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Portland firefighters work at the site of a fatal traffic collision Monday morning on Indiana 67 near Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Three Jay County residents died as a result of the crash.

Collision kills three

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Three Portland residents died as the result of a traffic accident Monday.

Nancy J. LeMaster and her parents, Betty E. and Paul W. LeMaster, died after a garbage truck crashed into the vehicle they were driving at the intersection of Indiana 67 and county road 75 South about 9:50 a.m. Monday.

According to a Jay County Sheriff's Office accident report, Nancy LeMaster was driving her 2000 GMC Jimmy west along county road 75 South and stopped at the intersection with Indiana 67. She began turning south onto the highway and her vehicle went in front of an oncoming 2018 Mack LR garbage truck driven by 36-year-old Zachery E. Montgomery of Hartford City. The garbage

truck hit LeMaster's car, and it rolled onto its side, trapping her and passengers Betty and Paul LeMaster inside.

Nancy and Betty LeMaster were pronounced dead at the scene. Paul LeMaster was transported to IU Health Jay, where he later died.

Per protocol, Montgomery was taken to IU Health Jay for blood testing. He had no injuries, according to the accident report.

Garbage truck struck LeMaster's vehicle on Indiana 67 near school

An autopsy on Nancy LeMaster is scheduled for Wednesday.

Indiana State Police are conducting an investigation into the accident. Pictures and video of the crash were captured from Jay County High School.

The garbage truck is registered to Waste Management of Fort Wayne.

Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

JSC adjusts to e-learning rules

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A new state law will require that Jay Schools take a different approach to e-learning.

Jay School Board on Monday received an explanation of the new requirements and then approved an updated calendar for the 2022-23 school year.

House Bill 1093, which was approved this year and subsequently signed by Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, sets guidelines for remote learning. School corporations are limited to three days of "asynchronous" learning, such as when students are given packets of school work to complete.

Any remote learning utilized beyond those three days will require at least half of a standard school day — three hours for junior/senior high and 2.5 hours for elementary school — to be "synchronous," with students engaged in live learning with a teacher. Director of e-learning Katie Clark explained that such learning would be handled through Google Classroom or other virtual means and that any sessions will be recorded to be made available for students who are unable to attend the live sessions.

Clark noted that the goal is to provide as much

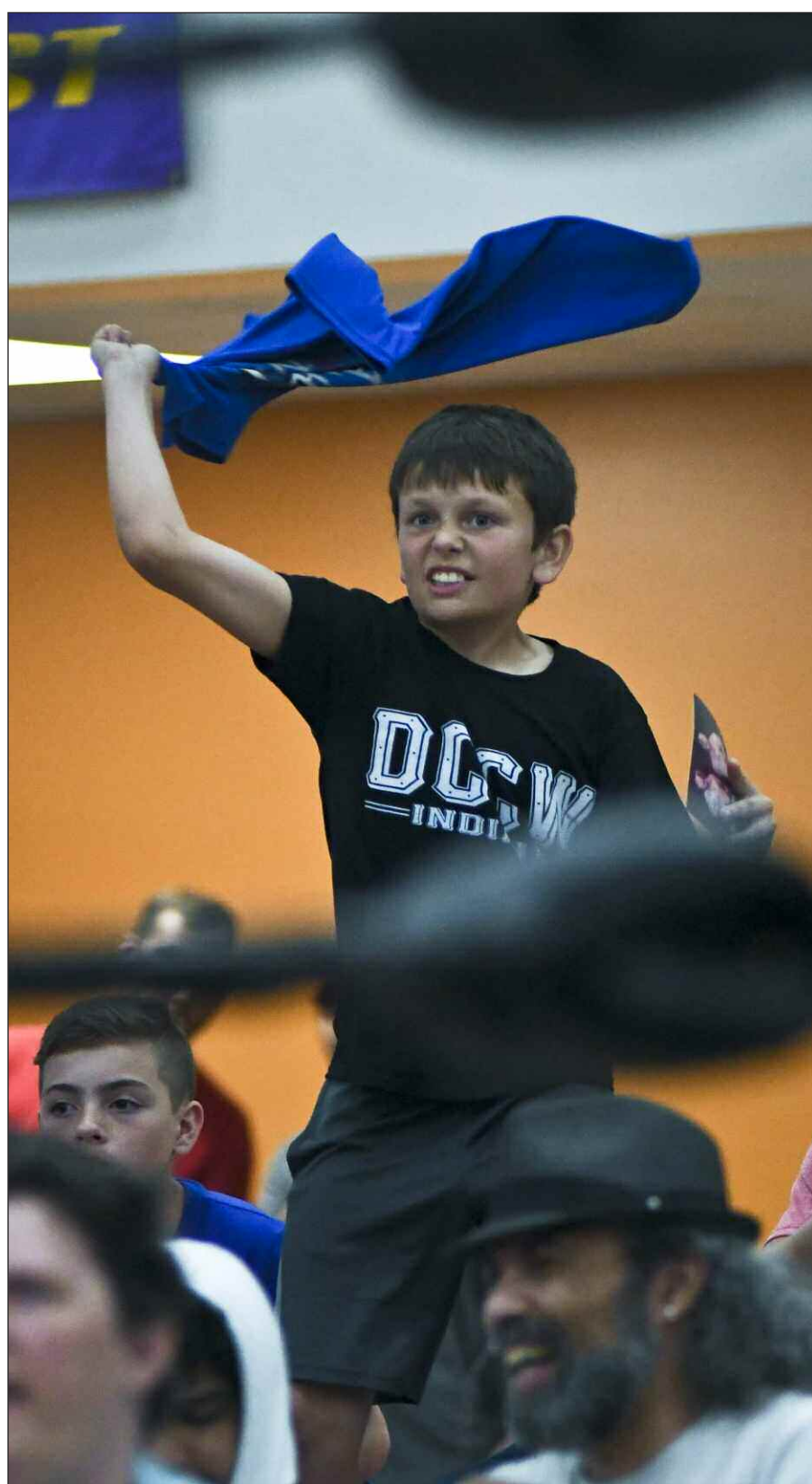
learning as possible before students are assessed through ILEARN, IREAD, the SAT or other means.

Professional development sessions will be provided for teachers this summer to help prepare them for the new system.

In order to help avoid the need to add school days to the end of the year, Jay School Corporation will also have built-in snow days to be used, if needed, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents Day. Other key dates on the school calendar include the first day of school on Aug. 11, fall break Oct. 19 through 21, Winter break Dec. 23 through Jan. 2, spring break beginning on a Friday from March 17 through March 24 and the last day of school May 23.

Board members Ron Laux, Phil Ford, Donna Geesaman, Mike Shannon, Vicki Reitz, Jason Phillips and Chris Snow also approved corporation goals for 2022 through 2025. The list includes assessing and expanding vocational programming, maintaining the Early College Program, school safety efforts such as implementing a K-9 with the school resource officer, improving wages for staff and maintaining 20% cash reserves in all funds.

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Wrestling frenzy

Brady Millsbaugh waves a shirt in the air Saturday night during the Delaware County Championship Wrestling event at Jay Community Center that served as a fundraiser for Jay County Wrestling Club. The event featured "The Pope" Elijah Burke of National Wrestling Alliance and HollyHood Haley J of Ohio Valley Wrestling.

FR gets \$\$ for trail work

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The village has been granted at least \$1.3 million to construct a multi-use trail near the elementary/middle school and industrial park.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Transportation director Jack Marchbanks

announced the village has been selected for a portion of its \$51 million investment into traffic safety improvement projects. The dollars are being used to address an increased amount of crashes involving pedestrians and fatal roadway departures, according to a press release May 6.

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Financial outlook still looks strong

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — Inflation will impact Fort Recovery Local Schools. But so will incoming federal dollars.

Fort Recovery School Board looked at its five-year financial forecast Monday.

Treasurer Deanna Knapke explained the district continues to deal with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, including inflation that has hit its highest rate since the early 1980s.

"Inflation is really high," she said. "With increased inflation

impacting district costs, this is expected to continue in the short term. It's unsure how it will last over the next few years, so it could place a significant impact on the forecast. But we'll have to wait to see on that."

Another factor impacting the forecast's expenditures are Ele-

mentary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds allocated by the federal government. The school district will spend \$984,385 in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds over the course of the next three years.

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Council member Matt Goldsworthy argued for a flat rate rather than a separate rate for out-of-town users. McClung countered, saying he wants to make sure visitors who are in the city for just a week or so are treated fairly under the new rules.

Both, however, supported the implementation of a fee.

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Deaths

Katherine Wells, 81, Dunkirk
Glen Cash, 85, Pennville
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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 75 degrees Monday. The low was 54.
Tonight's low will be 54. Rain is expected early Wednesday with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour and a high of 70.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Indiana State Police have issued a reminder that it will be increasing patrols ahead of Memorial Day weekend as part of a national "Click It or Ticket" enforcement campaign. Data from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute shows unbuckled vehicle occupants accounted for 226 deaths in 2020.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from tonight's girls track sectional at Delta.

Friday — Coverage of Thursday's Redkey Town Council meeting.



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The board also awarded work to replace sections of the roof at Jay County Junior-Senior High School and East Elementary School to McGuff Roofing of Muncie at a cost of \$777,970 and a project to remodel bathrooms at West Jay Elementary School to Mid-States Construction of Redkey at a cost of \$62,500.
In other business, the board:
•Recognized several groups during the Patriot Pride moment, including retiring staff Linda Gray (45 years), Kelly Smeltzer (33 years), Peggy Grayson (30 years), Connie Muhlenkamp (28 years), Kathy Ayers (27 years), Chris Compton (25

years), Tamra Shauver (23 years), Crystal Mosier (23 years), Kris Wolford (19 years) and Rotch Shope (19 years). Also recognized were East Jay Elementary School fifth graders for their efforts through The Portland Foundation's Care and Share program to donate \$1,071.32 to Jay County Humane Society; and Bloomfield Elementary School teachers Amy Fullenkamp and Kristen Gibson for their efforts leading the Indiana Migrant Education Program during the summer in Jay County.
•Held a moment of silence for the deaths of former Jay Schools facilities director Ron Krieg, for-

mer bus driver Betty LeMaster and former president, editor and publisher of The Commercial Review Jack Ronald.
•Accepted the resignations of instructional assistant Sarah Wenk, special education teacher Andrew Wood, physical education instructor Joella Rinker, special education teacher Scott Clamme and English teacher Rebecca Gorrell. Also accepted the extracurricular resignations of Matt Slavik and Christie Sommers as junior high swim coaches, Scott Clamme as freshman boys basketball coach and Katie Clark as assistant student council sponsor.
•Approved the following: the

hiring of Kendra Muhlenkamp as an elementary school physical education teacher and Lauren Hoyng as a speech/language pathologist at West Jay Elementary School; field trips for the foreign language clubs, German students, agriculture students and science students; a leave of absence for Bloomfield sixth grade teacher Shannon Neargarder; a bus request from Fellowship Baptist Church; junior high and high school math textbooks.
•Learned the school corporation donated unused equipment from the former Westlawn and Judge Haynes elementary school buildings to Pennville

Public Library and Dunkirk Public Library.
•Were presented with proposed match textbooks, all from McGraw-Hill, for elementary school. The board will review the list and plans to take action on the proposed list at its June meeting.
•Made a series of extracurricular assignments, including Kendra Muhlenkamp as girls soccer coach, Braulio Ruiz as boys soccer coach for 2022 only as he fills in for Brad Horn, Donald Gillespie as boys tennis coach, Mindy Weaver and Kristin Crump as competition cheer coaches and Erika Hess as JCHS student council sponsor.

CR almanac

Wednesday 5/18	Thursday 5/19	Friday 5/20	Saturday 5/21	Sunday 5/22
70/58	80/66	87/64	75/49	64/44
There's a 70% chance of showers Wednesday. Wind gusts may reach 20 mph.	Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Thursday, with a chance of rain at night.	Friday's forecast shows the possibility of more rain under mostly sunny skies.	There's a 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms on Saturday.	Sunday has a small chance of showers. Otherwise, mostly sunny.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 7-15-22-36-64 Powerball: 13 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$101 million	58-59-65-66-75-78 Cash 5: 2-13-30-36-39 Estimated jackpot: \$365,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$112 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 8-9-4 Pick 4: 8-3-6-2 Pick 5: 3-8-4-7-2 Evening Pick 3: 0-1-5 Pick 4: 2-4-3-6 Pick 5: 5-9-2-7-9 Rolling Cash 5: 2-15-16-22-31 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000 Classic Lotto: 1-25-26-29-31-44 Kicker: 4-7-8-0-6-7 Jackpot: \$27.7 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 1-0-0 Daily Four: 3-7-4-3 Evening Daily Three: 2-5-2 Daily Four: 7-7-4-3 Quick Draw: 2-5-9-10-11-13-30-31-34-43-46-47-48-56-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....8.16 June corn8.16 Wheat.....10.61	Wheat 11.67 June wheat..... 11.67
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....8.14 June corn8.17 July corn.....8.16	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.95 July corn.....7.85 Beans16.75 July beans16.60 Wheat.....12.08
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....7.92 June corn8.02 Beans16.76 June beans16.81	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....7.76 June corn7.76 Beans16.66 June beans16.71 Wheat.....12.18

Today in history

In 1792, a group of merchants formed the New York Stock Exchange at 70 Wall Street.
In 1803, John Hawkins and Richard French patented the Reaping Machine.
In 1814, Norway adopted its constitution.
In 1875, Oliver Lewis rode Aristides to victory in the first Kentucky Derby at the Louisville Jockey Club. The facility was constructed on land leased from John and Henry Churchill.
In 1900, L. Frank Baum's "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" was first published.
In 1939, NBC aired the first televised sporting event in the United States, broadcasting a college baseball game between Princeton and Columbia.
In 1947, Jackie Robinson recorded his first Major League hit on a bunt.
In 1954, the Supreme Court outlawed school segregation in its Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision. Future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall represented James T. Brown in the case.
In 1956, boxer Sugar Ray Leonard was born.
In 1961, about 1,400 Cuban exiles attacked the Bay of Pigs in an effort to overthrow Fidel Castro.
In 2021, Jennifer Young of Portland was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to a Level 1 felony charge of neglect of a dependent resulting in death in connection with the death of her son Hayden Markle. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North, Portland.	Thursday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, town hall, 200 S. Mooney St., Redkey.
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Obituaries

Katherine Wells

Nov. 13, 1940-May 5, 2022
Katherine Wells, 81, of Dunkirk, Indiana, passed away peacefully Thursday, May 5, 2022, while in the company of family members at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana.
Katherine was born in Eaton, Indiana, on Nov. 13, 1940, a daughter of the late M. Marie (Adams) and Gale L. Wright Sr. She was a 1958 graduate of Dunkirk High School and worked as a Quality Control Specialist at St. Gobain Containers in Dunkirk, Indiana, until her retirement in 2000.



Wells

Katherine was the widow of Wendell B. Wells who she sadly lost in 2003. She was a member of Full Gospel Temple, Local 96, Delta Theta Tau, Jay County Historical Society and the Jay County Genealogy Society.
Katherine is survived by a son, Christopher A. Wright; a daughter, Cassandra D. Stewart (husband: Dion); a sister, Mary Ann Johnson (husband: Tom); one brother, Gale Wright Jr. (wife: Judy); sister-in-law Fran Wright; two grandchildren, Ashton Stewart and Gabrielle Stewart.
She was preceded in death by one sister, Patricia Merritt; and one brother, Kenny Wright.
Friends are invited to call from 10 a.m. to noon at MJS Mortuaries – Redkey Chapel on May 18, 2022. Funeral services will follow at noon at MJS Mortuaries – Redkey Chapel with Pastor Denney Helton officiating. Burial will be held in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Muncie, Indiana.

Glen Cash

Feb. 9, 1937-May 14, 2022
Glen Howard Cash, 85, passed away Saturday, May 14, 2022, at IU

Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana.

Glen was born at home on Feb. 9, 1937, in Pennville, Indiana, to Howard and Elsie Cash, who preceded him in death. He was a lifetime farmer and sold hogs in 14 states and two foreign countries for the family owned business, Glen H. Cash and Sons Hampshire for nearly 60 years. Glen was previously employed as a school bus driver for Penn-Knox Township School for 13 years and also had worked in the Jay County ASCS office for more than 25 years.
Glen enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, fishing at the lake cottage, going to Florida for the winter and being involved in various community organizations. He was a member of the 4-H club for 10 years, the Pennville United Methodist Church, Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne, the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Pennville Eastern Star and the Pennville Lions Club for more than 50 years.
Glen was an honorable lifetime member of Jay County FFA and a holder of an American Farmer degree, the highest award of youth and vocational agriculture you can receive. Then he was awarded the title at the Future Farmers of America convention in Kansas City in 1957. He enjoyed sharing stories about the FFA trips to Kansas City, especially when the boys ended up in Elvis Presley's hotel room. Glen was also a member of the Pennville Masonic Lodge #212 FAM for 64 years and graduated from Pennville High School in 1956.



Cash

Survivors include his wife of almost 60 years (married July 22, 1962) Norma Mae (Haffner) Cash of Pennville, Indiana; son Douglas Glen (Cindy) Cash of Pennville, Indiana; grandchildren Olivia Rose (Brayden) Dues of Portland, Indiana, Christopher Jacob Dale (fiancée: Chai) Cash of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Crystal (Phillip) Tunnell of Tazewell, Virginia; brother-in-law Richard Haffner of Portland, Indiana; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.
He was preceded in death by a son, Christopher Howard Cash in August of 2007; his parents, Howard and Elsie Cash; three sisters, Martha Ellen Geesaman (Kermit), Mary Lou (Duane) Judy, and Shirley (John) Taylor; sister-in-law Janice (Jay) Bauman; brother-in-law Dickie (Jackie) Haffner; and sister-in-law Donna (Richard) Haffner.
Family and friends may gather to visit at Walker and Glancy Funeral Home located at 109 W. Windsor Ave., Montpelier, Indiana, on Friday, May 20, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m. and again on Saturday, May 21, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Masonic services will be held on Friday, at 7 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at the funeral home at 11 a.m. with Pastor Darrell Borders officiating. Burial will follow at Twin Hill I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville, Indiana.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to any organization that Glen cherished, such as Pennville Fire Department, 110 N. Washington St. Pennville, IN 47369; Jay County FFA, 2072 W. Indiana 67, Portland, IN 47371; IOOF Cemetery; Shriners International; or Donor's Choice.
Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

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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.

Cart ...

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"To me what we're looking at doing is we're looking at getting these vehicles registered in case they're stolen and to make sure that they know the rules of the road," said Goldsworthy.
"And right now we're asking the police to enforce this rule and we're not getting any money out of (golf cart users)," added McClung later. "I think registration is important since there's so many."
Boggs said the \$35 fee is less than many surrounding communities charge, saying the fee is \$50 in Hartford City and \$45 in Albany.
Fort Recovery charges a \$50 fee for new inspections and a \$20 fee for renewals.
Council members Janet Powers, Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Mike Aker, Dave Golden, McClung and Goldsworthy unanimously approved the fees, with a target date of June 1 to put them into effect.
Money generated by the fees will go into the city's police training fund.
Council also approved tax abatements

for Priority Plastics and FCC (Indiana) following the recommendation of the city's tax abatement advisory committee.

Priority Plastics is receiving a five-year tax abatement on \$6.6 million in new equipment. Travis Richards of Jay County Development Corporation said the abatement will save the company about \$232,000.
FCC will receive a three-year tax abatement on \$589,000 in equipment, saving it about \$15,000. The new equipment is expected to create about 15 new jobs.
Also Monday, council unanimously approved donating \$5,000 to Arts Place to support concerts this summer at the Hudson Family Park amphitheatre. Boggs noted that Arts Place and The Portland Foundation already have \$7,500 set aside for concerts with two on the schedule already and plans to add more.
"This mixes some of my favorite things," said McClung. "You've got the park system and Hudson Family Park, which is great, with entertainment."
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SERVICES

Wednesday
Wells, Katherine: noon, MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.
Gettinger, Arlo: 6 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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

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Farmers market offers variety of goods

By DIANA DOLECKI

The Commercial Review
Last Saturday we stopped at the first farmers market of the year. It's too early in the season for most vegetables but I wanted to see what they had. I wasn't in the market for lettuce, onions or other early crops. The tomato plants looked a little too fragile to buy. There were a few gorgeous geraniums that were a little out of my price range.

There were several vendors selling baked goods. Others were selling eggs and a variety of meats such as rabbit that will never show up in a supermarket. I stopped at one booth offering a variety of herbal remedies and was talking to the vendor when

As I See It



I noticed someone behind me.

The young man looked enough like my nephew, Jadyn, that they could have been identical twins. When the guy spoke he had the exact same tone of voice as Jadyn. It was spooky.

I have heard that everybody has a doppelganger, or someone who looks a lot like them. I am wary of any statement that includes the word, "every" as I have found that almost

"every" saying has an exception or two. Even so, it was unnerving to see this guy who looked and sounded like someone I have known since he was a newborn.

His dad, my brother, David, said that Jadyn was at work that morning. He works for a nursery in Ohio that is nowhere near that particular farmers market.

I love farmers markets. There is usually an interesting assortment of things to see. In addition to the regular produce grown in the backyard, there are soaps, herbal teas and remedies, honey, sugar-free cookies, homemade jams and jellies and hanging baskets dripping with flowers. There are any

number of people who are more than eager to talk about their wares.

One thing that makes me smile is that there are almost always dogs. There are big dogs, little dogs, old dogs and puppies. The one thing that is common to all of them is that they are almost all well-behaved. I have seen a few young pups that insist on barking and pulling on their leash, but they are a minority.

I have also noticed that most of the customers are in a certain age range. I rarely see anyone with an infant. Most of the customers seem to be in their mid 20s to late 60s. The other thing that separates people who frequent outdoor markets from the chain grocery store is that

people aren't as impatient as they are indoors.

Farmers markets feature an ever-changing inventory. If you want a particular product at the grocery store but the shelf where the product usually sits is empty, there is at least a tinge of irritation. If you count on a certain vendor to have your favorite product and their spot is empty, the reaction is seldom more than a shrug and the hope that they will be there sooner or later.

There is also an assumption of honesty at a farmers market. If you ask where a product was grown they will tell you the truth. For example, I bought a bag of green beans one year. It was way too early for

beans. I asked the guy if he had grown the beans. At first he said he had grown them. Then he corrected himself and said his mom did. He also said she used row covers to give the beans a head start. Try that in the grocery store and if you can actually find an employee, you will likely find that they have no idea where a product is from, nor do they care.

Farmers markets offer so much more than a place to buy locally grown produce or unique wares. There are things to see and people to talk to. The pace is a little slower than a regular grocery. Even if you don't buy anything, a stop by to check out the inventory makes for a good start to the day.

Hospice volunteer stunned by generous gift

DEAR ABBY: For a few years, I volunteered to tend to an elderly woman through a hospice organization. My role was to visit with her while her son ran errands or enjoyed an evening of entertainment. I grew fond of her and her family.

For my 70th birthday, her daughter, son and daughter-in-law hosted an at-home dinner in my honor. It was good fun. In addition to a tasty dinner and homemade birthday cake, there were presents: wine, gag wine glass and a birthday card with a gift card enclosed. The wine is long gone, and I have used the wine glass ever since.

I left the gift card in the birthday card and set it aside. I recently wanted to buy a \$20 coffee mug online, so I pulled out the gift card and was shocked to see the value of the card is almost four times more than the mug I fancied. I feel the gift is too much. How do I gracefully return the very generous gift? — OVERWHELMED IN WASHINGTON

DEAR OVERWHELMED:

Dear Abby



Your heart is in the right place, but please do not reject that family's gift of gratitude for what you did for their mother — and for them — during a difficult time. To do otherwise would be a breach of etiquette. Your acts of kindness are worth every penny, and you are deserving of what was given to you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 55 years never talks to me anymore. Unless I initiate conversation, he sits in silence, staring off into space. He says he has "nothing to say." It drives me crazy. I suppose, after all these years, anything he says has been said before, but still, it leaves me feeling lonely and unloved.

When I tell him how it makes me feel, he says it isn't the case, but he never changes. We don't have TV, and I can read and do crossword puzzles by myself for just so long. I really look forward to the evening, when I can start drinking my whiskey, so I have a little pleasure in my life. I don't have more than a couple of drinks because I understand the health risks, but tell me, what else can I do? — TALKING TO MYSELF IN TEXAS

DEAR TALKING: **What you can do is quit drinking to ease your loneliness and get out of the house. Socialize with others at least once a week. Look into opportunities to volunteer in your community. Take your husband with you if you can pry him out of his chair. The only thing you should NOT do is continue on the path you're on.**

PS. **If your husband's passivity is new behavior, consider going with him to the doctor so he can be screened for depression. (While you're there, it might not be a bad**

idea for you to be screened for it as well.)

DEAR ABBY: This is not a big drama, but I think that if someone wants to give out my email address, they should first ask me for permission. I just received an email from an acquaintance telling me they had given out my email and THEN asking me if that was OK. No, it wasn't! Abby, I'm not in witness protection, but my email address is private. Am I crazy? — CRANKY ON LONG ISLAND

DEAR CRANKY: **Crazy? Not at all. What your nervy acquaintance did was breach whatever privacy is left in our society these days, which was thoughtless, rude and inexcusable.**

DEAR ABBY: My younger brother is in his 60s. As a child, he was very active and athletic. Decades later, he is seriously overweight and having trouble with his knees, plus numerous other physical problems. He's

addicted to painkillers and takes many other drugs. Over the last 10 years, he has had disagreements with at least 10 people and written mean and spiteful texts. Because of it, he has lost many friends and even his doctor.

He didn't communicate with me unless he wanted my opinion about something he had done or said. If I disagreed, he sent me hateful, upsetting texts as well. Last year, he asked my opinion about something, and when I disagreed with him, he blasted me again. He also doesn't like my husband or stepdaughter and mentioned them in his text. I finally decided I had had enough and quit engaging him. Am I overreacting? — SECOND THOUGHTS IN GEORGIA

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: **I don't think so. Because you want to avoid the pain of interacting with your dysfunctional sibling, your solution is both logical and appropriate. Please do not second-guess or punish yourself for protecting yourself.**

Community Calendar

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

Reunions

Graduates of Portland High School will host an alumni banquet on June 18 at Jay County High School. Honor classes are from the years 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1972.

All Portland High School graduates are welcome. For more information, call Judy or Neil Medler at (260) 726-7209.

Jay County High School Class of 1997 will hold its 25th reunion at 7 p.m. June 11 at Jay County Event Center.

Today

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

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.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third

Tuesday of each month at the library.

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.

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

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.

Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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

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Incident serves as cautionary tale

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

The tense and chaotic episode that unfolded at a Terre Haute shopping center last month was ripe with lessons about what Indiana law permits — or prohibits — a person to do in defense of property.

Here's how police investigators say the April 5 incident went down: Two young men stole some items from a small store inside the enclosed Meadows Shopping Center. With plunder in tow, they fled through the main doors of the building and exited toward the main driveway and parking lot of the facility. They were followed outside by the store's owner, who was none too happy with the thieves and their brazen criminal effort. What happened

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next stunned nearby onlookers, of which there were many at mid-afternoon around the busy commercial outlet.

The shop owner started firing a handgun at the thieves as they made their escape. Several shots rang out as the thieves fled around a corner of the building. No one was struck by the bullets, but they were fired in the direction of a busy parking lot and city street. People in the vicinity

yelled for the man to stop shooting, which he did. A nearby middle school went into lockdown as students were about to be released for the day.

Fortunately, no one was injured, and police arrived quickly. The thieves got away, although they dropped some of their loot as they scrambled to dodge the gunfire aimed at them. They are yet to be identified and arrested.

The 72-year-old store owner, however, faces a felony charge of criminal recklessness based on allegations that he discharged his firearm in a reckless manner that endangered pedestrians and motorists.

It may seem surprising that the victim of a crime is now the

one facing charges. But as the prevalence of guns in our society expands and people can carry deadly weapons with almost no restrictions, it's crucial that people know what is and what is not appropriate use of firearm in cases such as the one the store owner encountered.

Legal experts explain that deadly force — including the use of a firearm — can be used only to defend against great bodily injury or potential loss of life, not simply to protect property.

A chief deputy prosecutor in Vigo County elaborated, saying use of deadly force to protect property, such as money or jewelry, can occur only if there is a reasonable belief that such force is necessary to prevent the immi-

nent or immediate threat of serious bodily injury to oneself or another person, or to prevent the commission of a felony that involves the use or threat of force.

The wild-west mentality that guns can be used not just to defend yourself from bodily harm but also for defending property or merely intimidating someone with whom you're having a disagreement is a threat to safe and peaceful living. What's more, it's illegal.

It remains to be seen what will happen to the store owner who went too far in his pursuit of thieves. Regardless of the outcome, the case is a cautionary tale for gun owners who might be tempted to become gunslingers.

Fed should get real about rates

By BILL DUDLEY

Bloomberg Opinion

How high will the U.S. Federal Reserve take interest rates? It's a crucial question, given that the value of trillions of dollars in stocks and bonds worldwide is riding on the outcome.

For markets, the answer suggested by Fed Chair Jerome Powell's recent statements is not comforting: Probably a lot higher than you think.

Powell didn't provide a specific forecast at his most recent news conference last week. But he did offer some clues. First, he said the Fed is heading "expeditiously" toward a neutral level of interest rates, which means 50-basis-point increases at each of the next few meetings. Second, he suggested that neutral would likely mean 2% to 3% — assuming inflation was at the Fed's 2% target. In inflation-adjusted terms, that's a short-term rate of 0% to 1%.

The connection between the neutral rate and inflation deserves much more attention than it received. It means that if underlying inflation remains high, reaching neutral will require the Fed to take rates much higher than 2% to 3%. Discerning the underlying inflation trend won't be easy, given sharp shifts in demand — first toward goods and now back toward services — and persistent supply-chain disruptions exacerbated by the war in Ukraine and Covid-related shutdowns in China.

Judging from the labor market, underlying inflation is running well above the Fed's 2% target. Average hourly earnings are up 5.5% from a year earlier — which, assuming productivity growth of 1.5% to 2%, implies inflation of 3.5% to 4%. This, in turn, suggests a neutral federal funds rate of about 4% — higher than what futures markets currently expect.

Even 4%, though, could easily be an underestimate. For one, the extraordinary tightness of the labor market might push wage inflation still higher. Also, the Fed is still providing stimulus through its vast holdings of Treasury and mortgage securities, which will take three to four years to wind down. As long as the Fed is still holding such assets, the

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neutral short-term rate will be higher than it otherwise would be.

What's more, the Fed might need to go significantly beyond neutral to get inflation under control. Powell has so far refused to comment on the possibility, arguing that the central bank must first reach neutral before deciding whether to press on.

This coyness is a mistake. It reinforces the jarring disconnect between Fed officials' commitment to curb inflation and their unwillingness to explain what that commitment will entail. It's hard to imagine that the Fed can address persistently above-target inflation without taking interest rates high enough to significantly loosen an extremely tight labor market. Yet in their March projections, officials still forecast inflation falling to within a whisker of their target even as the unemployment rate remained below the level that they assessed as consistent with stable inflation.

If monetary policy operates through financial conditions, as Powell and I agree it does, why obscure what's necessary to keep inflation in check? If the central bank's messaging leads market participants to underestimate future tightening, that will leave financial conditions looser now, requiring the Fed to do more of the work through short-term rates. Worse, the Fed's sugarcoating could undermine its credibility, and hence its ability to do its job.

The Fed needs to be clearer about the means required to achieve its goals.

Brutal honesty could spare everyone a lot of trouble in the end.

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Biden needs 'Scranton Joe'

By MARTIN SCHRAM

Tribune News Service

President Joe Biden launched a new offensive of message politics this past week, but appeared to be operating without the inner circle confidant he needs now more than ever.

With his polls still underwater and prices still soaring, Biden was clearly performing on our news screens and behind the scenes as his own master strategist, maestro and leading man. In White House news events and in appearances in the heartland, Biden seemed determined, indeed desperate, to reverse all negatives at once.

Yet as we watched, it seemed clear that Biden had been unable to channel his inner Scranton Joe.

Throughout his career, Biden has never been at his best when he was speaking and acting without the benefit of Scranton Joe's Middle American instincts and restraining influences. He has always been at his best when he could hear and heed that inner voice, forged by the common-sense concerns of heartland families, as it demurred: "No, Joe! Don't go there!" Surely there were times when it spoke to him just in time to avert the unwise blurt that had been known to become the gaffe that eclipsed the news he had intended to make.

Consider Tuesday. President Biden was going to hold one major news event to explain everything that his administration had done and will be doing to restrain and reduce inflation.

He would name each inflationary category: gasoline, groceries, prescription medicines, and so on, detail the inflationary cause of each, and detail his solutions. First the pandemic caused the inflation crisis. Then Vladimir Putin's war on Ukraine made it way, way worse.

But there would be more: He also wanted to leave all middle-class Americans with a permanent positive impression that would remain with all who watched. Namely: That

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Joe Biden is as rock solid and working class as they are. He was raised in a family just like theirs. He shares their basic concerns and values — and especially their concerns about the need to control and reverse rampant inflation, the main concern that is discussed night after night at their kitchen tables; just the way it used to be discussed at the Biden family's kitchen table.

But there would be still more: Biden was determined to bash and smash the pro-Trump wing that now dominates the Republican Party and attacks him regularly. He also would insist on coining and then repeating many times his favorite name-calling insult: "ultra-MAGA Republicans."

Time out: In decades of talking with voters and holding focus groups with TV news watchers, I learned long ago that if a leader starts political name-calling, it turns off viewers' big time. If the leader repeats it, he or she becomes no longer a trusted leader but just another politician that they no longer like or trust.

Also, viewers cannot keep track of issue complexities without visual graphics we all need to help us learn. And if a person is just talking a substantive but detailed stream of numbers, we all get confused, many lose focus, and very few remain positively impressed.

Fast forward: The result was a message politics disaster. Biden's mash began with a monologue of 3,259 words, a stream of consciousness in which he self-destructed his own message strategy and goals.

There's a lot that Scranton Joe could have suggested and cautioned,

if only President Biden had thought to consult his inner voice of experience. After all, Scranton Joe knows well what those working-class families really wanted to hear their president tell them when they are faced with having to decide whether they can afford the groceries they need and the prescription drugs family members may require.

Indeed, Scranton Joe could have impressed upon POTUS the fact that he really had a compelling story to tell about what the administration has done in each case. Including examples of corporations unpatriotically price-gouging and tax-evading that the president has worked to halt — and should have been spotlighting for all Americans to see.

Biden's White House advisers could indeed create a series of separate daily events. Imagine a week with one event each day in which the president meets with a family. They discuss the family's most pressing inflation crisis — gas prices, insulin price-gouging, groceries, etc. Then Biden and the appropriate Cabinet secretary explain what they have done and will do to ease their crisis.

Epilogue: Two hours after Tuesday's eye-glazing event, at the daily White House news briefing, reporters predictably asked about why Biden kept using the term "ultra-MAGA Republicans." "Who came up with this phrase 'ultra-MAGA?'" a reporter asked. "Why the need to kick it up a notch? MAGA wasn't enough?"

"I will tell you, it is the president's phrase," said press secretary Jen Psaki. She explained our word-smithing president felt "adding a little 'ultra' to it" gave the phrase "a little extra pop."

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Outlook ...

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Total expenditures for fiscal year 2022 are projected at \$10.217 million, which is up from fiscal year 2021's figure of \$9.85 million. Projections show a sharp trend of those total expenditures each year increasing to more than \$12 million by the end of fiscal year 2026.

The school district is projected to finish fiscal year 2022 on June 30 with a budget surplus of \$435,592. That would raise its year-end cash balance to roughly \$7.875 million before encumbrances. Another budget surplus of \$377,596 is expected in 2023.

The trend of budget surpluses in recent years is projected to stop by the end of fiscal year 2024, with a budget deficit of \$28,731 and increasing deficits in the years following. (The year-end cash balance is estimated to jump to more than \$8.25 million by the end of fiscal year 2023 before falling to \$7.23 million by the end of 2026.)

"So, overall, we're doing fairly well, and the ESSER money and

the COVID money that we've received (will) play a big factor in that," Knapke said.

Also Monday, school board members Don Wendel, Nick Wehrkamp, Jake Knapke, Anne Guggenbiller and Sean Kahlig heard from superintendent Larry Brown about the new high school baseball/softball complex. The facility has been named after Cy and Helen LeFevre for their donation of \$150,000 toward the project. According to a Facebook post made Monday by Fort Recovery Athletic Boosters, the site will be called "The LeFevre Family Baseball and Softball Complex - Home of the Indians."

Plans are for the complex to be completed this fall, noted Brown. Opening day has been scheduled for March 31, 2023, with both a varsity softball and baseball game scheduled for that day. Brown noted the boosters wanted to dispel rumors and clarify to the public they are not out of money and are planning to move forward with the project. (Plans had been delayed

because of scheduling with contractors.) However, according to Fort Recovery Athletic Boosters' Facebook post, sponsorships and donation opportunities are still available by contacting the boosters via Facebook or by email fortboosters@gmail.com.

Also, Brown noted various summer projects planned for the school district, including replacement of a water tank at Fort Recovery High School, resurfacing the back of Fort Recovery Middle School's lot leading into the stadium and roof and floor work.

In other business, board members:

- Learned of various events going on at Fort Recovery Middle School, including a talent show Monday afternoon, a 5k for fifth through eighth graders — it is open to the community — Tuesday morning, a health fair Tuesday afternoon and a field day Thursday.

- Were reminded graduation for the Class of 2022 is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday.

- Awarded a \$55,299 bid from

Regal Plumbing and Heating Company to complete electrical and mechanical work needed for installing a new chiller at Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School. The board transferred \$300,000 in December to purchase the unit. (Its delivery date has been delayed until early August, according to Brown.)

- Accepted just over \$20,000 in donations, with \$18,000 accepted from an anonymous source for athletics.

- Recognized Breaker Jutte, Ava Fullenkamp, Brylee Kremer and Reece Wendel for receiving Ohio Middle Level Association leadership awards. They were honored May 5 at Wright State University for the accolade.

- Approved the miscellaneous hourly rate salary index schedule from May 16 through July 31, 2024. Knapke noted one change reflected for summer help (specifically college students doing janitorial work), with the pay rising to \$12.48 per hour.

- Accepted custodian Esther

Heitkamp's resignation — she is retiring — effective June 1.

- Hired or renewed contracts with the following: non-teaching employee Tammie Hiser, high school varsity boys basketball assistant coach Kyle Whitesel, junior varsity boys basketball coach Toby Metzger, junior high school football assistants Darien Scheffer and Kirk Link, junior high boys basketball coach Justin Overman and assistant coach Jordan Winner and girls golf assistant coach Jeff Vaughn.

- Renewed a two-year contract with middle school principal Ryan J. Steinbrunner and a three-year contract with assistant technology coordinator supervisor Howard Wagner.

- Authorized an agreement between Fort Recovery Local Schools and Rehabilitative Services for services from certified athletic trainers, physical therapists and other personnel from July 1 through June 30, 2023.

- Approved a contract with West Central Ohio Assistive Technology Center from July 1 through June 30, 2023.

Cart ...

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"It is a great, great venue and we need to use it as much as we possibly can," added Boggs.

In other business:
•Boggs reported that he has received appraisals for \$40,000 and \$52,000 for the Sheller-Globe south building on Bridge Street. The city has been looking to sell the building and is required to take no less than the average of the two appraisals — \$46,000. The mayor added that he has received estimates from Muhlenkamp Building for renovating the site as a new street department headquarters and for constructing a new headquarters at the former book bindery site on Wayne Street near Hudson Family Park. Those estimates came in at \$2.8 million and \$1.25 million, respectively.

•Boggs reported that the city's economic development income tax (EDIT) advisory committee tabled a request from Tractor Supply Company for \$104,500 to make repairs to the former Marsh supermarket location. He added that restrictions on how EDIT funds can be used may impact the format in which assistance can be provided, if local officials decide to do so.

•Responding to a question from Golden, Boggs reminded council that the bid opening for the Meridian Street sewer project is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday in council chambers.

•In response to a question from Powers asking about sidewalk work along Votaw Street, Boggs said it just involves curbing at this point. He said bid letting for construction of a sidewalk from near Meridian Street to Walmart is slated for September. He added that bid letting for the Blaine Pike sidewalk project is scheduled for December.

•McClung asked about council's need to vote on a new policy approved by the city's board of works to pay for CDL training for employees. Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips confirmed that council will need to vote on the policy in order for it to go into effect.

•Boggs proclaimed Sunday as Randy Miller Day in Portland. The longtime Portland Rockets player and manager was recently inducted into the Indiana Sports Hall of Fame. The Rockets open their season at 1 p.m. Sunday at Runkle-Miller Field with a double-header against the South Bend Royals.

Felony arrests

Dependent neglect
A Portland man was arrested for neglect of a dependent on Saturday.

Manuel T. Hernandez, 30, 522 W. Arch St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class A misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

He's being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.



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Almost there

Runners continue past the intersection of Main and Meridian streets toward Freedom Park on Friday. Participants in Run for the Fallen traveled 140 miles in the span of three days to honor fallen veterans. Their first day concluded in Portland.

Capsule Reports

Woman fainted

A Florida woman was hospitalized after she fainted while riding as a passenger on a motorcycle along county road 800 South about 3 p.m. Saturday.

Jeremy W. Miers, 46, New Port Richey, told Jay County Sheriff's Office he was driving his 2001 Harley Davidson FLHT Electra Glide Standard west on

the road when his passenger, 47-year-old Holly Valentine of New Port Richey, slumped over and passed out.

She began to fall off the bike, causing him to drive it into a ditch south of the road and put the bike on its side.

Valentine sustained a neck injury, and she was flown to Lutheran Hospital in Fort

Wayne. Damage is estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Slammed brakes

A Portland man's motorcycle was damaged after braking to avoid a crash on Meridian Street about 4:57 p.m. Saturday.

Brian Ketcham, 40, was driving a 2003 Blue Suzuki SV650 along Meridian Street near the

intersection of Union Street when an unidentified vehicle pulled out of a parking lot on the south side of the road. Ketcham told Portland Police he had to slam on his brakes and lay his bike on its side, causing damage to the gear shifter and tank.

Damage is estimated at less than \$1,000.

Trail ...

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Village administrator Randy Diller highlighted plans for the funding with Fort Recovery Village Council at its meeting Monday.

Plans call for an at least

6-foot-wide trail along Ohio 49 and Sharpsburg Road starting at the intersection on the southeastern part of the village. The trail will continue along Ohio 49 to Commerce Street. From Sharpsburg Road, it will

travel to Flaler Road and create a path to Sweet Breeze Drive.

The trail's purpose is for children to travel safely to Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School and for pedestrians to safely walk

to businesses along Ohio 49 or to the industrial park.

It's a 90% matching grant, meaning the village will contribute a portion of the overall cost. Diller noted Monday that DeWine's press release

says the village has been allotted \$1.3 million, although he referred to an email from ODOT stating the village would receive \$190,000 for design, \$248,000 for right-of-way and \$1.4 million for construction.

Felony court news

Methamphetamine

Several Indiana residents were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay courts to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony.

Payton C. Folkerth, 23, 317 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. Folkerth was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana was dismissed.

Kurt E. Banter, 39, 11261 W. 900 North, Montpelier, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail with all but one year suspended and given 318 days credit for time served. Banter was placed on probation for one year, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Corey K. Comer, 33, 835 E. Water St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail with all but 28 days suspended and given 28 days credit for time served. Comer was placed on probation for 702 days, fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling.

Brian W. Lessing, 29, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to 547 days in Jay County Jail and given 348 days credit for time served. Lessing was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Brian W. Snyder, 34, 8318 S. 900 W35, La Fontaine, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail and given 270 days credit for time served. Snyder was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea

agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Ryan A. Nelson, 37, 2801 W. Cypress Drive, Muncie, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but six days suspended and given six days credit for time served. Nelson was placed on probation for 539 days, fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days following his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license was dismissed.

Narcotics

A Pennville man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony.

Bill L. Foy, 40, 235 E. Maple St., Pennville, was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 14 days suspended and given four days credit for time served. He was fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court

costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. Foy was placed on probation for 351 days and ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling.

As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license was dismissed.

Unlawful possession

A Portland woman was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony.

Diamond J. Hudson, 28, 815 W. North St., was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given 180 days credit for time served. Hudson was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for one year. She was also ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of her sentencing for substance abuse counseling.

As part of her plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor for public intoxication was dismissed.

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Unfortunately, Daddy won't see these "Billy cartoons" until he returns from vacation.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Stop, look and think

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: ♠43, ♥653, ♦AKQ2, ♣AQJ4. WEST: ♠82, ♥K98, ♦10874, ♣8752. EAST: ♠AKJ10765, ♥10, ♦963, ♣109. SOUTH: ♠Q9, ♥AQJ742, ♦J5, ♣K63.

The bidding: West North East South Pass 1♣ 3♠ 4♥. Opening lead — eight of spades. Assume you, East, are defending against four hearts after the auction shown. Your partner leads the eight of spades, and you take the king and ace as everyone follows suit. What would you do next?

More than a few players might lead the ten of hearts at this point. They would reason that a diamond or club return into dummy's strong holdings would be pointless, while a spade return would yield a ruff-and-discard. By a process of elimination, the trump shift would thus seem the safest course of action.

This line of reasoning is fallacious, however. While the trump return may appear safe, it does nothing to further the chances of defeating the contract. In effect, it merely maintains the status quo.

East should reason instead that unless the defense can score two trump tricks, the contract cannot be defeated. If West happens to have two natural heart winners, then it won't make any difference what East returns at trick three. West will get his two trump tricks, and South will go down one.

While East is entitled to nurture this hope, he should at the same time ask himself what might be done if West has only one natural trump winner. In that case, it may be possible to promote a second trump trick for West by returning a spade at this point, purposely conceding a ruff-and-discard. Declarer is hardly likely to benefit from this since all of his side-suit cards are apparent winners.

As the cards lie, this plan succeeds. If South ruffs the spade with the heart jack, West carefully refuses to overruff and later scores both the king and nine of hearts. If declarer does anything else at trick three, West is equally certain to get two trump tricks. Once East overcomes the stigma of yielding a ruff-and-discard, all roads lead to down one.

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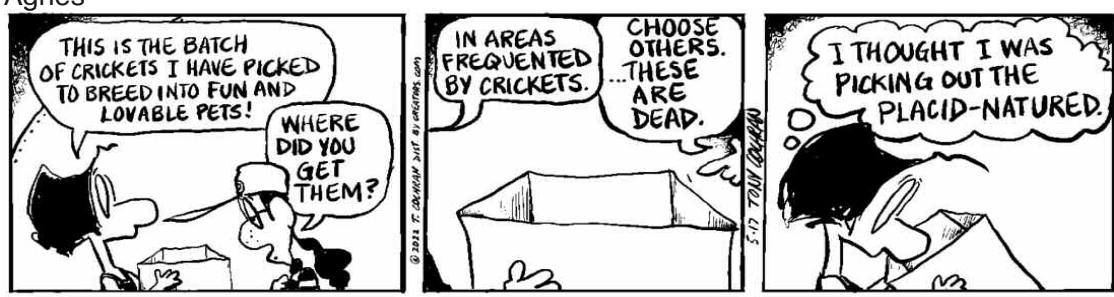
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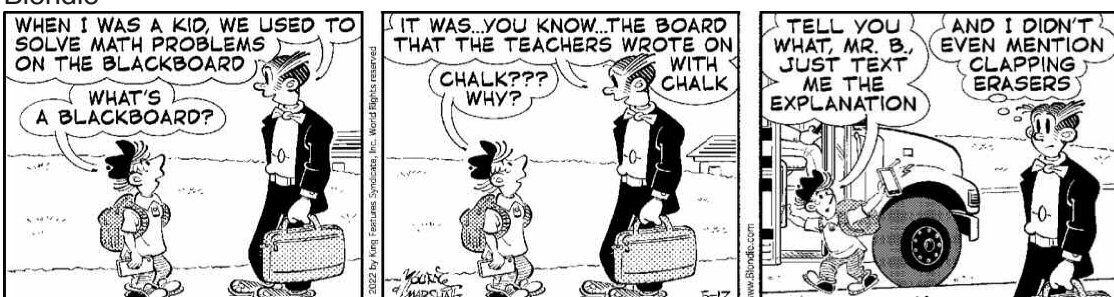
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BOOK ABOUT A DANISH PRINCE EATING REMARKABLY COLORED DAIRY PRODUCTS: "GREEN EGGS AND HAMLET."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals Y

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 40 Talked a blue streak?; 5 Gym unit; 8 Fall (over) detail; 12 Casual shirt; 13 Eggs; 14 Sax range; 15 Tennis score; 16 Taj Mahal spires; 18 Bare-bones; 20 Church areas; 21 Long time; 22 Scribble (down); 23 Language of Iran; 26 Wisdom goddess; 30 Einstein's birthplace; 31 Boating hazard; 32 Sundial numeral; 33 Was sociable; 36 Prank; 38 Help; 39 "Kapow!"

Crossword grid with letters: CHAI, WAG, AMAT, NORM, TISH, MASH, BLAB, TAILPIPE, CALIPH, TEENSY, BAH, ARM, PIPEDOWN, EEEKS, ERA, SLOES, NIA, GALA, DOWNTURN, MGM, NDAS, OTTERS, EPHRON, TURBNTAIL, ISLA, IBET, NAH, RTES, SEES, EMI, TUSH.

Yesterday's answer 5-17

11x11 crossword grid with numbers 1-55.

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Dusty Pearson of the Jay County High School baseball team is congratulated by coach Lea Selvey as he heads toward home plate after hitting a two-run home run in the opening game of Saturday's doubleheader sweep of the visiting Fort Wayne South Side Archers. The Patriots went on to fall 3-2 Monday to Delta.

JCHS ...

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Jay County trailed 4-3 early in the second game against the Archers but took the lead for good in the bottom of the third inning. Sam Myers was hit by a

pitch, advanced to second on a grounder from Dowlen and scored on a Pearson single. Kess McBride then added an RBI single to plate Pearson. Pearson followed up

his strong opening game by going 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a run in game two. Quinn Faulkner was 2-for-4 with a run, and Myers and Dowlen each had a hit and two runs.

The Patriots used a committee of pitchers, with exchange student Masahiro Mitsuishi tossing four scoreless innings of relief for the win. He struck out three

batters while allowing just one hit and one walk. A.J. Myers retired the only batter he faced, and Cody Rowles gave up one unearned run in 1 2/3 innings of hitless relief.

Blowout ...

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Winner went five innings, earning the win as she struck out six batters while allowing four runs — three earned — on seven hits and two walks.

It was a big inning that got the Patriots going Saturday as well, as they led 1-0 over Hagerstown through two innings before bombarding the visiting team with nine runs in the third. Lykins and Bright led the outburst, each hitting a solo home run

during the inning. Mady Fraley had a triple, three RBIs and two runs and Riah Champ notched two hits and two runs. The offense was otherwise well-distributed, with eight players scoring runs, six tallying RBIs and five recording a hit.

Senior Haleigh Clayton earned the victory, shutting out the Tigers on three hits through four innings of work. She struck out four batters while allowing just three hits and a walk.

Jay County scored two or more runs in five out of six innings in the second game Saturday, starting with two in the bottom of the first as it never trailed. It added two each in the third and fourth, three in the fifth and four in the sixth.

While they didn't hit any balls out of the yards, the Patriots blistered six doubles, including two apiece from Bright and Champ. The latter finished 3-for-4 with three RBIs and two runs

while the former was 3-for-4 with two runs and two RBIs.

Tricia Ison totaled two hits, two runs and two RBIs. Mattie Ardizzone and Jacobs each had three hits, Jacobs drove in two runs, and Fraley and Lykins each scored twice.

Winner earned the win in three innings of work before handing off pitching duties to Clayton, who struck out seven in four innings while allowing one run.

Local ...

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Huelskamp turned in a 17th-place finish in the 800-meter run. She completed the race in 2 minutes, 28.45 seconds.

She also turned in a time of 5:28.75 for 19th in the 1,600 run.

DeHoff leads

MARION — The Jay County junior high golf team defeated host McCulloch 138-179 in a six-hole match Monday.

Cody DeHoff was the match medalist. He led the Patriots with a 30, recording the only par during the match.

Jayden Comer followed DeHoff with a 35. Syllas Wenk shot 36, and Jensen Avery came in at 37.

Jacob Monroe's 40 did not factor into the team score.

Two shutouts

Portland Junior League saw a pair of shutouts Monday as PG-14 defeated Inman U-Loc 7-0 in Willie Mays baseball and All Circuit Electrical topped Jay County Monuments 9-0 in Major softball.

On Friday, Matt's Garage defeated Williams Auto Parts 16-4 in Rookie baseball.

Grant Fennig and Andrew Myers combined on the shutout for PG-14, combining for 13 strikeouts in five innings. Myers also had three hits, three runs and two RBIs while Fennig hit a home run and racked up five RBIs.

Carley Trinidad hit two home runs for All Circuit and Adriene Denney also hit a homer. Kadie Allred and Kendel Rowles added two hits apiece.

Ethan Peterson was 4-for-4 with a double and two RBIs to pace Matt's Garage, and Lexton Dakin, Luke Jellison, Liam Ridenour and Josiah Sager all finished 3-for-3.

Easton Steed and Parker Huntsman each had two hits and two RBIs for Williams.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Baseball vs. Blackford — 5 p.m.; Softball at Huntington North — 5:30 p.m.; Girls track sectional at Delta — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Adams Central — 5 p.m.; JV softball vs.

Marion — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Monroe Central — 4:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Softball district semifinal vs. Minster at Wapakoneta — 4 p.m.; Baseball sectional semifinal at St. John's — 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.

Wednesday
Jay County — Girls tennis sectional semifinal vs. Randolph Southern — 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Premier

League — Liverpool at Southampton (USA)
6:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Cleveland Guardians (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Tampa Bay Lightning at Florida Panthers (TNT)
8:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Eastern

Conference Finals — Boston Celtics at Miami Heat (ESPN)
9:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: St. Louis Blues at Colorado Avalanche (TNT)

Wednesday
6:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Cleveland Guardians

(Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — NHL playoffs: New York Rangers at Carolina Hurricanes (ESPN)
9 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western Conference Finals — Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors (TNT)
9:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Edmonton Oilers at Calgary Flames (ESPN)

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Sports

Patriots fall to Tigers, draw Rebels

LAPEL and ALEXANDRIA — The Patriots dropped three of their final four matches of the season.

They will hope to turn things around in the sectional tournament this week.

Following Friday's loss to Adams Central, the Jay County High School girls tennis team finished second at Saturday's

Local roundup

Lapel Invitational and then lost 3-2 Monday to Alexandria. In Monday's sectional draw, it came away with a semifinal match against Randolph Southern.

The Patriots (9-4) defeated Eastern 3-2 in the opening round of the Lapel tournament Saturday, with Holly Hemmelgarn and Madison Dirksen at No. 1 doubles, Melana and Kaylee Zimmerman at No. 2 doubles and Brenna Haines at No. 3 singles picking up wins. They then lost 4-1 to Greenfield-Central in the championship match, with Dirksen and Hemmelgarn picking up their only victory.

In Monday's loss at Alexandria, No. 1 singles player Grace Brewster and Haines each picked up wins.

Jay County, the defending champion, will open sectional play at 5 p.m. Wednesday against Randolph Southern, a team it defeated 3-2 last week. Union City and Winchester will play in the other semifinal Wednesday.

The championship match is slated for 5 p.m. Thursday.

Pitchers blank

FORT RECOVERY — A pair of Fort Recovery pitchers combined to allow just one hit Saturday as the Fort Recovery baseball team clobbered the St. Marys Roughriders 9-0. The Indians lost 3-2 Monday to the Celina Bulldogs.

Alex Dues and Rex Leverette combined to toss the one-hit shutout with Dues striking out 10 batters in five hitless innings in the win over St. Marys. Cale Rammel went 2-for-3 with two runs, Landon Post and Brock Dues each added two hits, Wyatt Bihn drove in two runs and Riggs Tobe scored twice.

The Indians were up 2-0 against Celina before giving up three runs in the top of the sixth inning. Bihn took the loss in relief of Bo Thien.

Jay places 14th

HUNTINGTON — Jay County High School's boys track team was 14th out of 15 schools competing Saturday in the freshman/sophomore invitational hosted by Huntington North.

Brayden Collins, Dylan Marentes and Joseph Dow were part of a pair of seventh-place efforts for the Patriots. They teamed with Darren Fisher for seventh in the 4x800-meter relay and joined Gabe Pinkerton for seventh in the 4x400 relay.

Collins also had one of the top individual finishes for JCHS as he was eighth in the 800 run. Adam Alig placed eighth in the high jump.

State run

HILLIARD — Fort Recovery seventh grader Makenna Huelskamp placed in the top 20 in two events Saturday as she competed in the OHSAA seventh and eighth grade state track and field championship at Hilliard Darby. See Local page 7



Jay County High School freshman Mallory Winner winds up to toss a pitch Saturday during the first game of the Patriots' doubleheader sweep of the visiting Hagerstown Tigers. Winner pitched in relief in the first game and earned the victory as she started the second. JCHS went on to clobber the Marion Giants on Monday to improve to 12-7 on the season.

Triple blowout

Jay wins big over Tigers, Giants

The Patriots didn't let Friday's conference loss get them down.

Instead, they obliterated their next opponents.

The Jay County High School softball team rolled to victories of 10-0 in five innings and 13-4 Saturday over the Hagerstown

Tigers and then trampled the Marion Giants 14-4 Monday.

Jaelynn Lykins hit home runs against both teams, with her blast Monday highlighting a stellar effort at the plate. The freshman was a perfect 3-for-3 with two doubles to go along with the home run for the Patriots (12-7),

who gave up a run in the top of the first inning but then exploded for eight runs in the bottom of the frame to take control. She drove in three runs and scored three times.

Janae Jacobs also went deep Monday as Jay County added a run in the second inning, three

in the third and one in the fourth and held off Marion's effort to avoid the mercy rule. Mallory Winner had two hits, two runs and an RBI, Jacobs drove in two runs, Jozey Shimp had two hits and Mady Fraley and Olivia Bright each scored twice.

See **Blowout** page 7

JCHS sweeps, falls to Eagles

The Patriots rebounded from back-to-back conference losses for a doubleheader sweep Saturday.

But then they dropped a tight game to a sectional rival.

Jay County High School's baseball team slipped up Monday after a strong weekend, falling 3-2 to the host Delta Eagles. It turned in a sweep Saturday, defeating the visiting Fort Wayne South Side Archers 4-3 and 7-5.

The Patriots (11-8) fell behind Monday when Delta scored in the bottom of the third inning. They pulled even in the top of the fourth when Dusty Pearson walked and later scored on a sacrifice fly from Ryne Goldsworthy. But Delta got a two-run home run in the bottom of the fourth inning and the visitors were unable to pull even again, going down in order in the seventh inning.

Sam Myers went the distance in suffering the loss, giving up three runs on

eight hits and a walk in six innings. He struck out one batter.

Crosby Heniser scored the second JCHS run as he singled to center field, advanced to third on a single by Myers (two hits) and came to the play on a Josh Dowlen sacrifice fly.

In Saturday's opener, the Patriots saw their lead disappear on an error with two outs in the top of the seventh inning that allowed South Side to even the score at 3-3. But they put the miscue behind them, with Gavin Myers drawing a leadoff walk and eventually scoring on a Josh Dowlen grounder with the bases loaded.



Pearson hit a two-run home run in the third inning with Dowlen on base. Dowlen also scored in the sixth inning.

On the mound, Pearson struck out 10 batters as he went the full seven innings. Only one of the three runs against him was earned as he gave up six hits and one walk.

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