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Sewer project goes to Watson

New line is part of effort to mitigate downtown flooding

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The Meridian Street storm sewer project is a go.

Portland Board of Works on Monday awarded the project to Redkey's Watson Excavating, which was the low bidder for the work at \$2.42 million. (Bids were opened May 19.)

The project, which Wessler Engineering originally proposed in March 2021, involves installing about 2,000 feet of new sewer line below Meridian Street from just north of Arch Street to the Salamonie River. Most of the catch basins in that area of Meridian Street will then be connected to the new line — it will start at 36 inches in diameter and expand to 42 inches near the river — and a flap gate will be installed at the river to prevent water from flowing back into the sewer when river levels are high.

The catch basins that will be impacted are currently connected to the Millers Branch line to the east. Over the last decade plus it has had frequent issues with being overloaded, which has resulted in water backing up out of the sewer and flooding Meridian Street in the city's downtown area. There were major flooding events in 2011 and 2015.

Wessler said the project is designed to eliminate problems during what is referred to as a "10-year flood."

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Digging in

Brooks Construction workers dig into the ground on Indiana 67 just west of Portland this morning. Road resurfacing continues today on the highway and West Votaw Street.

Bill impacts veteran health care

Mark Satter

CQ-Roll Call

Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — In a year in which Congress has strained for legislative achievements, a big one is in sight.

When senators return from a Memorial Day recess spent honoring those who gave their lives for the United States, they will take up a bipartisan bill that will dra-

matically broaden America's commitment to take care of sick veterans.

The bill would offer new health care and tax-free disability benefits as high as \$3,332 a month to as many as 3.5 million veterans at a cost the Congressional Budget Office has pegged at more than \$300 billion over 10 years. Under the legislation — crafted by Senate Veterans' Affairs Chairman Jon

Tester, D-Mont., and ranking member Jerry Moran, R-Kan. — the Veterans Affairs Department would consider a veteran with any of 23 conditions, as varied as brain cancer and hypertension, who was deployed to a combat zone during the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan automatically eligible for care at government cost.

By contrast, under current law, the veteran must demonstrate that

his or her illness was the result of military service in order to qualify for benefits. There's little doubt that many veterans were sickened by exposure to chemicals while they served, including smoke from burn pits in which troops disposed of garbage, such as medical materials and vehicle parts, by dousing it in jet fuel and setting it ablaze.

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Platinum celebration

The crowd fills The Mall as they wait for the royal family to appear on the balcony of Buckingham Palace on the first day of celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday in London.

Escaped convict search in Texas ends with death

By CATHERINE MARFIN

The Dallas Morning News

Tribune News Service

Officials in Central Texas said late Thursday that an escaped inmate serving a life sentence for murder was dead.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office, located about halfway between Dallas and Houston, announced about 10:30 p.m. that Gonzalo Lopez was "captured & deceased."

Authorities had released additional information hours earlier about the search for Lopez, 46, who had been on the run since his escape from a prison bus last month.

In a series of tweets, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice said Lopez may have been driving a pickup that was missing from a cabin where authorities found five people dead.

The TDCJ initially said author-

ities responded to the cabin and found the bodies of two adults and three children, but it was later changed to one adult and four minors. Their identities were not released, but authorities said the victims were a family from Houston.

Jason Clark, a TDCJ spokesman, said the home was a weekend cabin for the family in Centerville, Texas. They are believed to have been killed that afternoon and had no link to Lopez, he said.

Clark said that Atascosa County law enforcement officers spotted Lopez driving the white pickup truck Thursday. They followed him and spiked his tires, officials said.

After a short chase and a crash, Lopez got out of the truck with at least two firearms, TDCJ officials said. He fired several shots at the officers and officers returned fire, killing him. No officers were struck in the gunfire.

Deaths

Charlene Myers, 69, Missouri
Details on page 2.

Weather

Thursday had a high near 70 degrees. The low was around 50.

Mostly clear skies are in the forecast for tonight, with a low near 51. Sun and warm temperatures should continue through the weekend.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Redkey Post Office and the parking lot south of Salamonie Fire Station.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from JCHS and FRHS athletes in state track meets.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay School Board meeting.

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Health care ...

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The practice was widespread during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and medical experts say exposure is linked to a host of illnesses that can present themselves years later, including cancers, chronic respiratory conditions and lung damage.

But for the better part of the post-9/11 era, the military did not keep thorough records of where burn pits were used. The smoke from the pits can also travel for miles, potentially affecting troops far afield. For veterans trying to prove that they qualified for toxic exposure treatment through the VA, it could be their word against the Pentagon's.

"I was in a very small, remote patrol base in southern Afghanistan, and we had a burn

pit like everybody did. When I got out in 2011, there was nothing in my medical record that proved I was near a burn pit, because the DOD wasn't tracking this stuff," said Marine Corps veteran Travis Horr, the government affairs director for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, an advocacy group.

The bill would also extend, from five years to 10 years, the period after veterans' separation from the military during which they can seek out health care from the VA. If within that time period the veteran qualifies for care, he or she will continue to receive it indefinitely.

Also in the legislation is an expansion of benefits for veterans exposed to radiation during the Cold War, an expansion of the list of illnesses linked to the use

of Agent Orange during the Vietnam War and an extension of benefits to Vietnam War-era veterans who served in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Guam and may have been exposed to Agent Orange there.

It would also greatly expand the VA's physical footprint by setting up 31 new, major medical clinics across 19 states while hiring thousands more claims processors and staff.

The legislation largely mirrors, and slightly expands on, a House bill by Veterans' Affairs Chairman Mark Takano, D-Calif., that passed 256-174 in March. President Joe Biden issued a statement at the time saying he supported the measure.

Republicans who opposed the House bill argued that its likely price tag of more than \$300 bil-

lion over 10 years was too expensive.

The Congressional Budget Office projected that direct benefit payments for disability compensation would increase by \$208 billion over a decade under the House bill, while health care costs, paid for through the annual appropriations process, plus VA administrative costs, could require an additional \$114 billion. VA disability benefits range from \$153 to \$3,332 a month in tax-free payments, depending on the severity of the ailment.

In February, the Senate passed by voice vote a narrower version of the bill that the Congressional Budget Office said would cost \$1 billion over a decade. It would expand health care to more veterans who served in areas with known toxic exposure but wouldn't provide disability compensation.

Obituaries

Charlene Ann Myers, Dixon, Missouri, a former Fort Recovery resident, Sept. 28, 1952-March 19, 2022. A graveside memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Spring Hill Cemetery in Fort Recovery, Ohio, with Pastor Tony Price officiating.

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.

Deeds

Gary L. and Philip J. Whitenack to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Betty J. and Jimmie L. Stipp to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Linda S. and Ned Rees to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Robert H. and Vivian K. Morehous to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Jeni L. Lingo to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne

Township, 0.065 acres
Barbara Lindsey to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Mary C. Juillerat to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

David A. Scotten to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Marilyn Peterson to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Kirk W. Liggett to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres
Patricia Iliff to City of

Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Larry H. and Maria L. Hiatt to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Carol E. and James B. Hedges to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Joyce A. Eldridge Trust to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Beverly J. Bennett to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Janet L. Barrett to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Linda L. Ashcraft to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Steven B. Arnold Revocable Trust, Beverly S. Arnold Revocable Trust and Suzanne Arnold Life Estate to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township,

0.065 acres
Jay Hogenkamp to Hogankamp Rental, Parts of Section 20, Jackson Township, 2.48 acres

Rita Rouch to Anna Ludy, quit claim deed — Lot 148, Woodlawn Park Addition

Pamela Bragg (deceased) to Coty Bragg and Kendra Leeth, deed affidavit — Lot 148, Woodlawn Park Addition

Coty Bragg and Kendra Leeth to Anna Ludy, quit claim deed — Lot 148, Woodlawn Park Addition

Judith Karon Gore (deceased) to April Parker, personal representative deed — Lots 137, 138 and 139, Cloverdale Addition

514 N. Meridian Portland to Wenzak Indiana Land Management, warranty deed — Parts of Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 22, original plat of Portland

David L. and Sheila E. Wolford to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Karen J. Mettler (deceased) to Katherine Faith, personal representative deed — Part of Lot 3, Webster Second Addition; Part of Outlot 3, original plat of Dunkirk; Lots 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, Block 43, original plat of Dunkirk; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

and 7, Block 44, original plat of Dunkirk

Everett L. Somers (deceased) to Eric L. Somers, deed affidavit — Part of Section 26, Greene Township, 1.38 acres

Linda A. Muhlenkamp (deceased) to Doug Muhlenkamp, deed affidavit — Part of Section 30, Noble Township, 1.51 acres

Carol A. and Danny R. Whitesell to Danny R. Whitesell 2021 Revocable Trust and Carol A. Whitesell 2021 Revocable Trust, quit claim deed — Part of Outlot 25, original plat of Dunkirk

Ryan Hodson (deceased) and Jamie Hodson (also known as Jamie Welling) to Jamie Hodson, deed affidavit — Part of Section 23, Greene Township, 9.911 acres

Ryan Hodson (deceased) and Jamie Hodson to Lisa and Michael D. Hodson, deed affidavit — Part of Section 23, Greene Township, 5.561 acres

TLA to American Electric Power/Indiana Michigan Transmission Company, easement — Section 16, Wayne Township, 0.311 acres

John Schlegel to Julie Winters, quit claim deed — Part of Section 17, Richland Township, 0.81 acres

Rock A. Fuqua to Miran-

da G A. Anthrop, warranty deed — Part of Lots 9 and 10, Block 35, original plat of Dunkirk

Ashlee B. and Paul M. Harris to Dylan W. and Lindsey L. Franks, warranty deed — Lots 70, 71 and 72, Silverdale Addition

Richard D. Teeple to Trust Company Family Offices, deed affidavit — Section 10, Jackson Township, 140 acres

Melody J. Bisel to herself, death deed — Lot 6, Hawkins Addition

Darrel G. Henry (deceased) and Patricia A. Henry to Antonio L. and Blanca E. Garcia, warranty deed — Lot 7, 8, 16, 17 and 18, Evan Evans First Addition

Adam L. Finnerty to Ruiz Rentals, warranty deed — Lot 5, Myers and Kikendall Subdivision

Ronald May and George O. Lopez to Kayli Martin and Nicholos Richardson, warranty deed — Part of Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, East Addition

Polly A. Morgan to Jeffrey S. and Nichole D. Ray, warranty deed — Part of Section 15, Penn Township, 3.626 acres

David L. and Freeda C. Osenbaugh to themselves, death deed — Lot 234, Votaws First Addition

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Saturday 6/4	Sunday 6/5	Monday 6/6	Tuesday 6/7	Wednesday 6/8
73/57	83/66	87/67	88/69	89/65
Sunny skies with a high near 77. At night, partly cloudy, with a low around 56 degrees.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday with a high near 82.	There's a chance of showers and thunderstorms throughout the day.	Another chance of showers. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 77.	Wednesday's weather looks like rain. Thunderstorms are also possible.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$184 million	Estimated jackpot: \$785,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$189 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 2-7-2 Pick 4: 3-4-9-5 Pick 5: 4-2-2-2-9 Evening Pick 3: 6-5-3 Pick 4: 4-5-9-7 Pick 5: 6-2-3-1-3 Rolling Cash: 6-35-36-38-39
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 3-1-1 Daily Four: 3-8-0-7 Evening Daily Three: 7-0-5 Daily Four: 6-5-6-8 Quick Draw: 8-13-20-21-33-34-36-38-39-43-47-54-56-65-70-71-74-76-78-80 Cash 5: 11-14-26-40-45	Estimated jackpot: \$382,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.52 July corn.....7.52 Wheat8.47	Wheat 9.99 June wheat..... 9.99
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.57 July corn.....7.60 Aug. corn7.62	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.27 July corn.....7.27 Beans17.18 July beans17.18 May wheat.....9.96
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....7.32 July corn.....7.32 July corn.....7.32 Beans17.29 July beans17.29	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....7.10 July corn.....7.10 Beans17.15 July beans17.15 Wheat.....10.13

Citizen's calendar

Tuesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board special meeting, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland	June 7 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

Sewer ...

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Portland Mayor John Boggs said he'd like to see work begin as soon as possible. (Indiana Department of Transportation is scheduled to pave the road through downtown Portland in 2023.)

The project was originally proposed at a cost of about \$1.3 million, but construction costs have gone up significantly in the interim.

The board held off on an additional portion of the project that would involve removing a former sewer line that was abandoned in the 1990s from below Meridian Street. Boggs said the city is looking at funding options for that work — bids from Brackney and Watson for that work were \$353,200 and \$457,365, respectively — and seeking guidance from the state as to

what the best path forward is with the old line.

The city has a total of \$2.49 million committed for the sewer work so far. Portland City Council in March allocated all of the city's \$1.355 million in federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act toward the project. The city also received a \$780,450 State Transportation and Stormwater Grant from the State Water Infrastructure Fund and its redevelopment commission has approved \$350,000 for the project.

Board of works members Jerry Leonhard, Steve McIntosh and Boggs also approved a service agreement with Safe Haven Baby Boxes for a proposed device to be installed at Portland Fire Department. Portland City Council in

April gave Portland Fire Chief Mike Weitzel permission to apply for a grant to install the box, which is colloquially known as a baby box. The cost of the box — it allows a mother in crisis to safely, securely and anonymously surrender their baby if they are unable to care for them — and installation is estimated at \$20,000. Weitzel told council an area resident offered to pay for a large chunk of that cost.

The board also approved a memorandum of understanding for mutual aid for firefighting services with each of Jay County's other municipalities. Through the agreement, other departments will automatically be dispatched when needed rather than firefighters on scene being required to call for additional support.

SERVICES

Saturday
Schultz, Megan: 11 a.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 W. 200 South, Portland.

Myers, Charlene: Noon, Spring Hill Cemetery, Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Monday
Harrold, Robert: 1 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

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Optimists accept

Leland LeMaster accepts a check for Jay County Optimist Club to support the mariachi concert at Jay County Fair. Pictured, Jay County Tourism outgoing director Gyneth Augsburger and executive director Mary Adair present the check to LeMaster.

Roommate keeps eating woman's food

DEAR ABBY: A couple of months ago, I moved from my mother's into an apartment with a friend I had rekindled a high school friendship with a few years back. The first month in, I noticed she had eaten a few of my freezer meals, so I confronted her about it. She started crying and told me she was waiting for a new debit card in the mail and had limited cash to get her through until the card arrived. I told her she should have said something, and I would have happily let her have some of my food, but for her not to ask was rude because I rely on those freezer meals for quick and easy lunches at work.

I finished the box of meals and bought a new one. It was a large box with six packages inside. I intentionally left it unopened to see if she would steal food from me again. Lo and behold, a month later, I went to open the box and saw she'd taken two of them.

How do I confront her a second time? She doesn't have a car so she Ubers to work, which adds up, and she spends hundreds of dollars on her anime hobby. If I can't trust her with small things like food and snacks, how am I supposed to trust her at all? We just signed a two-year lease, and I cannot sublet. — HUNGRY FOR HONESTY

DEAR HUNGRY: I am sorry to say this, but your roommate has proven she can't be trusted. Are her problems financial or emotional? Cross your fingers and hope she can come up with the rent each month. If you can

Dear Abby



afford it, purchase a small refrigerator for your bedroom, install a strong padlock on the door and use it to secure ALL of your property until the lease expires. If your roommate asks why the lock and fridge are being installed, confront her again then.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing about the letter you published on April 3 from "Incredulous in Oklahoma." She said her boyfriend falls into a deep sleep lasting three days every two or three weeks, during which time he turns abusive. Abby, his symptoms might be caused by a rare neurological disorder called Kleine-Levin Syndrome. Your readers can learn more about it by visiting the ninds.nih.gov website and selecting the Health Information tab to search for this disorder. — MARIAM IN FLORIDA

DEAR MARIAM: Thank you for the input. Several other readers also mentioned this disorder might be a possible explanation for the boyfriend's behavior. When I read her letter, I wasn't sure whether he might be "on" something, having an allergic reaction to a medication or unwell. This is why I suggested he might need to be examined physically and neurologically by a medical professional.

Library offers summer fun

Jay County Public Library has a variety of activities planned for this month.

Silly Safaris, a live animal show, will return to the library Monday. Shows are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Register for the ocean-themed educational program by calling (260) 726-7890 or visiting the library.

Jay County Public Library's first summer reading challenge, "Bookopoly," begins Monday. Participants are given a board to complete through July 23. Readers can complete challenges to win prizes. To pick up a board, stop by the front desk at the library.

Also Monday, Abby Muhlenkamp of Dementia Friends Indiana and Lifestream Services will offer an informational workshop on how to

better communicate and understand people living with dementia. Each individual will receive certification as a dementia friend.

Starting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, the library will have "Tabby Tuesdays," allowing children to read to a cat from Midwest Pet Refuge. Each session lasts 15 minutes, allowing for reading and playtime with the animal. Books are provided, but participants may also bring their own materials. Registration is required, and parents must sign a waiver. The weekly event goes through July 12.

True Crime Unversity: Introduction to Forensics, a year-long true crime series, kicks off at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The monthly program for adults teaches participants about true crime and forensics. Adult services librarian Hannah Moody

and former crime scene investigator Mike Medler will be collaborating on the event.

Throughout June, the library will offer summer crafts for children as well as activities for teens and adults. Patrons can also attempt a large Sudoku puzzle throughout the month.

Other activities in the next few weeks include:

- Jay County Purdue Extension's pond management workshop at 6 p.m. June 13

- A Disney princess sing-a-long party, featuring visitors from Once Upon a Princess, at 6 p.m. June 16

- Minute to Win It, a team competition based on the TV show. Teams of at least 2 but no more than four people will square off from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. June 20 at the library.

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.

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

Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS

MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

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

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of

the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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

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

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

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

Sudoku

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	7		1	4			
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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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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Investigative journalism matters

By **LEE H. HAMILTON**

Recently, a couple of reporters at The New York Times published an intriguing story about conversations between House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy and other members of his leadership team. It was shortly after the events of Jan. 6 at the Capitol, and they were talking about what to do about then-President Trump.

His conduct, McCarthy said, had been “atrocious and totally wrong.” Moreover, wrote Alexander Burns and Jonathan Martin in their article, McCarthy “faulted the president for ‘inciting people’ to attack the Capitol, saying that Mr. Trump’s remarks at a rally on the National Mall that day were ‘not right by any shape or any form.’” He added, “I’ve had it with this guy.”

Burns and Martin have since published a series of articles on the subject, including McCarthy’s fears that some of his more extreme colleagues could themselves incite more violence. Not surprisingly, there have been plenty of denials, but the two

Lee H. Hamilton



reporters have countered with one key point: They have the audio recordings.

I happen to believe these stories are important for the insight they provide into key politicians’ thinking at a dark moment in our history — and on those politicians’ willingness to backtrack in the year since. But whether you agree or not, the willingness of two reporters to dig deep into what actually happened and set the record straight has sent shockwaves through Washington and cast the behavior of powerful officials in a new light.

This is what good investigative journalism does. It is an essential part of our representative democracy, offering all of us — the people who have the most at stake in

who represents us in Washington and how they and other officials behave on our behalf — the chance to understand more fully what’s going on. I often think to myself how dull our lives would be without the difficult, important work that enterprising journalists do. They get for us the facts and — mostly — put them in context so that we can understand what we need to know.

I’m not going to recite a list of all the important stories that journalists have uncovered or helped to explain; it would take us hours. But a quick look back at some relatively recent investigative work gives you a sense of the key importance they play. There was the 2019 Washington Post story on a confidential “trove” of government papers documenting nearly two decades of US officials’ misleading statements about the war in Afghanistan. And Ronan Farrow’s groundbreaking investigation of the sexual predation of Harvey Weinstein. There’s been ongoing coverage of the dark corners of America’s war on terror;

from Abu Ghraib to Guantanamo. The work by the Seattle Times on how failures of government oversight helped lead to the crashes of the Boeing 737 MAX. The Boston Globe’s earth-shattering investigations of abusive behavior by priests and the Catholic Church hierarchy’s efforts to cover it up.

It’s possible that just by reciting that tiny fraction of important work, I’ve spurred you to think of other examples, from Watergate to the exposure of corruption or malfeasance or toxic pollution or some other community harm where you live. And that’s my point: Journalists are constantly finding and exposing the truth in ways that, ideally, spur us to improve our lives, communities, government, and democratic system as a whole. They have a lot of power — they can destroy the career of public officials and private-sector leaders — and certainly some of them have their faults, obsessing over feuds and conflict and giving them more attention than they deserve. But overall, I’ve found journalists as a whole

and investigative journalists in particular to be intelligent, compassionate, and people of integrity.

And I’ll say it again: They’re vital to our representative democracy. We need the work journalists do to remain a free and independent nation, with power residing ultimately in the hands of its citizens. There’s a reason that one of the first things authoritarians do is try to bring the press to heel. They understand, perhaps better than we who get to take these things for granted, how a thriving free press lets people form their own opinions.

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Hamilton is a senior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a distinguished scholar at the IU Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies; and a professor of practice at the IU O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years. Email him at corg@iu.edu.

What’s right, party loyalty can coexist

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Tribune News Service

Former President Donald Trump chalked up some victories in Tuesday’s primaries, but he suffered a trio of defeats where it most mattered: Georgia, epicenter of Trump’s efforts to overturn Joe Biden’s 2020 election victory.

Three Republicans on whom Trump had declared war for refusing to do his vote-fixing dirty work — Gov. Brian Kemp, Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and Attorney General Chris Carr — all cruised to victory, trouncing Trump-backed challengers who had endorsed Trump’s election fraud lies.

Given the heavy emphasis that Trump’s ploys played in these campaigns, Georgia Republicans have spoken loud and clear about their abhorrence of election manipulation. They have done Republicans elsewhere a huge favor by showing them it’s OK to stand up for what’s right while still being loyal to the party.

Trump narrowly lost Georgia to Biden in November 2020. His subsequent efforts to get Georgia’s Republican leaders to overturn the results was in itself justification for impeachment and, arguably, criminal charges.

Most infamously, Trump — then a sitting president, remember — personally called Raffensperger, Georgia’s top election official and a member of the president’s party, to pressure him into committing fraud.

“All I want to do is this,” Trump told Raffensperger in the recorded call: “I just want to find 11,780 votes,” one more than Biden’s margin of victory in the state. “There’s nothing wrong with saying, you know, that you’ve recalculated.”

This was a blatant attempted overthrow of democracy, and Raffensperger’s refusal to yield should make him a political hero to both parties.

Guest Editorial

But Trump, of course, villainized him for it and backed one of his challengers, U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, who was among House members who objected to the valid election results on Jan. 6, 2021, and who backed Trump’s lies. Raffensperger on Tuesday beat Hice by almost 20 percentage points.

Kemp won an even wider margin over former U.S. Sen. David Perdue, another backer of Trump’s lies who garnered Trump’s support for it.

Ditto with Carr, who easily beat back a challenge from Trump-backed attorney John Gordon, whose campaign was almost entirely about promoting Trumpian conspiracy theories.

There is a dark lining to this silver cloud. An analysis by The Washington Post found that in most primary races around the country, Trump-backed candidates took around 30% of the vote — which, in crowded fields like Ohio’s U.S. Senate primary, was enough to get Trump-backer J.D. Vance the nomination.

That math could be ominous in Missouri, where the U.S. Senate primaries in August will feature more than 20 Republicans.

Among them is disgraced former Gov. Eric Greitens, who hasn’t yet garnered Trump’s formal endorsement but whose ties to Trump World and his eager promotion of its lies make such an endorsement possible.

Georgia’s experience should spur Missouri Republicans of conscience to coalesce around a serious candidate — including a conservative independent — who is courageous enough to reject those lies.



Nuclear threat endangers us all

By **PAUL INGRAM**
Progressive Perspectives
Tribune News Service

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has made us all more acutely aware of the dangers of nuclear conflict than at any time since the end of the Cold War.

Now, with Russia losing ground against an entrenched Ukrainian resistance, the stakes are only going to get higher.

Avril Haines, the Director of National Intelligence for the Biden administration, recently stated that Russian President Vladimir Putin “would probably only authorize the use of nuclear weapons if he perceived an existential threat.” But, as the war drags on, Haines added that it heightens the potential for Putin to see the prospect of defeat as an existential threat.

Any potential of something as devastating as nuclear war should be cause enough for alarm.

Even a singular nuclear launch and limited response from NATO or elsewhere could, in a nightmarish but possible scenario, cascade into a full-scale nuclear exchange. Though it is extremely difficult to accurately predict the likelihood of this happening, it is undeniable that many are justifiably concerned. According to a March 2022 poll, 69% of U.S. adults said that they were worried that Putin’s invasion of Ukraine would lead to nuclear war.

We are all familiar with the immediate devastation that

Paul Ingram



nuclear weapons could do to the cities they target and the radiation clouds that would spread further afield.

Nuclear detonations also cause fierce firestorms that loft soot into the stratosphere, which, in high enough volumes, can block out the sun and reduce global temperatures and rainfall. This soot cloud would persist for several years, triggering a phenomenon known as nuclear winter.

A 2007 study suggests global nuclear winter effects could be triggered by as few as 100 low-yield nuclear weapons. If a larger proportion of the world’s 12,700 nuclear bombs were used, the effects would be devastating.

Depending on the severity of the winter, crop yields in the United States could drop to 2% of their current output for up to a decade. This would result in starvation for the majority of Americans, while leaving those left to face sub-zero temperatures in summer and cascade effects that would almost certainly be fatal.

I began my career in international relations a few years after 1983 — when a war game brought

the world close to the brink of a nuclear launch — in order to help prevent nuclear weapons from spreading and to advocate for disarmament.

I am now a researcher at Cambridge University’s Center for the Study of Existential Risk, where we look at the different ways that we could trigger an end to our civilization and how they can be counteracted.

It feels as if there is little we can do about the nuclear threat prompted by the invasion of Ukraine, but that’s not true. We need to push our elected representatives to avoid triggering any serious escalation.

Ukraine deserves our support, and Russia our condemnation. But we also have to consider how Russia is perceiving the war and to what extent it would view defeat as an existential threat. In order to prevent the worst outcomes, we need to draw the Russians into negotiation and be prepared to compromise.

Our governments have displayed a singular lack of leadership, commitment and imagination when it comes to finding diplomatic solutions.

This needs to change. And urgently.

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Satellite tools hunt for water

By **JOE MARIO PEDERSON**
Orlando Sentinel
Tribune News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — When Kerri Donaldson Hanna looks at the full moon she sees a future full of opportunity.

“I see so much possibility. Humans have put their feet there, looked back at Earth, and saw it as that object in the sky,” said Hanna, a planetary geologist at the University of Central Florida. “I see it as a geographically interesting place. It holds a lot of what’s possible for our future. We’ve been there, but what else can we do?”

Hanna and a research team of UCF students are working to print a map of possibilities by creating spectral instruments for a NASA satellite capable of scanning and producing high-resolution maps of water on the moon.

In 2019, NASA selected the Lunar Trailblazer mission, along with three other proposed missions, for further study under its Small Innovative Missions for Planetary Exploration (SIMPLEX) program. The following year, NASA approved Kerri’s plans for spectral mapping for a 2025 launch. Although Trailblazer could launch as soon as next year, Hanna said.

“I would be shocked if in the next month or two, we don’t find out that we’re going sooner,” Hanna said.

Her confidence is fueled by how busy Orlando skies will be in the next couple of years with traffic driven by NASA’s Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) initiative — which aims to put several landers on the moon — as well as several other scheduled NASA projects.

For now, Hanna and the



University of Central Florida physics graduate student Autumn Shackelford, demonstrates Lunar terrain simulant at a lab in the UCF Physical Sciences Building, on May 16.

team are preparing for the mission by using the spectral camera to study how ice, water-ice, and hydroxyl interact with lunar regolith. While they don’t have access to real moon dirt, they’re doing just fine using a simulant soil created by UCF’s Exolith Lab, which specializes in creating imitation alien soil for experiments and equipment tests around the world.

The importance of finding water on the moon cannot be stressed enough. Its abundance would create an element of ease for explorers and land developers who would gladly not have to rely on shipping tons of

life-saving and rocket-fuel-producing liquid via rocket ship. Any sites Trailblazer confirms to have water will most likely become target locations for NASA’s Artemis missions, which seek to return humans to the moon including the first woman to the surface.

Water has been long suspected to be on the gray surface of the moon since 1999 when the Lunar Prospector probe first detected a high level of hydrogen in the north and south poles. But those results are more ambiguous regarding water’s presence than factual, Hanna explained.

“It’s really a large spa-

tial footprint, meaning it averages its measurements out over an area of 100 kilometers by 100 kilometers. And somewhere within that 100 kilometers, we could just have a lot of hydrogen, or maybe you have small amounts of hydrogen mixed out over the entire footprint. It’s hard just to know for sure,” she said.

Most lunar scientists agree that water-ice exists in the permanent shadows of craters safe from the sun’s evaporating rays. But there are few actual detections of frozen water. Lots of remote sensing measurements have suggested where water should be, such as surface-tempera-

ture maps, but Hanna is hoping Trailblazer can end the speculation and unearth facts hidden beneath the surface — or on the surface.

Trailblazer will scan geographical areas of interest as low as crater floors and as high as mountain peaks. One of the key features Hanna and the team are designing is an electron microscopy scanner to characterize depictions of the surface at the microscopic level.

Previous datasets, such as the Moon Mineralogy Mapper collected by India’s Chandrayaan-1, lacked power enough to differentiate among molecules of water-ice,

molecular water, and hydroxyl. Trailblazer should be able to measure all the way down to 3.6 microns, Hanna said, making the satellite uniquely qualified to distinguish any of the three.

One of Hanna’s researchers, Autumn Shackelford, a 24-year-old graduate student, is wetting lunar regolith, freezing it, and observing what sorts of structural, spectral signature changes the material shows. The point is to understand exactly what they’re looking for. While Trailblazer circumnavigates the moon it will be scanning the topography. Hanna and Autumn’s research should give the team a heads up of what kind of spectral signatures or geography may yield the best locations to find water.

Shackelford’s name is serendipitously suited for her research position, as the Moon’s Shackleton Crater in the South Pole was the first place water was originally detected. Since then, Shackleton Crater has been targeted by space agencies around the world as the most likely first location for colonization.

The coincidence isn’t lost on her, but Shackelford is focused on what her research can tell us about the moon.

“I didn’t think about the moon much at all before I started grad school, but it’s much more interesting than I ever could have thought,” she said. “It’s really interesting that the moon is just sort of, almost like a geologic record since it’s been mostly undisturbed. So it’s kind of like looking back in time and seeing what’s been happening in our solar system from so long ago.”

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East: ♠ 5 2, ♥ K 10 8, ♦ 9 7 4, ♣ A J 8 4 3

2. You, West, are declarer at Six Hearts, and North leads the queen of spades. How would you play the hand? (Assume the trumps are divided 3-2.)

West: ♠ A K, ♥ K Q J 5, ♦ A 9 8 6 2, ♣ A Q
East: ♠ 7, ♥ A 10 9 3, ♦ K J 10 4, ♣ 9 7 6 3

1. You have only two entries to dummy, so you will be able to take only two finesses. The question, therefore, is whether it is better, after taking the ace of clubs, to finesse in spades or diamonds. It is true that South might have either king, and to that extent either finesse has a 50-50 chance of winning. But insofar as making the contract is concerned, you are much better off trying the diamond finesse. If the diamond finesse wins, your worries are over, because your next move will be to play the ace and

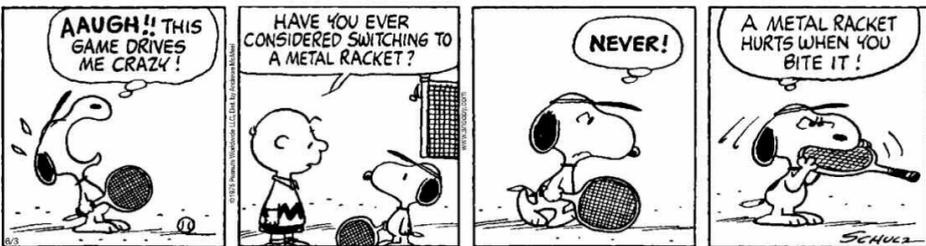
another trump, planning to repeat the diamond finesse later, using the heart king as your second entry. If the diamond finesse loses at trick two, you can still get home safely if South started with the singleton or doubleton king of spades. The decisive factor is that a trump finesse at trick two does not necessarily make the slam even if it succeeds, because South might have four or five trumps to the king, while the diamond finesse virtually guarantees the slam if South has the king.

2. Win the king of spades, draw three rounds of trump and cash the ace of spades, discarding a club from dummy. Then lead a diamond to the king, and if both opponents follow suit, the contract is assured. Continue with the jack and, if South follows low, finesse. If the jack wins, you make at least 12 tricks, while if it loses, the slam is still certain, since North must next either return a club into your A-Q or hand you a ruff-and-discard.

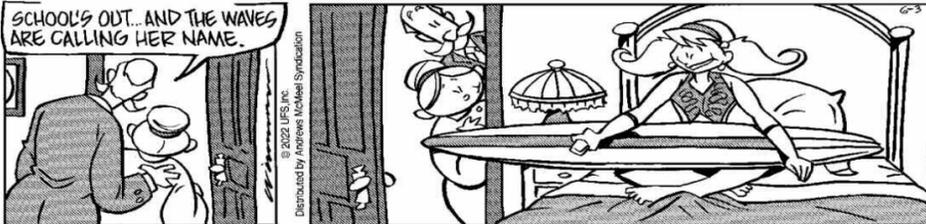
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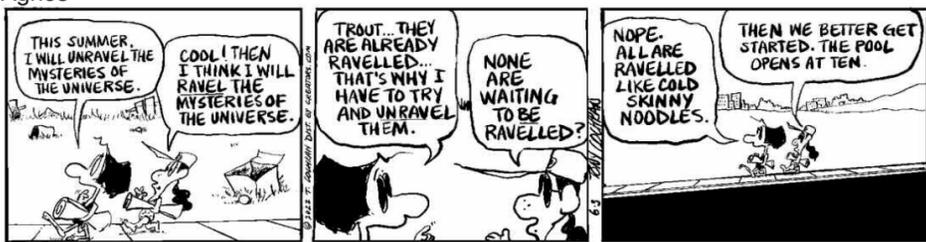
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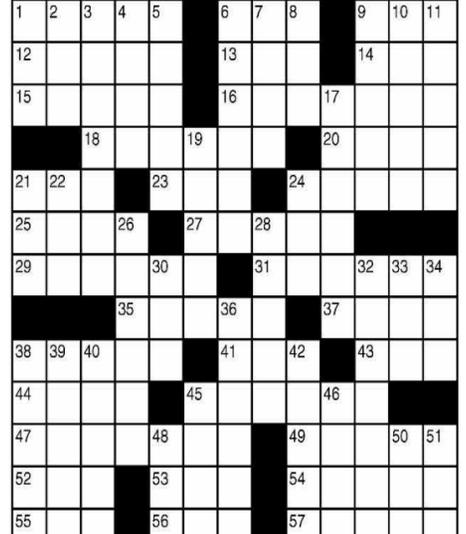
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“As the game went on, I thought, ‘I haven’t seen that guy in a while.’” he said.

Then he saw two of his former classmates.

“That just kind of validated that we did something positive,” Selvey added.

His final class of seniors agrees.

“It’s been an honor, just playing with him and my teammates. I love it,” said Gavin Myers. “I wish we could have kept playing. ...

“Just him being so personal with us. We create a good relationship with him. Just the friendship that we have, it’s something that I always will remember.”

Quinn Faulkner expressed appreciation for all that goes beyond being in the dugout and standing in the third-base coach’s box. He mentioned always seeing Selvey at junior league games, going to his baseball camps and time spent working on the field.

“We have the nicest field we play on all year,” Faulkner added. “He just gives all his time to it. He’s the best coach we could ask for. We love him.”

Always a baseball per-



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Reid Claycomb (7), Brayden Mock and Noah Arbuckle dump the water bucket on Jay County High School baseball coach Lea Selvey after the Patriots defeated the Marion Giants 8-0 to win the 2019 Class 3A Sectional 23 championship at Bellmont.

Son, Selvey learned the game from his father, Don, and played at Redkey High School. (He was a member of the Wolves’ final graduating class in 1975.) He went on to Ball State University before transferring to the

University of Evansville to play — “sparingly, but I was on the roster” — for Bob Hodges, the brother of former Major Leaguer and 2022 Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Gil Hodges.

After graduating from

Evansville in 1981, he taught at Frontier Middle School for a year before coming home to take a job as an East Jay Junior High School science teacher and football coach.

Yes, football
“Which I knew nothing about,” said Selvey.

He soon became an assistant JCHS baseball coach under Ted Habegger. And when Habegger stepped away after the 1988 season, Selvey took over.

He’s been there ever since.

Over the course of 34 seasons he amassed a 530-352 record (a .601 winning percentage). He coached the Patriots to seven sectional titles, six conference championships (five in the Olympic Athletic Conference and one in the Allen County Athletic Conference) and three regional titles.

And during those years, he got to spend a lot of time with family.

His father, for whom Jay County’s baseball field is named, was a longtime assistant coach for Selvey. He got to coach his sons Josh and Kyle, both of whom went on to be assis-

tant coaches as well, including this season.

On April 20, 2013, Kyle Selvey threw a no-hitter against Winchester at Don E. Selvey Field to give Lea Selvey his 400th career win.

After that game, he credited his win total to longevity.

“Four hundred just means I’ve been here a long time,” Selvey said.

“It means I’m old,” he added, laughing.

It took another nine seasons for the “old” guy to decide to retire. Over that span, he earned his 500th win when the Patriots defeated Heritage 2-1 in the semifinal round en route to the 2019 sectional championship.

But as much as those milestone wins will be remembered, they aren’t what he cherishes most.

“I guess the biggest memory would be just coming out with these guys every day and playing the game and having fun,” said Selvey. “Every day just coming out and getting to hang out with them. They keep you young.”

Anything else?
“I’ll remember today,” Selvey said.

Celtics go deep in win over Warriors

By MARK MURPHY
Boston Herald
Tribune News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Teams that try to match Golden State from downtown generally die that way.

But on a night when Jayson Tatum went cold, the Celtics took Game 1 of the NBA Finals by virtue of the 3-ball in their 120-108 win over Golden State.

The Celtics buried seven 3-pointers in the last 7:08, including two each from Derrick White, Al Horford and Marcus Smart, including five in a 2:18 stretch, to blow the Warriors off the floor.

Golden State, which led by 12 points at the start of the fourth, faded that suddenly. The Celtics had nine treys in the quarter, including two over the first 3:38 by Jaylen Brown, who came alive on the way to a 24-point effort, to go along with 26 from Horford.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Gabi Bilbrey at IHSAA Girls Track and Field State Finals at Indiana University — 3 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track at OHSAA Track and Field State Tournament at Ohio State University’s Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium — 9:30 a.m.

Saturday
Fort Recovery — Track at OHSAA Track and Field State Tournament at Ohio State University’s Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium — 9:30 a.m.

TV schedule

Today
2:20 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs (Bally Indiana)
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Nations

League: Netherlands at Belgium (FS1)
3 p.m. — Golf: LPGA Tour — Women’s U.S. Open (USA)
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Washington Nationals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Rangers (ESPN)

Saturday
9 a.m. — Tennis: French Open (NBC)
Noon — College baseball: NCAA Division I Tournament (ESPN, ESPN2)
1 p.m. — Golf: LPGA Tour — U.S. Women’s Open (USA)
1:20 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs (Bally Indiana)
1:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series — Toyota 200 (FS1)
2:30 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Memorial Tournament (CBS)

3 p.m. — College baseball: NCAA Division I Tournament (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — Golf: LPGA Tour — U.S. Women’s Open (NBC)
3 p.m. — USFL football: New Orleans Breakers at Birmingham Stallions (FOX)
4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Washington Nationals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
4:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Pacific Office Automation 147 (FS1)
6 p.m. — College baseball: NCAA Division I Tournament (ESPN2)
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs (FOX)
9 p.m. — NBA Finals: Boston Celtics at Golden State Warriors (ABC)
9 p.m. — College baseball: NCAA Division I Tournament (ESPN2)
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bos Jr. vs. Devin Haney (ESPN)
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Local notes

JCHS baseball hosting camp
The Jay County High School baseball program will hold its camp for kindergarten through eighth graders June 13 through 15.
Sessions will run from 8 to 9:30 a.m. for kindergarten through third graders, 10 to 11:30 a.m. for fourth and fifth graders and 1 to 2:30 p.m. for sixth through eighth graders.
The registration fee is \$30. Forms are available at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Chamber outing set
Jay County Chamber of Commerce

will hold its annual golf outing July 22 at Portland Golf Club.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at 1 a.m. It will be limited to 20 teams.

Registration forms are available at the chamber office, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland or by emailing tabby@jay-countychamber.com. The deadline is July 11.
For more information, call (260) 726-4481.

Tennis camp scheduled

The Jay County High School boys and girls tennis program will hold a camp for third through ninth graders June 20 through 24.

The camp will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. daily at the JCHS tennis courts. It will include a visit from Indiana northern district United States Tennis Association representative Sarah Stanchin.

The registration fee is \$30 and forms are available at JCHS or Cross-Roads Financial Federal Credit Union’s location at 1102 W. Votaw St., Portland.

5K circuit continues June 4

The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will continue with a race Saturday.

The next event in the eight-race circuit is the Hot Pink 5K scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday at Hudson Family Park. Registration is \$25.

Other races in the circuit include the 4H Glow 5K on June 11, Hudson Family Park Half Marathon and 5K on June 18, the Firecracker 5K on July 4, the Sculpt Fitness 5K on July 16 and the JRDS 5K on Aug. 6.

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Located in the Bubp Exhibition Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN
Saturday Morning
JUNE 4, 2022
10:00 A.M.
OLD AND COLLECTORS ITEMS
Oak 2 pc. sliding door display cabinet; Decorative and ornate fireplace mantel; several pieces of chalkware; several old advertising thermometers; Glidden Steel Barb Wire metal sign; metal racks; metal cooler; old tractor umbrella; LARGE ASSORTMENT OF CROCKS: to include #3,6,8 crocks, #2&5 Crown, #5 Clover, #6 Star, #5 UHL, and many others; JUGS: to include #3 & 5 Heart and many others; crock bowls; ; milk stool; wood totes; ; large assortment of McCoy pottery; Fostoria; bottle carriers; cross cut saws; aluminum glasses; and many other items not listed.
CHRIS PUTERBAUGH, Deceased
Loy Auction
AC#31600027
Auctioneers
Gary Loy AU01031608
Ben Lyons AU10700085
Travis Theurer AU11200131

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located at the intersection of South Blaine Pike and 300 South Portland Indiana
Friday Afternoon
JUNE 3, 2022
4:30 PM
TRACTORS – EQUIPMENT – TOOLS
1946 Ford 2N tractor with boom, S/N 9N223527; 1946 Farmall H narrow front tractor with 3 point, and great rubber, S/N 211829; 1931 Rolls Royce flatbed wagon; David Bradley wagon; Oliver 214 3 point plow; Dunham 9” cultimulcher; 3 point potato plow; wood Coke crate; hay fork; tractor seat; wood gates; planter plates; hay hooks; and many other items not listed.
FRED BAILEY
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AC#31600027
Auctioneers
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Ben Lyons AU10700085
Travis Theurer AU11200131

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located in the Farmers Building, Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland IN
Saturday Morning
JUNE 11, 2022
10:00 A.M.
GARDEN TRACTORS – ENGINES – TOOLS – PARTS
Jacobsen “Chief” garden tractor; LARGE ASSORTMENT OF 2 WHEEL TRACTORS; Lawn Boy engines; Wisconsin 2 cycle engine; LARGE ASSORTMENT OF 6 WHEEL TRACTORS; ; 3000 lb. 12 V winch; 3500 lb. 12 volt winch; Craftsman 10” table saw; Craftsman band saw; small air compressor; pipe cutters; engine straps; oil cans; oil spouts; and many other items not listed.
AUCTIONEERS NOTE: This is the 4th auction that we have held to liquidate Fred’s collection.
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GOLF CART REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT THE PORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.
ORDINANCE WILL BE IN EFFECT JULY 1ST.
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-6

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 77 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IT IS HEREBY OBTAINED by the Common Council of the City of Portland, Indiana that Chapter 77, golf carts is hereby amended to add the following section: Section 77.10 Registration and Fee All golf carts which are operated on a city street shall be registered with the City annually. The Portland Police Department shall inspect and register each golf cart upon the owner applying for registration and the golf cart is inspected to confirm that it complies with all requirements of this Ordinance. Upon being registered, a registration sticker shall be issued by the City and the sticker shall be affixed to the rear bumper of the golf cart.
A registration fee of \$35.00 shall be charged annually for privately owned golf carts who have a Portland address. A registration fee of \$18.00 shall be charged annually for privately owned golf carts who have an out-of-town address. All registrations shall be renewed annually on or before May 1. Fees collected shall be deposited into the Police Continuing Education Fund.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Portland, Indiana on this 16th day of May, 2022.
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Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned Cause in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 1:30 p.m. on July 25, 2022. This hearing is open to the public.
If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretary of the IURC at 317.232.2701 or TDD 317.232.8556 at least 48 hours in advance.
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
317.232.2701
BY: IURC – Jennifer Schuster, ALJ
DATE: May 31, 2022
CR 6-3-2022 -HSPAXLP

77.01 DEFINITIONS.
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“GOLF CART.” A vehicle with four wheels originally designed for operation on a golf course and powered by a battery or internal combustion motor.
“DRIVER’S LICENSE.” A valid license to operate a motor vehicle issued by Indiana or any other state.
“FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.” Liability insurance coverage on a golf cart in an amount not less than required by Indiana law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of Indiana.
(Ord. 2006-28, passed 12-4-06)
§ 77.02 OPERATION OF GOLF CART.
The operation of a golf cart within the City of Portland is strictly prohibited unless the golf cart is operated and equipped in full compliance with this chapter.
(Ord. 2006-28, passed 12-4-06) Penalty, see § 77.99
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Selvey steps away after 34 years as JCHS baseball coach

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

Fans lingered behind the first-base dugout at Tiger Field long after the final strike had been called.

There seemed to be a desire not to walk away.

Monday's loss, after all, was not just the end of the season. It was the end of an era.

Players, parents and fans stuck around long after the end of the Jay County High School baseball team's 6-2 loss to New Castle in the sectional semifinal at Yorktown to say thank

you and offer well wishes to retiring coach Lea Selvey.

"It's bittersweet," said Selvey, who couldn't help tearing up. "I'm very grateful for getting to come out and do this. I've been a baseball person my whole life."

He had announced a few weeks earlier that this season would be his last as the JCHS baseball coach after 34 years at the helm.

Unbeknownst to him, his staff and players had set up a surprise for his final home game May 23 against South Adams.

Selvey arrived at this field just thinking about what his team would need to do to beat the Starfires. Then he saw his number — 20 — painted in the grass behind home plate.

"It kind of got to me a little bit," said Selvey.

The crowd was a little bigger than usual, with a large group of former players showing up to wish him well.

See **Lifetime** page 7



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School baseball coach Lea Selvey gets a hug from an umpire following his final game, a 6-2 loss Monday to New Castle in the sectional tournament at Yorktown. Selvey retired after 34 years at the helm of the Patriot baseball program, having recorded 530 wins and seven sectional championships.

Good luck

Whitley Rammel
(shot put)

Abbie Francis
(200-meter dash)

Mara Pearson
(long jump)

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Bright, Lykins make 1st team

Two Patriots were recognized as the best in the conference at their positions.

Two more were named to the second team.

Jay County High School senior Olivia Bright and freshman Jaelynn Lykins both were selected to the All-Allen County Athletic Conference first team conference meeting Wednesday.

Haleigh Clayton and Mady Fra-

ley were named second-team all-conference.

Bright, who will continue her career at Lincoln Trail Community College in Illinois, made the first team as an infielder. She hit .457 for the Patriots this season with 34 hits, 32 RBIs and 25 runs.

Lykins, Jay County's freshman catcher, led the Patriots in virtually all offensive categories. Hitting a scorching .592, she racked up 45

hits, 40 runs, 35 RBIs and seven home runs.

Clayton, a senior who will also play at Lincoln Trail, was 7-3 on the mound this year with 97 strikeouts in 99 1/3 innings. Fraley, Jay County's sophomore center fielder, had 31 hits and 31 runs while batting .373.

The Patriots finished 4-2 in the ACAC this year, tied for second behind undefeated Heritage.



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1620, Pioneer score wins by 2 runs

A couple of close Portland Junior League games Thursday saw Pioneer Packaging defeat Cook's Nursery 17-15 in Rookie baseball and Local 1620 top Loy Real Estate and Auction 9-7 in Sandy Koufax baseball.

Also Thursday, Matt's Garage beat Williams Auto Parts 13-2 in Rookie baseball and PG-14 and Portland Kiwanis tied 2-2 in Willie Mays baseball.

In Willie Mays action Wednesday, Portland Lions Club swept Portland Optimists 11-0 and 12-1.

Gabe Bentz had a home run, a triple and two doubles to lead Pioneer to its win. Koda Johnson, Khoden Bentz and Maverick Hudson each added four hits.

Kayden Albertson went 4-for-4 for Cook's.

Zedrian Vazquez had four hits, including a double, and three RBIs for Local 1620 while Alex Miller and Nick Snow added three hits apiece.

Peyton Yowell's three hits led Loy.

Liam Ridenour paced Matt's Garage with three hits, including a double, and three RBIs. Ethan Peterson, Luke Jellison, Josiah Sager and Owen Clemens each had three hits. Williams got a pair of hits from Easton Steed.

In Thursday's Willie Mays action, Grant Fennig tripled for PG-14 against Kiwanis. He also struck out six batters in three innings.

Finn Hemmelgarn hit a home run and drove in seven runs to lead Lions Club on Wednesday. Kellen Trout hit a home run and a double in the second game as he finished with three RBIs.