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## Issues raised with new rules

*Council address regarding trash, golf carts*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Some residents inside and outside of Portland are unhappy with a couple of new city ordinances.

Portland City Council on Tuesday heard complaints and concerns regarding the city's new trash collection ordinance and the implementation of a golf cart registration fee, both of which were enacted this year.

Marci Vormohr raised issues with the city's ordinance passed in March that requires residents to utilize 96-gallon Toters (generally referred to as mobile garbage bins) in order for trash to be collected. Any trash not in those bins is not collected.

She was critical of communication regarding the changes before they went into effect and said several of her family members who also live in the city have had issues with collection in the last few months, specifically when there was additional trash that would not fit in the Toter. She said it has also been difficult to get in contact with the street department in order to ask questions or resolve issues.

Vormohr noted one incident in which it seemed a Latino family who is a neighbor of one of her family members was "profiled, discriminated against and harassed" over a trash-related issue.

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## Patriotic perch

Noah Wentz, 9, paints the side of a white bird house red and blue this morning at Jay County Campus of Arts Place. The class with Florine Golden is part of Arts Place's summer Arts in the Parks program.

## Board discusses guards, extends policy

By RAY COONEY

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Portland Park Board on Tuesday discussed various issues regarding Portland Water Park and addressed concerns from Jay County Pee Wee Football regarding damage to the field at Hines-Inman Memorial Stadium in Portland Memorial Park.

Board members talked about how best to attract lifeguards, as a guard shortage led to limited hours at the water park

last year and was cited as a reason for the water park not opening this year. (The facility also underwent significant repairs to tile this summer, delaying the potential opening date into mid-July.)

John McFarland of the board said he talked with Jay County High School swim coach Matt Slavik about the lifeguard issue and they are discussing what would motivate more participation in

training. (He said numbers have dropped significantly in recent years.)

McFarland said he's open to any suggestions about how to better attract potential lifeguards, noting that he and Slavik plan to start the training process earlier in 2023 and to better advertise the opportunity.

Brief discussion Tuesday mostly focused on increasing pay for lifeguards.

Matt Shauver of the parks department also told the board that most of the finishing work regarding replacement of tiles at Portland Water Park is complete. He is also gathering information about options for new cabinets in the concession stand at the facility.

Caleb Hemmelgarn, secretary/treasurer of Jay County Pee Wee Football, addressed the board regarding damage to the

Hines-Inman field. He noted that it is getting a lot of use from the community, frequently for soccer. He said that use has resulted in damage to both the field and the sprinkler heads. (Another pee wee football representative had raised the same issue at park board's May meeting.)

"It's gotten to the point where it needs to be addressed," said Hemmelgarn.

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## Farmers battle cost increases

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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Facing steep increases in food production costs, Indiana farmers warn that consumers are likely to see continued price jumps at stores later this year.

Surging fuel costs, along with higher prices for seeds, packaging, animal feed, fertilizer and other chemicals, has meant "every pass across a field" is more expensive, said Andy Tauer, executive director of public policy for the Indiana Farm Bureau.

He said the main drivers of the increases stem from inflation, global supply chain issues caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and lingering disruptions brought on by COVID-19.

"Some farmers are looking at any opportunity to cut costs so they can continue to maintain

a healthy bottom line," Tauer said. "But at the end of the day ... those cost increases will ultimately get passed on to the consumer."

Because farmers rely heavily on diesel-powered machinery and semi-truck transportation, David Hardin, who manages Hardin Farms near Danville, said rising fuel costs have become a significant out-of-pocket expense.

While some farmers were able to lock in fuel prices before the Ukraine invasion — and in advance of planting spring crops — Hardin said those deals won't last. With the cost of diesel up \$2 a gallon compared to earlier this year, he said that translates to even higher costs for both crop and livestock farmers who will need to purchase more fuel in the coming months.

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## On the ball

Firefighters compete in a game of waterball Saturday during 4th of July festivities at Jay County Fairgrounds.

### Deaths

Thomas Nibarger, 75  
Zeb Sutton, 43, Dunkirk  
Effie Coblenz, infant,  
rural Geneva  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 93 degrees Tuesday. The low was 68.

There is a chance of rain tonight with a low of 68. Thursday's high will be 86 with rain possible during the day and expected at night.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

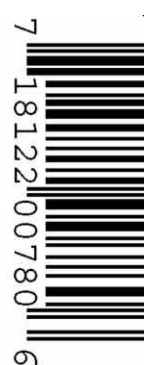
### In review

Jay County Personnel Committee will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday in the commissioners' room at Jay County Courthouse. The agenda includes discussion of possible job classification changes, wage increases and policy updates.

### Coming up

Thursday — Part three in a series of columns looking at the state economy. Eye on the Pie.

Friday — Results from the Jay County Summer Swim Team's meet against North Adams Central.



# CR almanac

Thursday 7/7	Friday 7/8	Saturday 7/9	Sunday 7/10	Monday 7/11
<b>86/69</b>	<b>82/60</b>	<b>78/55</b>	<b>80/58</b>	<b>86/66</b>
There's a 30% chance of thunderstorms Thursday, with a higher chance (70%) at night.	Rain is likely to continue into Friday, with thunderstorms possible. Mostly cloudy.	More showers are possible Saturday. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Sunny skies are in the forecast, with highs in the 80s. Cool at night.	More sun is expected Monday, with rain possible at night. The high may reach 86.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$35 million	Quick Draw: 4-7-14-16-23-24-27-35-41-44-51-57-59-62-63-70-72-75-78-80 Cash 5: 1-7-29-30-39 Estimated jackpot: \$151,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> 27-31-50-51-61 Mega Ball: 21 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$400 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 4-9-0 Pick 4: 7-8-0-7 Pick 5: 2-7-5-6-1 Evening Pick 3: 3-7-1 Pick 4: 7-3-4-2 Pick 5: 7-1-4-4-2 Rolling Cash: 3-16-31-35-37 Estimated jackpot: \$183,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 8-6-9 Daily Four: 9-9-9-9 Quick Draw: 3-6-10-19-23-24-26-27-28-29-30-36-40-55-56-61-65-70-71-75 Evening Daily Three: 2-5-1 Daily Four: 5-9-2-4	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.81 Aug. corn .....6.85 Wheat .....7.64	Wheat .....7.69 July 2023 wheat .....8.07
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.83 Aug. corn .....6.88 Oct. corn .....5.63	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.67 Late July corn .....6.57 Beans .....15.46 Late July beans.....15.26 Wheat .....7.70
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....6.68 Aug. corn .....5.83 Beans .....15.37 Aug. beans.....12.89	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.41 Oct. corn .....5.41 Beans .....15.09 Oct. beans .....12.65 Wheat .....7.61

## Today in history

In 1747, U.S. naval officer John Paul Jones was born in Kirkbean, Scotland.

In 1785, the U.S. Congress unanimously set the name of U.S. currency as the "dollar."

In 1885, Louis Pasteur saved the life of 9-year-old Joseph Meister with a rabies vaccine.

In 1942, Anne Frank and her family went into hiding in Amsterdam. The Jewish girl's diary would detail her family's time hiding during the German occupation of the Netherlands. She died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945 at the age of 15.

In 1946, actor Sylvester Stallone was born. He wrote and starred in "Rocky," the 1976 boxing film that won the Academy Award for best picture, as well as the subsequent movies in the long-standing franchise.

In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first African American to win a championship at Wimbledon when she defeated Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2. She had already won the French Open in 1956 and went on to win the U.S. Open later that year. She finished her career with five grand slam titles, winning both Wimbledon and the U.S. Open again in 1958.

In 1975, the Comoros Islands became independent after 137 years of French rule.

In 2002, sisters Serena and Venus Williams met in the women's championship match at Wimbledon. Serena won by a score of 7-6 (7-4), 6-3 for her first Wimbledon singles title. She has since won the tournament six more times.

In 2006, Jay School Board approved a tentative contract agreement with Jay Classroom Teachers Association. The two-year agreement included a freeze in teacher pay in the first year with a 2% raise in the second.

In 2012, Indiana High School Athletic Association released details of a study regarding its class format for basketball. Through 11 public meetings, 68% of those involved favored the state returning to a single-class system. However, athletics directors (79%), athletes (72%) and coaches (55%) voted in favor of keeping the multi-class system that was implemented beginning with the 1997-98 season.

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## Citizen's calendar

**Today**  
2 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
4 p.m. — Jay County Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.  
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.  
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

**Monday**  
9 a.m. — Jay County

# Obituaries

## Thomas W. Nibarger

May 6, 1945-May 25, 2020  
Thomas W. Nibarger, retired United States Air Force captain, peacefully departed this earth on Memorial Day, May 25, 2020, surrounded by his loved ones at their family home. He is survived by his wife of 51 years; his son, Patrick Joseph Nibarger; and daughters Suellen (Allison) Vassey and Elizabeth Ann Nibarger (Christoffer Anderson). He also has two grandsons, Thomas Andrew (Ashley) Calvo and Dax Micah Anderson; and two great-grandsons, Colton Thomas and Carson David Calvo.



Nibarger

He was born May 6, 1945, as the ninth child (of 10) to George Patrick and Pauline Nibarger. His surviving siblings are Betty Young of Redkey, George (Tony) Nibarger of Montpelier; Roger (Sue) Grayson of Marion and Roger Nibarger of Redkey, and many nieces and nephews. His brothers James Dale Nibarger (who died in infancy), Robert Nibarger, Fredrick K. Nibarger, and Richard Nibarger preceded Tom. His sister Virginia Poling passed just four days after Tom. Tom grew up on a farm in Redkey with his siblings, cousins and nieces. He graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1963 and worked at Indiana Glass until Uncle Sam came calling. He was drafted during the Vietnam Conflict and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force for a four-year tour to fulfill his military obligation. Those four years turned into a 25-year long

career that took him to places he never dreamed of seeing and jobs he never dreamed of doing.

He was stationed at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado, in August 1965 for optical electronics training and it was here that he met his future wife, Suezann Schmidline. In December 1966, his first duty assignment took him to Tehran, Iran, for 18 months. He returned to Colorado and soon after married Suezann in summer of 1968.

His career took his family to many places and gave Tom many more opportunities to advance his career. He was selected for the Airman Education and Commissioning Program so his family headed to Tucson, Arizona, and the University of Arizona where Tom studied aerospace engineering. He graduated with honors with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering in 1979 and also received his commission to 2nd Lieutenant.

He went on to serve as operations officer at Onizuka Air Force Station, California, for the directorate which supported launch, early orbit testing, and on orbit operation for GPS, Defense Support Program. He directed planning and launch activities for eight GPS and DSP satellite launches and led contractors and Air Force teams in supporting operations from various worldwide locations.

Tom's last assignment brought his family back to Colorado Springs. He was responsible for integrating the Consolidated Space Operations Center at Schriever Space Force Base, Colorado, into the Air Force Satellite Control Network baseline and providing assistance to the satellite

personnel in identifying and installing Mission Unique Equipment into the operations areas. He retired from the United States Air Force on May 31, 1990, and continued working in satellite operations with Trident, Veridian, and General Dynamics for another 15 years.

Tom enjoyed his retirement years, spending time with his wife, children, grandsons and great-grandsons. He was able to celebrate his 75th birthday before losing his battle with cancer, surrounded by everything he loved and cherished. Now we are bringing him back to his birthplace. We can't express the depth of our grief and sorrow now that we must go on without his presence in our lives.

In 1996, Tom wrote in a letter to Suezann, "I guess I'm in kind of a downhearted mood tonight. I was just thinking about when I'll be leaving. It's really going to be hard for me to leave you. I'm going to miss you more than I ever missed anyone before in my life."

Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2022, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Memorial services will follow at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at IOOF Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

**Zeb Sutton**, Dunkirk, Nov. 9, 1978-July 4, 2022. Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, Portland.

**Effie Coblentz**, rural Geneva, July 3, 2022-July 3, 2022. Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday at her family's home.

# Felony arrests

## Methamphetamine

A Fort Recovery man was arrested Tuesday for possession of methamphetamine.

Jeremy M. Springer, 20, 117 E. Broadway St. Lot 1, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5

felony, along with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

He's being held on a \$12,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

# Deeds

Alyssa L. Wagner (also known as Alyssa L. Myers) to Taylor Caldwell, warranty deed — Parts of Lots 9 and 10, Tract 1, Sullivan George Addition; Lot 41, Sniff and Johnsons Subdivision; Lots 11, 12 and 15, Sullivan George Addition; Part of Lot 10, Tract 2, Margaret Sullivan Addition

Tom W. Bailey Revocable Living Trust and Martina J. Bailey Revocable Living Trust to B and B Bailey Farms, quit claim deed — Part of Section 19, Noble Township, 55 acres

Harold R. Prouty to Alivia Caylor and Nathan L. Rowles, warranty deed — Part of Outlot 10, Jackson and Reed Subdivision Belva L. Leist (deceased) and Terry Leist to Jason E. and Kristy A. Bishop, warranty deed — Lot 7, Evans and Wilson Addition

Heritage Land Company to Heritage Aggregates, quit claim deed — Part of Section 24, Greene Township, 8.60 acres

Alvin R. and Cuba J. Cassel to Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 2, Greene Township, 1.527 acres

Frederick L. and Shirley A. Mann to Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric Power, easement — Parts of Section 1, Greene Township, 1.744 acres

James Burdine Isenhart Living Trust and Charlene Jo Cassel Isenhart Living trust to Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 16, Wayne Township, 0.555 acres

Jill D. and John E. Walter to Colton A. Herriford and Kristy E. Robbins, warranty deed — Part of Section 31, Jackson Township, 3.90 acres

Charles D. and Judy I. Conn to Charles D. Conn, quit claim deed — Part of Lot 7, Spahr Third Addition

Jay County Rural Electric Membership Corporation to Wabash Valley Power Association, easement — Part of Section 25, Greene Township  
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All children entering Kindergarten, 6TH Grade, and 12TH Grade need to be up to date on their immunizations. Please call the

**Jay Co. Health Dept**  
at 260-726-7863

to see if your child is up to date or to schedule an appointment. We will be offering school shots at the Fair on Monday & Wednesday from 5pm-8:30 pm in the Bubp Building. We will also have the COVID vaccine available on those nights.

## SERVICES

**Saturday**  
**Nibarger**, Thomas: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Tuesday**  
**Sutton**, Zeb: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**July 23**  
**McMillan**, Evelyn: 1 p.m., Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

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# Fryes to visit July 31

A Nashville family band is performing in Portland this month.

Frye Family Band is set to play at 10 a.m. July 31 at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

The group originally from Indiana includes Tom Frye, Jonathon Frye, Mane Frye and Eric Reynolds.

They released "Reclamation," an album with two songs in the top Christian Music Weekly Country radio hit charts. They also created "Things Unseen," which was released in May 2020. It featured talents from Frye daughters Kaylyn and Maggie and Grammy-nom-

## Taking Note

inated songwriter Michael Farren. Frye Family Band has performed with various artists, including guitarist Phil Keaggy, Statler Brothers tenor Jimmy Fortune, as well as Jordan Feliz and Stars Go Dim.

For more information, visit FryeFamilyBand.com or contact

The Rock Church at (260) 726-7474.

## Free diapers

Diapers and wipes will be available at no cost to the public next week.

The free distribution event will take place from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday in the women's building at Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E. Votaw St., Portland.

It's sponsored by Second Harvest Food Bank, in partnership with IU Health Jay Healthy Beginnings, Jay County Purdue Extension Office and Jay County Fair.

# Feeling is an essential need

By KWAME DAWES

In her poem, "Scarf," Rita Dove, with inimitable delicacy, efficiency and grace, captures something of the way in which our sensate bodies are often the true legislators of beauty.

Here, the sense of touch is celebrated through a beautiful image that evokes just how much our need to feel is as essential as breathing.

A Fulbright scholar, Dove studied at the Uni-

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versity of Tübingen in West Germany. She has received a number of honors and awards for her work, including the 2017 NAACP Image Award and the 2017 Library of Virginia Award.

## Scarf

Whoever claims beauty lies in the eye of the beholder

has forgotten the music silk makes settling across a bared

neck: skin never touched so gently except by a child

or a lover.

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## Marriage licenses

Lauren E. Durham, 22, Portland, and Andrew P. Newland, 22, Portland  
Morgan E. Link, 28, Tipton, Iowa, and Dylan J. Sutter, 27, Tipton, Iowa  
Alejandra Soto Garcia, 28, and Mynor Sebastian

Juarez Perez, 29, Portland  
Sandy L. Aller, 55, Redkey, and Jeanette E. Templeton, 55, Redkey  
Travis L. Gentry, 42, Dunkirk, and Felisha L. Harrison, 37, Dunkirk

# Epiphany leads to choice

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for two decades to a man who is incapable of connecting with anyone. It didn't become apparent until after we were married. He is very good at surface relationships but cannot go deeper than that. Because of this, he abused, isolated and ignored me. He didn't realize he was causing harm since he didn't regard me — and still doesn't regard me — as a person with emotions.

A friend I've known for a decade recently has confessed he's attracted to me. This man communicates with me without words. We connect easily and completely. We kissed one time, and for the first time I understood why people enjoy kissing and how it unites two people. With my husband, it's just a task to complete.

My husband has, for the most part, stopped abusing me. He has become a fairly decent man as long as I don't expect much from him. I can't decide if I should stay as the invisible wife or take a chance at being seen, cherished and loved.

The new relationship cannot move forward unless I'm divorced; but there's no guarantee we would be married or would even want to be. We definitely love each other, but still have a lot to learn about one another. Should I stay where

it's safe but heartbreakingly lonely, or take a chance that could either end well or very badly? — INVISIBLE WOMAN

DEAR INVISIBLE: For the last 20 years you have been living what you describe as a "heartbreakingly lonely" existence. Why have you tolerated it? If you do what you are considering and things don't work out, are you strong enough to go it alone in the future? Like any other investment, whether to pursue this depends upon your tolerance for risk. If you divorce, it should not be "for" anyone else, but only for yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I have a co-worker who bullies the team into attending funerals. These are not individuals who are close or well known to me or to the others. If a family member (or even an in-law) of someone who works with us passes away, this person demands



## Dear Abby

to know the funeral details and then bullies me (and the others) into going.

Abby, I understand one goes to funerals for the people who have lost someone and to pay respects. But I also think funerals are a touchy subject, and it is inappropriate to go if you don't even know the deceased's name or aren't close with the co-worker who sustained the loss. I always send flowers, a card and my condolences. Why must I also sit graveside? What is a good response (besides "No") when I am cornered to attend a funeral without starting WWII with this co-worker? — FORCED IN TEXAS

DEAR FORCED: All you need to say, in addition to "NO" is, "I'm not comfortable doing that, SO DON'T ASK ME AGAIN." Then stick to your guns and refuse to allow yourself to be arm-twisted into doing anything ON YOUR OWN TIME with which you are uncomfortable.

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

# Community Calendar

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

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

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance

at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

## Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

## 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.

# Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

## Tuesday's Solution

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

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# Entry in parade was unintentional

(Editor's note: Jack used to refer to parades as "Hi Jack" events, referencing the number of times he'd hear those words while taking photos. This column, being reprinted from July 18, 2012, references a parade he and the family became a part of completely by accident.)

By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

If there is a record for walking backwards down Meridian Street in Portland, I may hold it.

Another year, another Fourth of July parade. And this one may have been the hottest ever.

I know that after walking backwards about three blocks while shooting photos of the Marching Patriots and taking about 60 other pictures of various parade partic-

## Back in the Saddle



ipants and folks along the route, my face was so red that Dru Hall called to me from the parade and insisted I accept a bottle of water.

"Before you keel over," he said. But you can't use a camera properly with one hand, so I gave the bottle to a guy watching the parade and cooled off later after I got home.

For some reason, this year's parade, which was a long one (or

seemed longer because of the heat) got me thinking about another one in — of all places — a little town called Penn Yan in upper New York State.

It was, as I recall, the Fourth of July weekend and we were heading back to Indiana after a family vacation in New England.

My guess is that we were cutting down from the northern part of New York State, heading toward Bath, where we would pick up old route 17, the Southern Tier Expressway, which would take us toward the Midwest with less traffic and no tolls.

Our route took us through Penn Yan, a picturesque little town in the Finger Lakes region that I've always been fond of.

But the moment we hit the

edge of town, we knew something was up.

Traffic was clogged on the narrow streets. There were way too many people around for a typical Saturday downtown.

Finally, it hit us: A parade. So we ratcheted down our impatience and did our best to go with the flow.

But as we made our way through town, something became clear.

The "flow" we were going with was also the parade route.

All the traffic was going the direction we were, and we were suddenly finding ourselves in the position of being the parade's caboose.

We were the unofficial

parade entry that marked the parade's official conclusion.

The kids caught on first.

People were staring at the family car with anticipation. Maybe they were expecting us to throw candy at them.

What should we do? Someone asked from the back seat.

The answer: Wave. And wave we did.

We waved like Queen Elizabeth.

We waved like beauty queens.

We waved like anyone does who has ever found himself on a parade float.

We waved our way out of town, but as far as I know we never received an award for being the parade entry that came the farthest to the event.

# New law must have exceptions

The Republic (Columbus)

Indiana lawmakers will convene in July to consider banning abortion, which has been legal and available to women for nearly 50 years. The United States Supreme Court decided last week to strip federal abortion rights protections and handed to the states the decision on whether abortion will remain legal.

Women comprise more than half of the population of the state of Indiana.

Yet no less than their right to bodily autonomy and personal control of their own lives will be in the hands of the 34 women and 116 men who control the Indiana General Assembly.

If ours were a simpler world, we might have simpler laws. Such as, if you oppose abortion, do not have one. But we live in a world where the rights of individuals are subjugated and circumscribed for any number of reasons.

A woman's right to an abortion was never absolute. So it was startling to read in the wake of the Supreme Court ruling that state representatives said they would be open to an absolute ban on abortions.

Now that the supermajority Republican lawmakers in the Indiana General Assembly have a clear path to do as they please regarding abortion, they owe it to Hoosiers to act with restraint, compassion, humility, and above all, humanity.

We believe lawmakers must at the very least provide exceptions to a total ban on abortion for women whose pregnancy is the result of rape or incest, or whose pregnancy poses a risk to the life of the mother.

Regardless of anyone's personal views about abortion, this decision our lawmakers are planning to take is about so much more. Yes, it is about women's right to bodily autonomy and control of their own lives, but it's also about how much we as a state value personal privacy. The decision is also about how much control over a woman's life we are willing to sacrifice to the state.

Abortion-rights supporters and opponents are unlikely to ever see

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eye-to-eye, but you would think some common ground might be found in the proposition that the relationship between a woman and her doctor should be sacrosanct.

Who is the state of Indiana or any other meddling party to intrude in that relationship? Yet that is exactly what the Indiana legislature is inviting, if not insisting upon, if it chooses to widely ban abortion.

This decision also will be about the kind of state that Indiana is and will be in the future. Do we trust women to have agency to make decisions about their lives and their bodies?

And assuming for the sake of argument that the answer to this question is no, what is the punishment for a woman who chooses to terminate a pregnancy for reasons that until now were simply no one else's business?

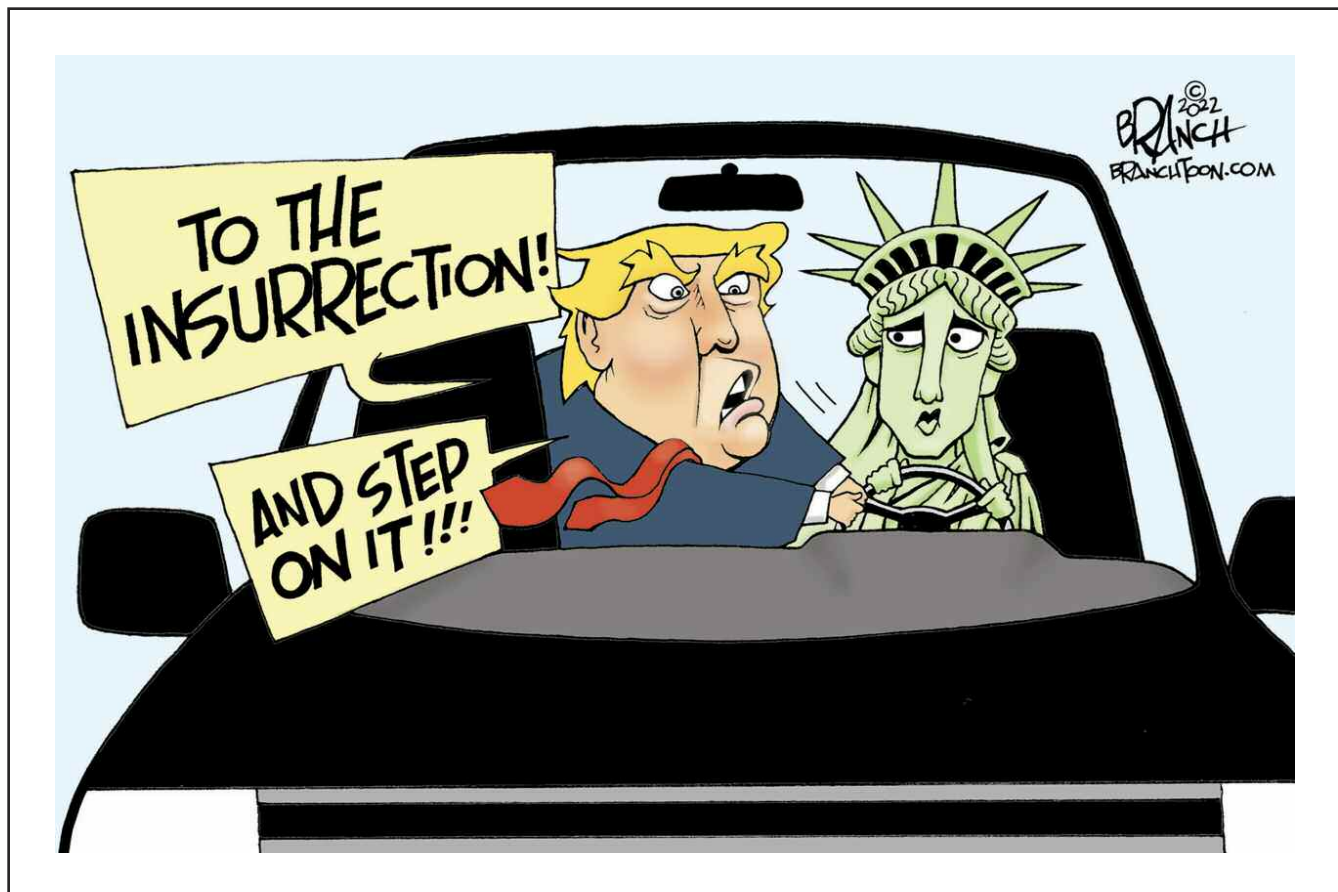
What do we do with a doctor who advises a woman that an abortion is a medical necessity?

What about a doctor who performs an abortion that is medically necessary?

What do we do about a woman who travels out of state to obtain an abortion?

What about a woman who has a miscarriage, then seeks medical attention?

These questions are just the tip of the iceberg — an iceberg the Indiana General Assembly will sail directly into in July.



# Putin commits repeated atrocities

By TRUDY RUBIN  
The Philadelphia Inquirer  
Tribune News Service

When a 2,000-pound Russian missile slammed into a crowded shopping mall in the central Ukrainian city of Kremenchuk on Monday — killing at least 18 people buying bathing suits or blenders — that was par for the course for Russia.

Only the day before, Sunday, a barrage of Russian missiles pounded a quiet civilian neighborhood in the center of Kyiv, smashing a high-rise apartment building.

The latest Russian slaughter came as the leaders of the world's seven richest democracies, known as the G-7, were meeting in Krün, Germany — just ahead of a NATO summit in Madrid. Ukrainian officials think Russian President Vladimir Putin was sending a grim message to both groups that he can win this war, despite Western sanctions. Never mind how many innocent civilians Russia kills.

Neither angry rhetoric — nor more sanctions — will stop Russia's war crimes in time to save Ukraine. How many Russian atrocities will it take to convince European leaders — and the Biden team — that there is only one way to halt Putin: Provide Ukraine with (still-absent) long-range heavy weapons to counter Putin's bombs and missiles and push Russian invaders off its land.

Judging by the G-7 meeting, Washington and its allies don't have the will, or the sense of urgency, to help Ukraine save itself and the West from Putin's imperial lust.

"This is not an accidental hit, this is a calculated Russian strike exactly onto this shopping center," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said after the Kremenchuk attack.

At the U.N. Security Council on Tuesday, Zelenskyy rightly called Putin's Russia a "terrorist state," listing scores of missiles unleashed on civilians in several Ukrainian cities, killing many women and children, just over the past four days. "In any other part of the world [these daily attacks] would be called terrorism," Zelenskyy said.

## Trudy Rubin



He is correct. Yet words won't stop Moscow's terrorist assault.

Vladimir Putin is the unabashed lord of war crimes in the 21st century. Or as his foreign minister, Sergey Lavrov, put it last week, "Russia is not squeaky clean. Russia is what it is. And we are not ashamed of showing what we are."

As if the constant targeting of civilians is insufficiently criminal, Putin's Russia has also blockaded Ukrainian ports, preventing the export of grain that is desperately needed to feed citizens of Africa and the Middle East.

Of course, the Russians deny every atrocity, from the deliberate destruction of thousands of schools, hospitals, and civilian high-rise apartment buildings across the country.

This is not the "normal" carnage of war. Firstly, the battles in Ukraine are not the consequence of war, but of an unprovoked invasion by Russia. They are on orders of an all-powerful Putin, who — like Hitler — makes no secret of his imperialist ambitions to seize neighboring land he believes was wrongfully taken from historic Russia. That includes Ukraine, which Putin says has no right to be a state.

More to the point, Putin is pursuing a deliberate strategy of laying waste to cities, towns, and villages using long-range artillery, bombs, and rockets, since his troops are unable to defeat Ukrainian forces in close battle. He is trying to take over Ukraine chunk by chunk, at present in the eastern Donbas region, and in the south along the Black Sea.

Putin's goal is to unilaterally annex these chunks into Russia, leaving an economically unviable rump Ukraine cut off from its agricultural and industrial heartlands, and its sea

ports. Then he can regroup and try again to take Kyiv.

In the words of one of Putin's acolytes, former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev (a sycophant, who like Donald Trump's Rudy Giuliani, says what even the boss won't acknowledge publicly): "Who said that in two years Ukraine will even exist on the world map?"

NATO allies like France and Germany, reeling from higher gas prices, nurture hopes that Putin can be coaxed somehow into negotiations. This is self-delusion. Putin has twisted and broken every agreement Russia has made with Ukraine.

That includes the 1994 Helsinki agreement by which Washington, London, and Moscow agreed to respect Ukraine's sovereignty if it gave up the nuclear weapons it had acquired during the days of the Soviet Union, and the so-called Minsk negotiating framework that Moscow agreed to after invading eastern Ukraine in 2014. Putin scorned them both.

At the G-7 meeting, a frustrated Zelenskyy appealed to leaders for more military support to push Russia out of newly conquered territory in the east and south before winter, when the frozen ground will make it easier for Russian forces to move tanks, artillery, and supplies.

Ukraine cannot withstand a long war of attrition, in which the Russians lay waste to the country with unlimited artillery, rocket, and air strikes.

The West's drip, drip, drip of heavy weapons — always too little and too late to prevent Putin's war crimes from the air — is helping to kill Ukraine slowly. As NATO nations meet, they must decide whether they want to permit Putin's terrorist attacks to continue — or whether they will finally accelerate the shipments of weapons that Ukraine needs to win.

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# Felony courts

## Dependent neglect

An Ohio woman was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Circuit Court.

Chelsy L. Paris, 28, 230 E. Weller St., Ansonia, was sentenced to two years in Jay County Jail with all but 32 days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Paris was placed on probation for 698 days.

## Explosive device

A Portland man pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of a destructive or explosive device, a Level 5 felony.

Brandon M. Ferner, 27, 1085 N. 600 East, was sentenced to 36 months in Indiana Department of Correction with 32 months suspended and given credit for time served. Ferner was assessed \$185 in court costs. (His charge was originally filed as a Level 2 felony.)

## Dealing drugs

Two women were sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing drugs.

Kayla M. Anderson, 30, 255 S. Union St., Pennville, pleaded guilty to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony. She was sentenced to 10 years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Anderson was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 4 felony for dealing in a narcotic drug and two Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful possession of a syringe were dismissed.

April R. Snyder, 40, pleaded guilty to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony. She was sentenced to 12 years in Indiana Department of Correction with four years suspended and given credit for time served. She was fined a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of her plea agreement, two Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

## Common nuisance

A Michigan man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony.

Juan A. Roman-Molina, 46, 4448 Jefferson Ave., Kentwood, Michigan, was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 180 days credit for time served. Roman-Molina was assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for dealing marijuana was dismissed.

## Criminal confinement

A Fletcher man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to criminal confinement, a Level 5 felony.

Tyler M. Brown, 23, 3760 U.S. 36, was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. He was assessed \$185 in court costs and recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning that upon completing a substance abuse treatment program, the court will consider modifying his sentence.

As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for strangulation, a Class A misdemeanor for battery resulting in bodily injury and two Class B misdemeanors for criminal mischief and public intoxication.

# Board ...

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Board members Brian Ison, Shauna Runkle, Glen Bryant and McFarland, absent Michael Brewster, approved Hemmelgarn's request that the board's current policy, which gives pee wee football priority for the field from August through October, be modified to June through October.

McFarland noted that if the board is going to ask that the field not be used for soccer for an extended period, it should provide alternate areas for the sports to be played. (Within the last year, the board had discussed the possibility of adding a soccer field at Milton Miller Park.)

Board members also approved funding to re-hang

lights at the west baseball/softball field at Weiler-Wilson Park. Shauver said the tops of the poles and cross beams are rotting and present a safety hazard. Shauver said he also plans to have safety chains installed.

In other business, the board: •Heard from Shauver that parks employees are repainting picnic tables, "tee pads"

are being installed for the disc golf course at Hudson Family Park and one of the shuffleboard courts at Portland Memorial Park will be painted this summer.

•Approved a liability form for groups utilizing city parks for organized sports and recreational activities. Such groups are required to provide proof of liability insurance.

# Rules ...

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She asked why there seems to be a "hyper focus" on following the trash ordinance to the letter while others are not so strictly enforced.

Vormohr suggested council take another look at the ordinance and consider changes including picking up all trash, supplying additional Toters at a lower cost to help larger families and better publicizing city-wide clean-up days during which large items can be dropped off at the street department.

Ed May, a rural Portland resident, spoke to council about the new city ordinance that requires golf carts driven in the city to be registered. He complained that he had been charged the \$35 registration rate for Portland residents rather than the \$18 for non-residents.

Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips clarified that the ordinance reads that the

\$35 is for "those with a Portland address."

Mayor John Boggs said the intention of the ordinance was for the \$35 fee to be for those who live within the city limits. (Many Jay County residents who live outside of the city have Portland postal addresses.) He said he would work with city attorney Wes Schemenauer on writing updated language to bring to council to clarify the ordinance.

Matt Goldsworthy asked that his fellow council members consider implementing a flat \$25 rate for all golf carts in order to eliminate any confusion. (He had suggested the same idea in May when the ordinance was originally approved.)

Portland resident Robert Moore was also critical of the ordinance, saying no new registrations should be issued until the ordinance is updated. He and Goldsworthy got into a contentious back-and-forth.

Boggs suggested council members send their suggestions regarding the ordinance to the mayor's office and that modifications could be voted on at council's July 18 meeting.

Council member Janet Powers suggested they also offer any suggestions for changes to the trash collection ordinance.

In other business, council:

•Approved tax abatement compliance forms for 11 businesses with 30 active abatements. Those abatements are with Pennville Custom Cabinetry, FCC, Fisher Packing, Fort Recovery Industries, IOM Grain, MSSL Wiring, Priority Plastics, St. Henry Tile, Stay Jay Hotels, TLS by Design and Tyson Foods and represent about \$97 million in investments. The city's tax abatement advisory committee had reviewed the abatements and recommended approval.

•OK'd creating a new

fund for accepting donations for a Safe Haven Baby Box at the fire department.

•Approved a loan of \$11,827.17 at 4.5% interest to Cryo Beauty and Wellness from the city's revolving loan fund for the purchase of a pulse electromagnetic frequency machine. Cryo has a four-year repayment schedule.

•Agreed to close High Street between Commerce and Meridian streets from 4 to 10 p.m. Sept. 3 for a Secret Families of Jay County Christmas Charity fundraiser.

•Heard the mayor, responding to a question from Golden, say that the city is waiting for federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be released in order to move forward with the Meridian Street storm sewer project. The city is using the entirety of its \$1.355 million allotment of ARPA funds to help pay for the \$2.42 million project.

•Heard Gillespie ask

whether the street department has been patching potholes this summer, noting some at the intersection of Ship and Arch streets. Boggs said he would address the issue with the street department.

•Heard the following from Boggs:

—A June 29 meeting with Indiana Department of Transportation representatives and impacted property owners regarding plans for the 2023 paving of U.S. 27 (Meridian Street) in Portland went well.

—The first concert in the Arts Place series at Hudson Family Park — it featured My Yellow Rickshaw, headed by Jay County native Nathan Klatt — was well-received with about 275 in attendance.

—Thanks for all those involved in putting together 4th of July activities, including the parade, activities at the fairgrounds and fireworks.

# Increases ...

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"This is not going to be a situation that resolves itself quickly," Hardin said.

"As we move through the summer and into the fall, which honestly, for us, we use more fuel during the harvest season than we do for planting, this will impact us."

Major price increases for fertilizer have been the biggest hit to farmers so far, he continued.

For Hardin, nitrogen fertilizer, which many Indiana farmers depend on for corn crops, costs roughly double than it did last year. Fertilizers he's purchased containing phosphorus — a key

ingredient in many animal feeds — have increased by about 50%.

Tauer said fertilizer prices across the board are up for all farmers, between 300% and 500%.

He added that an increasing number of Hoosier farmers have adopted no-till practices to keep

nutrients in the soil — decreasing the need for as much fertilizer.

Overall, most farmers in the state have cut back on how much fertilizer they lay out for their crops in some way, Tauer continued, although Hardin noted they walk a fine line in doing so.

# Deeds

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Deloris J. Botts and John R. Hare to Heather Clemmons, quiet title — Lot 3, Sullivan George Addition  
Lukas Darby to Natividad de Jesus Bermudez, warranty deed — Lot 19 and Part of Lot 18, McLaughlin Addition

Brett S. Patterson to Brenda and Randy Duerr, warranty deed — Part of Lot 2, Block 7, original plat of Dunkirk

Joyce Carlin to Alec J. Lewis, personal representative deed — Part of Section 36, Pike Township, 8.63 acres



## CTE ...

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And in his 30s he had experienced anxiety, depression, apathy and worsening memory loss. CTE, which can be diagnosed only posthumously, has been widely linked with the playing of football. In 2019, Boston University researchers found that, because of the game's pounding and repeated head collisions, "there is a strong relationship between CTE risk and the number of years a person plays foot-

ball." At the professional, college and high school levels, concussion protocols have been instituted to protect players. Thomas' parents told ABC News that he had been demonstrating erratic behavior. "His mood would change, and he would also isolate himself sometimes," Thomas' mother, Katina Smith, said. "(Demaryius) would tell me, he was like, 'Mom, I don't know what's goin' on with my body — I gotta get

myself together.' And he said, 'I don't feel like myself anymore.'" Bobby Thomas, Thomas' father, also witnessed those behavior changes. "He was paranoid, like, all the time. But memory loss, I saw that, as well," Thomas said. "Every single day, he complained about, about having a headache." Thomas did not die from CTE, however. Boston University neuropathologist and CTE Center director Ann McKee told ABC

that CTE does not cause death, but that "what CTE does is it changes your behavior and your personality." The Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office had yet to release a public report on the cause of Thomas' death as of Tuesday, but the family said that Thomas died from a seizure, which is not a common symptom of CTE. According to his family, Thomas had begun suffering seizures since a 2019 car acci-

dent. He retired from football in June 2021. It was a tragic end for a man who had overcome the most trying circumstances growing up in Laurens County, Georgia, to achieve stardom. After achieving All-American status at Georgia Tech, Thomas became a first-round draft pick of the Denver Broncos, the start of a 10-year NFL career in which he earned five Pro Bowl designations and won a Super Bowl.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Thursday**  
Jay County Summer Swim Team vs. North Adams Central - 6 p.m.  
Portland Rockets at Muncie Chiefs - 7 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro - Austria vs. England (ESPN2)

6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Mets at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
7:20 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves (ESPN)

### Thursday

8:15 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon - Women's semifinals (ESPN)  
1 p.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon - Mixed doubles final (ESPN)

3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro - Northern Ireland vs. Norway (ESPN2)  
7 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Chicago Sky at Indiana Fever (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — NHL draft (ESPN)

### Local notes

**Outing scheduled**  
Portland Mayor John Boggs will host his Mayor's Golf Outing on Friday at Portland Golf Club.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at noon. Registration will run from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

The outing will be limited to the first 20 four-person teams to sign up. Registration forms are available at city hall, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland, or by emailing lkelly@thecityof-portland.net.

**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 9 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.

**5K circuit continues July 4**  
The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will continue with a race July 16.

The next event in the eight-race circuit is the Sculpt Fitness 5K, which begins at 8 a.m. July 16 in downtown Dunkirk. Registration is \$25.

The final race in the circuit will be the JRDS 5K on Aug. 6.

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	Amount Approved
COUNTY GENERAL	
1000-009-10-0046 Prosecutor Witness Fees	\$9,500.00
1000-232-30-0055 Circuit Court- Court Appointed Doctors/Psychiatrist	\$3,000.00
LIT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
1112-001-30-0059 Arts in the Parks	\$1,000.00
1112-001-30-0197 Brianna's Hope	\$18,000.00
1112-001-30-0202 Community Development Projects	\$15,000.00
COUNTY CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	
1138-001-40-0048 Equipment Loan Payments	\$107,303.02
1138-001-40-0082 Highway Salt Barn	\$102,000.00
DRUG FREE COMMUNITY	
1148-001-30-0126 Jay County Organization	\$20,496.30
HIGHWAY	
1173-002-20-0054 Stone, Gravel, Aggregates	\$300,000.00
FIREARMS FUND	
4906-001-40-0034 Firearms Equipment	\$2,866.27
EMPG FFY21 WEATHER RADIOS	
8123-001-40-0017 Radios	\$12,000.00
Total	\$591,165.59

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By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38C01-2111-MF-000009 wherein United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, its successors and assigns, United States Department of Agriculture was Plaintiff, and Julia L. Morrison, were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 4th day of August, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 am or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 224 W. Water Street, Portland, IN 47371, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana.

Lot 24 Beam Place South, Portland, Indiana, the plat of which is recorded as Document Number 9901682, Page 1 and the protective and restrictive covenants being recorded as Document Number 9901663, Pages 1-5 all in the Office of the Jay County Recorder  
More commonly known as: 122 Honeysuckle Ln., Portland, IN 47371  
Parcel No. 38-07-29-201-025.024-034  
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal matters.  
"Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 38C01-2111-MF-000009 in the Circuit court of the County of Jay, Indiana."

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Our Water 2021  
A Water Quality Report from the City of Dunkirk Water Utility

This report contains information on the source of water, its quality, and the health risks of any contaminants our water contains. To Comply with Safe Drinking Water Act the City of Dunkirk issues this report discussing the monitoring that has been performed on its drinking water. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect our precious water resources.

The City of Dunkirk Water Utility is pleased to provide the information in this report to you as a customer so that you will be informed about the quality of water used by you and your family. In 2021, the Water Utility supplied over 158 million gallons of water to our residential, commercial, and industrial customers. We are proud to announce that in 2021, our water exceeded all applicable State and Federal standards.

Where does Dunkirk's Water come from?  
The City's water system is supplied by six (6) wells located North and West of the City. These wells are in the well head protection plan area. It is supplied by the Teays River System. The Teays River System is an underground network of waterways located about five (5) miles North of Dunkirk. No surface water is used in Dunkirk's water system. All of the required testing and sampling is performed on the finished water supply.

Immunological Questions  
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as people with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk for infections. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

Dunkirk Water Quality  
Throughout the year, the Dunkirk Water Utility is required to test for bacterial contaminants that may be harmful to you. We are pleased to inform you that during the year 2021 our test results have shown no regulated contaminants were detected at levels exceeding Federal standards. For more information, please contact the Dunkirk City Utilities at (765) 768-6050. Or attend a City Council meeting in Council Chambers - Dunkirk City Hall - 131 South Main Street at 7 PM, 2nd Mondays each Month. Our system number is; PWSID: IN5238001  
The State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of the contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. The following data is from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations set forth by the USEPA. The presence of these contaminants in the drinking water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Special note on Lead:  
If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Our system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.  
The source of drinking water (both tap and bottled) includes river, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, spring and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases, radioactive material, it may also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:  
• Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.  
• Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.  
• Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water runoff and residential uses.  
• Organic Chemicals, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.  
• Radioactive materials, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations established limits for contaminants. The presence of contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.  
No synthetic Organic Compounds were found at or above detection levels.

MCL	MCLG	Sample Level	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic	0.010 mg/L	N/A	0.0010	Aug of 2021 Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	2 mg/L	2 mg/L	.07 mg/L	Aug of 2021 Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	4 mg/L	4 mg/L	1.41 mg/L	Aug of 2021 Water additive which promotes strong teeth
Chromium	100 mg/LI	100 mg/L	<0.005mg/LI	Aug of 2021 Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	AL = 15 mg/L	1.3 mg/L	0.15 mg/L	Aug of 2021 Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits, leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead Nitrate (as nitrogen)	AL = 15 ug/L	15 ug/L	2.6 ug/L	Aug of 2021 Erosion of natural deposits, runoff from fertilizer use.
Nickel	N/A	N/A	<0.01Mg/L	Aug of 2021 Erosion of natural deposits, leaching.
Sodium	N/A	N/A	32.5 Mg/L	Aug of 2021 Erosion of natural deposits, leaching.
Gross Alpha	15 pCi/l	15 pCi/l	0 pCi/l	Mar of 2015 Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross Beta	50 pCi/l	50 pCi/l	0.9 pCi/l	Mar of 2015 Erosion of natural deposits.
Total Haloacetic Acids	60	N/A	5.2 ug/L	Aug of 2021 By products of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes	80	N/A	7.2 ug/L	Aug of 2021 By products of drinking water chlorination
Total Coliform	0	0	n/a	Microbiological Contaminants Naturally present in the environment.
Chlorine Residual	4 MRDL	N/A	Jan-Dec 21	Residual Disinfectant Monthly Ave Water additive (disinfectant) used to control microbiological organisms.

## Jay dominates pair

Two foes provided little challenge for the home team.

Jay County Summer Swim Team finished first in nearly 78% of the events, including 17 of 20 relays, as it raced up 1,140 points in a three-team meet Tuesday at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Huntington was a distant second with 272 points and Union City finished with 162.

Elly Byrum led a sweep of the 11-12-year-old girls events as she took first place in the long freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. Brooklyn Byrum was first in the butterfly and short freestyle, and Maria Laux won the individual medley.

Jay County also won every individual event in the 8-and-younger boys — Sawyer Hemmelgarn was first in the butterfly, individual medley and breaststroke — and 13-14-year-old boys divisions.

The team had two triple event winners in the 9-10-year-old bracket, with Jordyn Champ taking the girls backstroke, individual medley and breaststroke while Finn Hemmelgarn reached the wall first in the long freestyle, individual medley and short freestyle.

Avery Wentz was first in the 13-14-year-old girls butterfly, backstroke and individual medley, Addisyn Champ won the 8-and-younger girls butterfly, individual medley and short freestyle and Mara Bader took the 15-and-older butterfly and breaststroke as well as the open 200 freestyle.

Adding two wins apiece for Jay County were Jackson Westgerdes, Abrahm Lee, Carson Westgerdes, Lauren Fish-

### Local roundup

er, Matthew Fisher, David Keen, Brasen Glassford and Josh Monroe.

### Wings advances

Wings and Rings will play for the Portland Junior League Rookie softball championship after defeating Portland Optimists 15-3 in Tuesday's semifinal.

In other PJJ tournament games Tuesday, PG-14 outlasted Portland Optimists 15-14 in Willie Mays baseball and Loy Real Estate and Auction defeated Portland Forge 15-4 in Sandy Koufax baseball.

Kierstyn White led Wings and Rings to its semifinal win, smacking two triples as part of a 4-for-4 effort at the plate. She scored three times.

Emma Wilhelm was 3-for-3 with three runs, Kendall Evans finished 3-for-3 with two runs.

Eli Homan led the PG-14 victory by going 3-for-3 with two triples, a double and two RBIs while also striking out seven in 2 2/3 innings on the mound. Grant Fennig got the win in relief as he struck out three batters in two innings.

Peyton Yowell's 4-for-4 evening, which included a double and three RBIs, led the way for Loy. Issac Scott had three hits, including a double, and two RBIs.

Rysin Blowers smacked a couple of hits for Portland Forge.



Ariel Beiswanger swims the backstroke leg of the 13-14-year-old girls 200-yard individual medley Tuesday during the Jay County Summer Swim Team's victory over Huntington North and Union City at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

## Scherzer returns strong vs. Reds

*New York pitcher struck out 11 in six innings*

By **TIM HEALEY**  
Newsday  
Tribune News Service

CINCINNATI — Nearly seven weeks removed from his most recent major-league game, having endured a grueling rehabilitation of the most serious in-season injury of his career, Max Scherzer returned Tuesday night looking about the same as ever: utterly excellent.

Scherzer tossed six shutout innings, struck out 11 and threw only 79 pitches against the Reds.

His dominance — and mere presence, for that matter — meant a lot for the Mets moving forward. They have one of their aces healthy again, with the other, Jacob deGrom, expected back by the end of the month, positioning them as well as they could hope for the playoff chase.

In his re-debut, Scherzer allowed two hits, walked none and retired 14 of his final 15 batters.

The tangible assurances that he had moved past his once-strained left oblique came in the first inning, when he retired the top of the Cincinnati lineup in order on nine pitches.

The only modicum of trouble he encountered came during a 22-pitch second, when Donovan Solano singled and Scherzer hit Mike Moustakas to put two runners on with one out. Nick Senzel's flyout to right moved Solano to third. Then Scherzer ramped up his fastball to 97.1 mph — his fastest pitch of the year — for a called third strike on Matt Reynolds (who was briefly his teammate with the Mets in April).

Altogether, the outing was a promising first sign that Scherzer's return indeed will be a boon to a Mets rotation that missed him.

From Opening Day through May 18, when he got hurt, the starters had a 3.23 ERA (in 39 games). That was second best in the National League (behind the Dodgers) and fourth best in the majors.

From May 19 through Monday, the day before Scherzer came back, the starters had a 4.92 ERA (in 41 games). That was in the bottom third of the majors, between the rebuilding/generally aimless Orioles and Pirates.

Scherzer's impact extends beyond the field, too.

"It's nice having his persona back," Showalter said. "Sometimes that persona plays better when you're contributing. So I think that's what he's looking forward to."

Pitching opposite Scherzer was Cincinnati rookie lefthander Nick Lodolo, who went 4 2/3 shutout innings in the best of his four major-league starts. He was returning from injury, too, having suffered a back strain in April. The Mets had more batters reach via walk/hit-by-pitch (four total) than via hit (three) against Lodolo, who struck out eight.

Their appearances took just a tad longer than anyone expected because the game was delayed 53 pitches by a threat of rain — not actual rain, to be clear, just the potential for it. The grounds at Great American Ball Park remained dry throughout.

The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

## Big 12 looks to add teams

By **PETE GRATHOFF**  
The Kansas City Star  
Tribune News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Just 12 months ago, the Big 12 Conference was rocked by news that Texas and Oklahoma planned to depart the league for the Southeastern Conference in 2025.

That left the prospect of the Big 12 having just eight active members, but the conference moved quickly to add Houston, BYU, Cincinnati and Central Florida to its ranks no later than July 1, 2024.

At the time, back in early September, it meant the conference was guaranteed to once more have 12 members.

But that number could be changing again.

Dennis Dodd of CBS Sports reported Tuesday that Big 12 is "in deep discussions" about adding multiple Pac-12 schools to the conference following USC and UCLA's move to the Big Ten.

"Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado and Utah were mentioned specifically as the teams being targeted by the Big 12," Dodd wrote.

"There is also consider-

ation of adding Oregon and Washington to make the Big 12 an 18-team league, the largest in the FBS. A merger of the Big 12 and Pac-12, in some form, is also a possibility."

The Big 12 Conference has acted quickly to explore the possibility of adding Pac-12 programs to its ranks after news of the Big Ten's recruitment of USC and UCLA.

But the Pac-12 is not sitting by idly, announcing Tuesday that the league's board of directors had met and "authorized the Conference to immediately begin negotiations for its next media rights agreement" without USC and UCLA.

That may not be enough to dissuade the Big 12 from making a move to invite multiple Pac-12 members.

"(O)ne industry source suggested the Big 12 should quickly expand with Pac-12 teams then go to market early with rights-holders to get ahead of the Pac-12," Dodd wrote of a future potential TV deal. "The Pac-12 deal with Fox and ESPN expires in 2024. The Big 12's deal with the same networks expires in 2025."

## Former receiver found to have CTE

By **KEN SUGIURA**  
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution  
Tribune News Service

ATLANTA — Former NFL receiver Demaryius Thomas, who died in December at the age of 33 of an apparent seizure, was found to have been suffering from the degenerative brain disease known as chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE.

The announcement was made Tuesday by the Boston University CTE

Center, which had received Thomas' brain from his family. Thomas was diagnosed with CTE stage 2. According to the release, symptoms of a stage-2 diagnosis include impulsivity, depression, executive dysfunction and memory loss. The release also said that Thomas had suffered from daily headaches, chronic pain and vision issues in his 20s.

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