usual we have lots of indoor projects underway. The most pressing of those are upstairs. The upstairs lighting leaves a lot to be desired. Cold and gloomy winter weather makes it challenging to see what we are doing. Using assorted battery powered lights helps somewhat but they seem to be determined to blind no matter where I put them.

Every year it seems like there are more and more projects that should be

taken care of. Many of them are simple day-to-day home maintenance chores. We have good intentions but inertia inevitably kicks in and pins us to our seats. Then a wind comes by and adds to our honey-do list. That list is even longer than a CVS receipt and gets longer every year.

In reality, the honey-do list is one we create for ourselves. There is no law that says we must have house plants that need to be taken outside every spring and brought back inside in autumn. It is not mandatory that we do any of the chores on our lists.

The warmth and sunshine that is predicted for the next few days will give us an excuse to go outside and mess around. It won't be long before the lawn mower will harmonize with all the loud cars that pass by.

I really do hope that the weather is as nice as the current predictions suggest it will be. In addition to a long honey-do list, there are chocolate bunnies to eat, ears first, of course. Bunnies and other Easter shaped candies are perfect for providing the energy to cut our to-do lists into a manageable size.

Difference of opinion has ended friendship

DEAR ABBY: The pandemic has put a strain on relationships. Last year, I lost my best friend of 40 years over the COVID vaccines. I believe the vaccine helps to keep me safe, as well as helps my family and friends. This friend decided he and his family would not take the jab. He quit his job rather than get vaccinated. This caused a rift so wide that, in his eyes, he and his family could not continue being friends with our family. I'm sad about it.

The big problem my wife and I are contending with concerns our 8-year-old daughter. She has been best friends with my (former) best friend's daughter since birth. There have been eight years of sleepovers, birthdays, park visits, get-togethers and everything in between. We haven't seen them in six months.

Dear Abby



We can't keep telling our daughter the pandemic is the reason she can't see her best friend. This situation is so simple and so complicated. What do I tell my daughter about her best friend? — VICTIM OF THE TIMES

DEAR VICTIM: Tell your daughter the truth — that her friend's parents will no longer allow it. Then explain why. That way she won't think that this is in any way her fault.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently

contacted by my graduating class to help organize a reunion. Since then, one of the organizers has decided that our committee is an inseparable trio who must get together regularly by Zoom and occasionally in person.

We were not in touch before the reunion and we have little in common, but I can tell she's lonely, so I've indulged her so far. However, she now wants to convene periodically for long weekends at a nearby inn. I do not want to leave my spouse for long weekends or spend money and time on a person whom I don't care to befriend.

When I've tried to demur with "unavailability" excuses, she insists we are a trio and we simply will wait a few weeks until I can find an open date. I don't want to be rude, but I can't fig-

ure out how to politely tell her that I have no interest in accepting her suggestions for an extended slumber party. How should I handle this? — RELUCTANT ALUMNA IN THE WEST

DEAR ALUMNA: Handle it by being frank with this needy individual. Tell her, "This isn't going to happen. I do not wish to leave my husband for a weekend. I don't mind helping with the reunion, but your demands on my time have increased to the point where they are too much for me."

DEAR ABBY: The season of pleasant weather and outdoor concerts is approaching. Invariably, we end up sitting by the chatterboxes. These folks seem oblivious to anyone else, including the performers and the rest

of us who want to enjoy the performance. I realize these are free concerts, but I don't want to have to listen to these rude people. Any suggestions for silencing them so we can hear what the rest of us came for? — DISGUSTED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR DISGUSTED: Keep your tone civil. You might ask, "Would you please talk more quietly? We are trying to enjoy the performance." However, if they aren't receptive to your suggestion, consider moving as far away from them as possible.

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.

Community Calendar

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

Reunions

Bryant High School will hold its alumni banquet on May 14. Honor classes this year are the classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1970, 1971 and 1972.

Today

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Room at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

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.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

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.

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

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

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-

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

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For

more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

Thursday

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. April 14 at Richards Restaurant in Portland.

PTSD SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Portland American Legion Post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

3	9	7	1	5	6	8	4	2
1	6	4	8	3	2	5	9	7
5	8	2	4	7	9	6	3	1
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To the editor:
The Jay County Visitor & Tourism Bureau's board of directors and staff would like to extend their gratitude of appreciation to all those who participated in this year's 19th Annual Jay County Fiber Arts Festival.

Despite the everlasting effects of COVID-19, Jay County was able to host yet another successful event, with several individuals traveling from different states to be able to attend.

We had many volunteers in charge of various tasks behind

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the scenes that are too numerous to mention. Their hard work was instrumental in the success of the festival.

Susan Kesler Simpson, the featured fiber arts festival lecturer and teacher did an outstanding job at her lecture Fri-

day night. Will Herr's sheep shearing demonstrations were entertaining for all. Thank you for providing a memorable experience for our visitors.

A huge thank you to the Pennville Pumpkin Festival Food Committee for providing delicious food and beverages. Also, we are grateful for the work and activities provided by the knitters, woodworkers and quilters. We always look forward to the talents provided by the spinner John Lindsey and "Mother Goose" Sheron McClung.

We appreciate the following

for their outstanding services in this year's festival, the Whitewater Spinning group, Bettie Jacobs with recyclables, the Swiss Heritage volunteers, the Limberlost display and Arts Place for the catnip activity.

Many thanks to Kyle Cook and his staff at the Jay Community Center for allowing us to host this event at their exceptional facility, as well as the Jay County Chamber of Commerce for printing this year's programs.

The level of success of this event would not be possible

without the gracious support of featured festival sponsors: Richards Restaurant and Carla Loy. Thank you for your outstanding support.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about the festival, please contact the Jay County Visitor & Tourism Bureau at (260) 726-3366 or visit viistjaycounty.com/fiberfest

Sincerely,
Gyneth Augsburg
Executive director
Jay County Visitor & Tourism Bureau

Recall vote is absurd, dangerous

By LEON KRAUZE

Special To The Washington Post

If you travel to Mexico City right now, you'd see campaign signs for President Andrés Manuel López Obrador plastered all over the city.

The capital has the feel of a country in the middle of a decisive electoral battle.

But there's a twist: No one is really campaigning against Mexico's president.

You would think the president's opposition launched the recall, tired of his agenda. The ruling party's machinery has been working around the clock. Walls are painted with slogans. Bridges and billboards urge voters to show up and keep the president in office.

The reality is that López Obrador chose this political fight himself.

The opposition has no interest in trying to unseat a popular president in the middle of his term. So the president and his party went to great lengths to collect the signatures needed to trigger the recall, Mexico's first. It would be ludicrous if it weren't sinister.

Sunday's election could be mistaken for narcissistic pantomime.

After all, López Obrador has taken the recall, a valid if complicated democratic tool, and turned it into a costly paeon. But there's an ominous end goal to this exercise in vanity: Its real aim is to weaken the legitimacy of Mexico's electoral institutions.

López Obrador, his loyalists and his party have ignored election law, which prohibits open proselytism in the weeks leading to the voting. High-profile public officials have called for high turnout and campaigned against the recall. Party members and, more concerning, military figures have turned up to assist the president's cause. Last weekend, Interior Minister Adán Augusto López joined the fray. "We are going to support the movement on April 10," he said. "Mexicans will show the world that we are capable of backing up the best president in the modern history of Mexico."

From the beginning of the process, López Obrador has antagonized the INE, Mexico's autonomous electoral authority. He has accused the INE of failing to promote the recall, even though his own party denied appropriate funds

Leon Krauze



for the process. Some of the president's closest advisers, such as Mexico City Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum, have complained of the campaign blackout, a rule set by their own party. The INE has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing and denounced López Obrador's supporters' contraventions. "There's a systematic, intentional and repeated disobeying of the rules of the game by those who established them," said INE's head, Lorenzo Córdova.

After such a farcically one-sided campaign, there's little suspense as to the recall's results: López Obrador will come out ahead. The fate of Mexico's electoral authority, crucial to the country's emergence from 70 years of fraudulent and autocratic rule, is far less certain.

Amid the recall's uproar, López Obrador announced his intention to upend the INE's structure through electoral reform.

It would get rid of Córdova and his INE colleagues and replace them with new electoral authorities. Each of the branches of Mexico's government would field a number of candidates and an election would take place. With López Obrador in full control of the executive and legislative branches, the predictable result would end the INE's autonomy and irredeemably fracture Mexico's democratic stability.

Last weekend, the interior minister didn't mince words. "All those so-called electoral authorities are going to go," López said. "We are going to see them leave with their tail between their legs."

If turnout on Sunday doesn't fulfill the president's expectations, López Obrador will immediately (and unfairly) blame the INE, poisoning it further. If he succeeds in fully dismantling it, Mexico's democracy will wither.

Krauze is an award-winning Mexican journalist, author and news anchor. He is currently the lead anchor at KMEX, Univision's station in Los Angeles.



Supermajorities are not super

By BUD HERRON

When I first heard Indiana was being run by a super majority, I was overjoyed.

I could recall few times in our state's history when a majority of Hoosier voters had been super enough to elect a majority of superwise governmental leaders. But there we were.

Many years we elected legislators that were not super at all.

In 1852 we elected a not-so-super majority (then Whigs and Democrats). They rewrote the state constitution to prohibit "negroes" and "mulattoes" from settling here.

Then in 1860, in the midst of all our racism, we miraculously chose a strong Republican abolitionist for governor. Well ... sort of.

Oliver P. Morton — who would become one of President Abraham Lincoln's cadre of anti-slavery governors — had been thrown out of the Democratic party in 1854 because he was against human beings owning other human beings.

Democrats dominated the Indiana General Assembly at the time, and the voters who had put them there were by no means crusaders against human bondage, as long as they were not the ones being enslaved.

Although Hoosier law didn't allow people legally to own other people, the majority Democratic Party thought that "peculiar institution" was no problem if some other states wanted to try it out. (You know, the "states' rights trumps morality" thing.)

In reaction, the progressive (dare I say "liberal") anti-slavery wings of the Democratic and Whig parties got together in 1856 and launched a national "People's Party," which in a few months changed its name to the "Republican Party."

Morton, a circuit court judge from Centerville, was one of the

organizers of the new party and ran for governor as an anti-slavery Republican in 1856. He lost. Then, after his friend Abraham Lincoln announced candidacy for president of the United States in 1860, Morton decided to try again. However, Republican Party leadership doubted Morton had a chance for a victory. (In his first run for the post, he had burned a lot of bridges by his radical speeches claiming slaves were human beings.)

Up stepped fellow Republican politician Henry Lane with a compromise. Lane was against the spread of slavery, but stayed mostly "in the closet" about the issue when campaigning. He convinced party leaders to run him for governor and Morton for lieutenant governor. (After all, what do voters know about what a lieutenant governor says or does anyway?)

The icing on the cake for Morton was that Lane really didn't want to be governor. He wanted to be a U.S. Senator. If Lane could be elected, he agreed he would immediately resign, elevating Morton to the governorship. Since U.S. senators from Indiana in those days were appointed by the General Assembly, rather than by running in a general election, the popular Mr. Lane would be in Washington, D.C. and Morton would be in the governor's mansion by the time voters figured out what was happening.

Lane won. While the men Hoosiers elected to the General Assembly that year did not prove to be all that super, the man the

new Republican Party had sneaked into office did.

As the nation moved toward the Civil War, the majority in the General Assembly refused to support President Lincoln's call for the country to unite as a single nation and prepare for inevitable conflict, so Morton went rogue.

Without legislative permission, he created a state militia, established a state arsenal and solicited private and federal funds to pay for what the legislature refused to finance.

In April 1861, 12 days after the Civil War began and after 12,000 Hoosiers had already volunteered to fight for the Union, Morton called a special session of the General Assembly to seek legislative support.

Finally, the legislators agreed to supply the funds to purchase arms and supplies for the Indiana troops.

Everything turned out super, as far as Indiana doing the right thing in spite of the General Assembly.

Today, Indiana remembers Morton as a super governor. A huge statue depicting him stands at the east entrance to the Statehouse.

No such statue stands in remembrance of the 1860 General Assembly.

Watching this year's version of the state legislature spend its time and the taxpayers' money on efforts to ban books, dictate what teachers can teach, politicize the department of health, fund private schools to the detriment of public education, eliminate gun permits and legislate gender identity, I doubt they will earn a statue either.

Supermajorities are not always all that super, I guess.

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(Testing would determine whether a water tower or booster station is needed.)

An increased flow may also impact the current sanitary sewer system. Another study would be needed to determine if the system has the capacity for the project or if upgrades to the downstream lift station would be necessary, added Graves.

Watts' solution to detaining and releasing stormwater is to create a 10- to 12-acre pond on the southern portion of the site, which would be capable of supporting fish and recreational activities. This could be made into a park, utilizing the existing woods on the south end of the property. (She noted the southeastern area could possibly be categorized as wetlands, which would be determined with an environmental study.)

Phase 1, which would involve extensions or additions to utilities, streets and landscaping as well as construction of about 68 lots, is estimated at \$9.9 million. (That does not include the

apartment complex lot, which Watts suggested could be paid for by a developer.)

"We kinda see this as, let's kickstart some residential development out there, northeast of town, and see if we can't plant the seed for developers to come in and do it on their own," said Watts.

She noted this is a preliminary plan and not set in stone. It's up to county officials, she said, to decide how much involvement they would like in the process.

"Well, you have to start somewhere," commented council member Faron Parr.

Representatives from Motorola Solutions also shared a proposal for upgrading radios used by police, firefighters and other emergency responders, which includes plans to install a new radio tower in Portland. The total cost is estimated at just under \$2 million.

Area sales manager Jay Burla explained Redkey is the only location in Jay County with a radio tower.

Currently, the eastern and part of the northeastern portion of the county have little to no radio signal. With new radios and a new signal emitting from Portland water tower, the coverage map would stretch across nearly all of the county.

"The whole goal is to have communication wherever you go," Burla said.

The county currently operates on a very high frequency (VHF) analog system. Shifting to a digital operation on 700/800 MHz would have an improved audio quality the farther away a radio is from the tower compared to the current system, said presales engineer Brett Beard.

The service also has Smart Connect, a feature that lets radios roam to local wifi networks or phone data when radio signals aren't available. Burla noted Jay School Corporation could offer a wireless network for officers to use when inside schools. (One of the representatives said it would be more cost effective in the long run to upgrade now than it would

be to install indoor antennas, which he estimated to cost around \$300,000.)

Motorola's proposal at \$1.97 million includes a three-year warranty for 128 portable radios and 48 mobile radios for Jay County Sheriff's Office, Jay Emergency Medical Service and area fire departments, as well as five "consolettes" (wireless control stations) and an antenna at the sheriff's office. It also lists a three-year warranty for 40 portable radios and 15 mobile radios for Portland Police Department and Portland Fire Department. The plan would give the county and Portland a five-year subscription to the Smart Connect feature and install a new tower in Portland.

Council president Jeanne Houchins asked about how long the process will take.

The installation and upgrades would take about 12 to 16 months to complete because of supply issues, noted account manager Janyll Stierwalt.

Commissioners president Chad Aker noted that

the project would help emergency personnel across the county. Council member Ray Newton expressed concern for smaller departments being able to afford the upgrades. Aker said all involved departments should be part of the discussion to figure out what they can or can't contribute toward the cost.

Council and commissioners also heard from consulting firm Etica Group regarding designing and developing a new building for Jay Emergency Medical Service, Jay County Health Department and Jay County Coroner's Office.

Plans call for a 11,000 square-foot building, which would include four ambulance bays, four bed rooms, separate locker rooms and a shared training room. The health department's offices would have a drive-thru service area as well.

The building estimated between \$2.5 million and \$2.8 million would be constructed at the corner of Creagor Avenue and Votaw Street, on IU Health Jay property. (The county

would rent the land similar to how it rents property for its current JEMS base.)

The county will be applying for an IU Health Jay grant, which could cover up to half of the projected cost, noted Aker. Applications will begin in the next few months, with grants awarded before the end of the year.

Toby Winiger of Etica requested county officials contribute more than \$229,000 in order to move forward with the planning process. (A portion of that amount would cover Etica's schematic design.)

Council and commissioners agreed to hold off until Christy Shauver of Jay County Community Development and Travis Richards of Jay County Development Corporation could look to see what information may be needed for the grant.

Houchins advocated for having separate meetings for each proposed project.

"There's just so many questions, and I think decisions need to be made on what works best for everyone involved," she said.

New ...

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Highway superintendent Donnie Corn explained at a meeting March 14 the current storage building is collapsing. Construction plans call for a 65-foot wide by 84-foot long structure.

Corn noted the building has already been ordered. The company requested commissioners pay about \$124,000 up front to cover material costs. Commissioner Brian McGalliard noted the county generally does not pay for a project before the work is done and said this would set a precedent for future projects. He added it is stated in the contract with the company that commissioners receive an invoice from the supplier.

County attorney Bill Hinkle acknowledged current issues with shipping and materials around the country, although he said he would like to see an itemized list of materials ordered and their prices.

Commissioners decided to request an invoice and pay for materials directly to the supplier.

Also, commissioners learned a new urgent care facility, Portland Fast Pace, is planned for the location just south of O'Reilly Auto Parts, 1002 N. Meridian St., Portland. The Hutton Company of Chattanooga, Tennessee, has started development on the land, explained surveyor Brad Daniels. (Commissioners OK'd a recommendation from Daniels to not require a retention pond at the property.)

Commissioners also agreed to send a request from Pastor Randy Davis for \$15,000 in economic development income tax (EDIT) funds to Jay County EDIT Advisory Committee. Davis, founder and executive director of A Better Life - Brianna's Hope, explained the dollars would be used to promote and produce the organization's podcast, "Faith In Your Recovery." The program has reached more than 25,000 listeners, according to Davis, and he would like to hire someone to market it. (The organization has already received \$12,000 from The Portland Foundation, he noted. Travis Richards of Jay County Development Corporation added that A Better Life - Brianna's Hope received \$10,000 in EDIT funds in 2018.)

In other business, commissioners Rex Journay, Brian McGalliard and Chad Aker:

- Approved an agreement with HIS Constructors of Indianapolis to repair about a half mile on county road 100 North between

county roads 100 West and 200 West. Their decision is subject to approval from Portland Board of Aviation.

- Noted construction for two prospective solar farms, Skycrest Solar and Rose Gold Solar, will not begin until at least 2023. (Invenergy is planning Skycrest Solar on a \$150 million, 155-megawatt facility located on about 2,500 acres in Penn and Jackson Townships Leeward Renewable Energy's plans for Rose Gold Solar call for a \$150 million, 150-megawatt facility on roughly 1,450 acres just north of Dunkirk.)

- Heard from county auditor Emily Franks the county's insurance policy will require county employees to use multi-factor authentication when signing into their computers by Jan. 1, 2023. The requirement would be applicable to about 150 employees. It comes at a total cost of about \$5,400. Commissioners noted there would have to be another log-in option for any employees who do not have smart phones.

- Announced applications are open again for director of Jay County Emergency Management Agency. Those are due by noon April 18.

- Awarded two bids, with priority to K-Tech of Fishers, for asphalt emulsion.

- Spoke with Trent Paxson of Jay County Fair Board. (In March, commissioners expressed concerns about funding for the Cruis'n the HoliJay Lights at the Fairground being combined with the Fair Board's general banking account. The county allotted \$50,000 to the event last year.) Paxson explained the event's dollars are kept in an account a separate bank.

- Heard from Phil Bailey of rural Portland, who inquired about a broken tile on his property on county road 200 South. Hinkle and commissioners encouraged Bailey to have an independent consultant look at the tile, and they noted the issue is a private matter.

- Approved Jay County Visitor and Tourism Bureau's annual innkeeper's tax funding of \$84,473.72.

- Paid claims, including a \$12,810 claim to replace the air conditioning unit at Jay County Purdue Extension Office and a \$673.91 charge for fixing a shower at Jay County Country Living.

- Accepted a \$200 donation for Jay County Sheriff's Office in recognition of dispatcher appreciation week.



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Clinic focus

Abbie Rowles keeps an eye on her flag while working on her skills during the Jay County High School color guard clinic Saturday at East Jay Elementary School. Eighty kindergarten through eighth graders attended the clinic.

Capsule Reports

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Jasmine E. Coffin, 19, was driving on Indiana 167 near Division Road when she fell unconscious, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Her 2012 Mazda went off the road and rolled about 290 feet.

She was transported to IU Health Jay for minor cuts and pain on her left side. Her vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Sign struck

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Portland woman's vehicle crashed into a stop sign in the Portland Walmart parking lot about 7:30 a.m. Sunday.

Latricia J. Clevenger, 53, told police she

was attempting to turn her 2004 Chevrolet Colorado before the stop sign at 950 W. Votaw Street to go into a parking lot in the next row. She didn't complete the turn and instead struck the stop sign. Her vehicle was towed.

Deer hit

A deer ran in front of a Portland woman's vehicle on county road 400 South about 7:20 a.m. Thursday.

Crystal Lothridge, 35, was driving west on the road just west of U.S. 27 when a deer ran in front of her 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan. She wasn't able to avoid a collision with the animal, causing between \$1,000 and \$2,500 in estimated damage.

Felony arrests

Child solicitation

A Portland man was arrested Friday for child solicitation.

Wayne L. Lanning, 45, 835 E. Main St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony.

He's being held on a \$30,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Sexual misconduct

A Lafayette man was arrested Monday for charges related to sexual misconduct with a minor.

Cory A. Gundrum Sr., 44, 3131 Dover Lane, was charged Friday in Jay Circuit Court with a Level 4 felony for sexual misconduct with a minor, two Level 5 felonies for child solicitation and a Level 6 felony for obstruction of justice.

He's being held at Jay County Jail on two separate bonds totaling \$30,000.

Drug possession

An Ohio man was arrested Monday for drug-related charges.

Justin F. Dibble, 29, 122 E. Kibby St., Lima, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony for possession of schedule III drugs, and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor.

Dibble is being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Resist that impulse

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
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♥ 7 4
♦ A J 10
♣ A 9 2
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♥ Q 9 8 6 5 2
♦ Q 9 7 5 4
♣ —
SOUTH
♠ A K J 9 8
♥ A 10
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♣ 10 8 6 4 3

four-spade contract. You know that West has five clubs for his overall, and that if you play the ace from dummy, East will trump it. It is equally certain that East will then lead a heart, after which you can kiss the contract goodbye. You should therefore apply the doctrine of self-preservation by refusing to play the ace of clubs on the king! After East discards a heart and West continues with the queen of clubs, you play low from dummy again! West then leads the five of clubs to dummy's ace, and East, as expected, ruffs and returns a heart.

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ 2♣ 3♠ 3♠
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Opening lead — king of clubs.
When failure seems certain, you have two choices: You either give up and move on to the next deal, or you can try to find some way out of your fix. If you are a fighter by nature, you can attempt to apply the basic principle in bridge that whenever it is clear that normal play is certain to fail, you should look for a solution that may be well off the beaten path.
Consider this deal where West leads the king of clubs against your

You have now lost the first three tricks, but you are no longer headed for down one. You win the heart with the ace, cash the ace of trump and lead the ten of clubs from your 10-8. West, who has the J-7 of clubs at this point, can do no better than cover the ten with the jack. You ruff in dummy, return to your hand, cash the eight of clubs — discarding dummy's remaining heart — and so make the contract. The deal demonstrates once again that you can't play bridge mechanically. The temptation to play the ace of clubs at trick one must be resisted when it is obvious that that play is certain to lead to defeat.

Tomorrow: Active defense.
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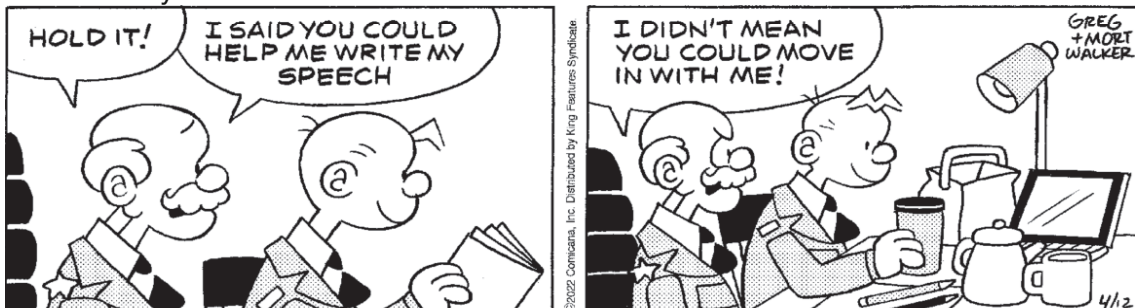
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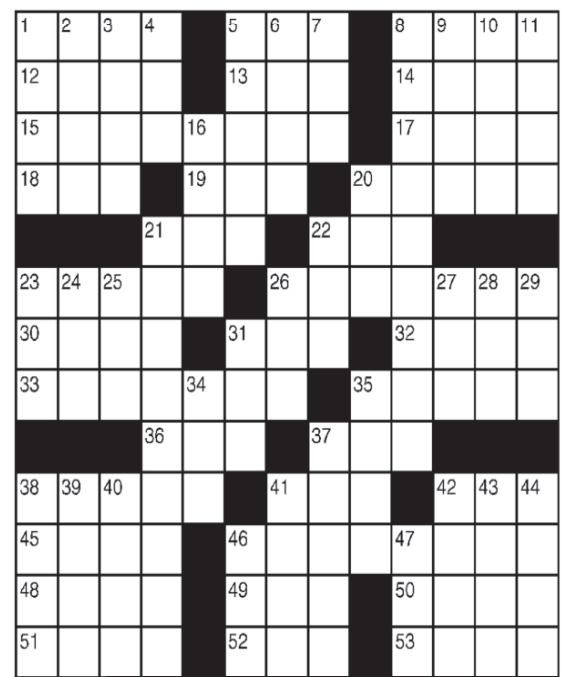
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Lakers fire Vogel as coach

By **DAN WOIKE**
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

The Lakers fired coach Frank Vogel on Monday just two years after he led the team to its 17th NBA championship and first since 2010.

In the seasons since, Vogel's teams have been decimated by injuries to LeBron James and Anthony Davis, the Lakers losing in the first round of the 2021 playoffs before missing the postseason in 2022. It culminated with a 49-loss season during which the Lakers were never more than three games over .500 and in which Vogel used 40 starting lineups.

In three seasons with the team, Vogel went 127-98. In 11 seasons of professional coaching, he's 431-289.

The Lakers hired Vogel in 2019 after a wild coaching search that linked the team to Tyronn Lue and Monty Williams, who took jobs with the Clippers and Phoenix Suns, respectively, and then met in last season's Western Conference finals. Vogel ended up taking the job, agreeing to work with Jason Kidd as his top assistant.

On Sunday night after a season-ending win in Denver, guard Malik Monk praised Vogel for his coaching and demeanor this season.

"He kept his cool the whole time. Didn't talk about no problems like that. Didn't talk about anything like that, man. He came in and worked and always gave us a great game plan," Monk said. "...



The Philadelphia Inquirer/Heather Khalifa

Skid ends season

Indiana Pacers guard Duane Washington Jr. (4) defends against James Harden during a 133-120 loss Saturday to the Philadelphia 76ers. The Pacers dropped their final 10 games of the regular season, including a 134-126 defeat Sunday at New Jersey, to finish 25-57.

Class ...

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It is the 11th-smallest school in Class 4A for football, 11th-largest in Class 2A for boys soccer and 25th-largest in Class 2A for girls soccer.

The last sectional championship the Patriots have won in each sport is listed below:

- Boys basketball — 2011
- Boys soccer — 2014
- Football — 2007
- Girls basketball — 2006

Girls soccer — 2014
Volleyball — 2002
The IHSAA also noted that four new schools will become eligible to compete in state tournaments, pending executive committee approval, in the next two years. Dugger Union and Evansville Christian will become eligible in 2022-23, with MTI School of Knowledge and Purdue Polytechnic following in 2023-24.

Track ...

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JH places 3rd
VERSAILLES, Ohio — Both Fort Recovery junior high track teams finished third in a four-team meet on a rainy Monday night. The boys team totaled 53 points to finish behind the host Versailles Tigers (81) and Arcanum (79). The girls

scored 45 points while Versailles won with 67 and St. John's was second with 66.5.

Reed Albers squeaked out a win in the 100-meter dash by 0.02 seconds over Arcanum's Charlie Weiss in 13.67 seconds and also had a winning time of 1:00.03 in the 400 dash. Parker Brunswick turned in a pair of

dominating victories, taking the 800 run by nearly seven seconds in 2:31.91 and the 1,600 run in 5:11.82.

Makenna Huelskamp was the only double winner for the girls team as she had winning times of 5:35.67 in the 1,600 run and 2:42.35 in the 800 run. Madison Heitkamp finished first in the 100 hurdles in 21.04.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Softball at Eastbrook - 5 p.m.; Baseball at Eastbrook - 5 p.m.; Track three-team meet at Adams Central - 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. South Adams - 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Muncie Northside - 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track vs. Versailles & Delphos St. John's - 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at Parkway - 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Parkway - 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Parkway - 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cleveland Guardians at Cincinnati Reds (BALLY)
6:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York mets at Philadelphia Phillies or Oakland Athletics at Tampa Bay Rays (MLBN)
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Philadelphia Flyers at Washington Capitals (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Women's soccer: International Friendly - Uzbekistan vs. United States

(ESPN2)
7:45 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Kansas City Royals at St. Louis Cardinals (BALLY)
9 p.m. — Basketball: NBA G-League Playoffs (ESPN2)
9:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Minnesota Timberwolves (TNT)
9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at Dallas Stars (ESPN)
10 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions League Soccer: Pumas UNAM vs. Cruz Azul (FS1)

Wednesday
12:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cleveland Guardians at Cincinnati Reds (BALLY)
3:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Diego Padres at San Francisco Giants or Houston Astros at Arizona Diamondbacks (MLBN)
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Toronto Blue Jays at New York Yankees or Seattle Mariners at Chicago White Sox (MLBN)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Charlotte Hornets at Atlanta Hawks (ESPN)

7 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Rangers at Philadelphia Flyers (TNT)
9 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Seattle Sounders at New York City FC (FS1)
9:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: San Antonio Spurs at New Orleans Hornets (ESPN)
9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Los Angeles Kings at Colorado Avalanche (TNT)

5K has been moved to April 23. It will kick off the annual Jay County 5K Circuit. Registration is \$20. A tech t-shirt is a \$10 add on, while a cotton t-shirt is a \$5 add on. The race begins and ends at Jay Community Center, and will go through Hudson Family Park. For more information, contact Jay Community Center at (260) 726-6477. To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

Local notes

Race is moved to April 23
Jay Community Center's Sprint to Spring

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Sports



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Isaac is over

Isaac Kunkler of Jay County High School clears the high jump bar April 5 during the Patriot boys track team's season opener against Blackford. Kunkler won the event at a career-best 5 feet, 10 inches. JCHS is scheduled to continue its season tonight in a three-team meet at Adams Central, weather permitting.

JCHS sees no changes in class

Patriots remain in Class 3A for basketball

INDIANAPOLIS — There were no surprises for the Patriots. Jay County High School's athletic teams will remain where they have been in for the last two years following the Indiana High School Athletic Association's announcement Monday of classifications for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

That means the Patriots will be in Class 4A for football, Class 3A for volleyball, boys basketball and girls basketball, and Class 2A for boys soccer and girls soccer.

The classifications are based on enrollment numbers that were submitted by schools earlier this year and announced by the IHSAA in March. JCHS has an enrollment of 879 — 118th largest in the state.

Sectional groupings for football, volleyball, soccer and basketball will be announced in May. Baseball and softball sectional groups will be announced in August.

Jay County will be the 18th-largest school in Class 3A for boys basketball, girls basketball and volleyball.

See Class page 7

Rammel leads Tribe at relays

CELINA, Ohio — Whitley Rammel went one-two-three for the Indians.

The Fort Recovery High School senior won the high jump and finished in the top three in two more events as she led the Fort Recovery girls track team to a fifth-place finish Friday at the Celina Relays.

The Tribe girls scored 47 points to finish six behind fifth-

Track roundup

place St. Henry in the eight-team meet. Celina won with 114. The FRHS boys team was last

with nine points. Marion Local's winning total was 100.

Rammel won the high jump at 5 feet even. She was also the runner-up in the shot put at 36 feet, 8.25 inches and placed third in the discus at 100 feet, 7 inches.

Natalie Brunswick added a runner-up finish in the 6,400-meter relay, crossing the line in 5 minutes, 37.84 seconds with teammate Ellie Will two places

behind her in 5:47.57. Megan Diller, Joelle Kaup, Brunswick and Will were second in the distance medley in 14:30.07, and Abbie Francis Anna Roessner, Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Diller took the runner-up spot in the 4x400 relay in 4:28.66.

The boys team's top effort was fifth in the 4x100.25 relay in 55.91 seconds.

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