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Rakish fill ins

Rakish — Maura Shawn Scanlin and Conor Hearn — perform Thursday as part of Arts Place’s summer concert series. The event had been set for the Hudson Family Park amphitheatre but was moved indoors to Asbury United Methodist Church because of the threat of rain in the forecast. Scanlin and Hearn flew in from Boston on less than a week’s notice to play Thursday after Robin and Linda Williams were unavailable to make their originally scheduled performance.

Grant awarded to Jay Schools

Funding will be use for readiness program

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Local schools will be getting some money to help prepare students for college and career.

Indiana Department of Education on Thursday approved \$10 million in Employability Skills Innovation and Implementation Grants, including \$310,200 for Jay School Corporation.

It was the seventh-largest grant amount approved in this round. (The largest — \$633,377.75 — went to Milan Community School Corporation of Ripley County.)

“While we know that academic mastery is essential to providing a strong foundation for a student’s future success, there are a number of other characteristics that also matter,” said Indiana Secretary of Education Katie Jenner in a press release. “This includes making sure students are equipped with skills like the ability to respectfully communicate and collaborate with others. The schools receiving this grant will be on the cutting edge of determining how best to measure these important skills, not just through an assessment, but through experiences. Congratulations to all of the awardees who are helping to lead this educational progress in understanding how skill development can be measured across Indiana.”

Jay School Corporation plans to utilize the funding to implement use of Xello software that is used for college and career readiness.

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Departments to get new vehicles

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Portland’s police and street departments will be getting new vehicles.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved the purchase of two lightly used cars for the police department and the lease of two new trucks for the street department.

Assistant police chief Steve Schlechty had explained to Portland City Council on Monday and reiterated Thursday to the board of works that two of the depart-

ment’s current vehicles are out of commission because of transmission problems and a third is experiencing electrical issues. He suggested purchasing two used police vehicles that had been turned in by a Florida department and are being sold by Chicago Motors of Illinois. The 2019 Dodge Chargers have 28,000 and 31,000 miles, respectively.

Board of works members Jerry Leonhard, Steve McIntosh and Mayor John Boggs approved the purchases at costs of \$17,995 and \$18,995.

City council, which on Monday gave its blessing to move forward with the purchase, will need to approve an additional appropriation to cover the cost of the vehicles.

Also Thursday, the board of works approved the lease of two 2022 GMC Sierra 1500s through Enterprise Fleet Management. The cost for the new vehicles is \$10,646.52 each per year over a three-year period. (The department will also be trading in two vehicles to bring that cost down.) The estimated re-sale

value of the trucks after that period is \$24,468 apiece.

These are the first vehicles coming to the city through Enterprise after the board of works and city council agreed to contract with the company for vehicles earlier this year. The program is designed to save money in the long term by rotating newer vehicles, taking advantage of Enterprise’s ability to re-sell them and drastically reducing maintenance and fuel costs.

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Jay back to medium

By RAY COONEY

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After a one-week jump to high, the county’s COVID-19 level is down again.

Jay County’s COVID-19 community level was at medium in Thursday’s update from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

With 216 cases, July’s total was the highest for Jay County since recording a pandemic high 906 in January. (February’s total was 215 before case numbers plummeted to fewer than one a day in March, April and May.)

The county recorded double-digit new cases eight times in July, including 13 on July 29. There have been fewer than five new cases — including none July 31 — in the last four days. (Data from the previous week is preliminary.)

Jay County’s community level for COVID-19 was low for 19 consecutive weeks before increasing to medium in the July 14 CDC update. It jumped to high last week before falling back to medium this week.

In the area, Randolph, Delaware and Wells counties were all at medium, while Blackford County’s

County’s 216 July cases were most since January

community level is high. Adams County is one of only five in the state with a community level of low. Mercer and Darke counties in Ohio are rated high as well.

Statewide, 49 of Indiana’s 92 counties have a high community level of COVID-19. Thirty-eight came in at medium.

The CDC recommends staying up to date with vaccines and getting tested if symptoms arise. Those who have symptoms, have tested positive or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. (Those who are at high risk for severe illness should consider additional precautions.)

At-home COVID-19 tests are available for free from the federal government and can be ordered online from covidtests.gov.

As cases have climbed, hospitalizations for

COVID-19 have also increased but are not close to the peak levels from January. The number of those hospitalized with COVID-19 in the state has hovered between 600 and 700 over the last couple of weeks. The high mark was more than 3,000 in January.

Jay County has not had a death related to COVID-19 since early March.

Coronavirus is mainly spread through droplets or particles from an infected person coughing, sneezing, talking or breathing.

Coronavirus causes a range of symptoms, including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, which can appear two to 14 days after exposure.

Sweet slide

A boy slips down the slide at Fort Recovery Ambassador Pool on Sunday during the village’s National Night Out.



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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 85 degrees Thursday. The low was 67 and there was about 0.15 inches of rain.

Tonight’s low will be 68 with a 20% chance of showers and thun-

derstorms. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with a high of 85 and a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon.

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 Salamon Fire Station.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from the Jay County Marching Patriots at Indiana State Fair Band Day.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday’s Jay County Commissioners and Dunkirk City Council meetings.



House, Senate reach agreement

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

The House and Senate reached a deal for distributing more than \$1 billion in surplus accounts and providing \$75 million in direct appropriations and discretionary funding for social service programs in the wake of an abortion ban.

The deal was part of an amendment approved Thursday to Senate Bill 2.

The bill now combines elements from the Senate's initial proposal and House, including a \$200 inflation relief payment to qualifying Hoosiers, \$1 billion in

pension stabilization funding, agency funding for social services and a cap on the gas use tax.

It leaves out a utility tax break that the Senate had proposed.

Gov. Eric Holcomb, who called for the special session in June to address inflation relief, released a statement celebrating the \$200 payments.

"I'm grateful they have acted swiftly and collaboratively to advance this much needed bill to third reading," Holcomb said in the statement. "No less important is the package of robust programming to strengthen the health outcomes for Hoosier women and babies... I look for-

ward to signing it as soon as it arrives on my desk."

Rep. Tim Brown, R-Crawfordsville, said the decrease from the proposed \$225 to \$200 is because of the anticipated 300,000-900,000 additional Hoosiers on Social Security and disability benefits who will qualify for the payments.

"This is more money going back to citizens to spend how they desire," Brown said.

Rather than requiring an affidavit filed with the Department of Revenue, as initially suggested, Hoosiers on disability and Social Security will receive a tax credit.

Newly eligible Hoosiers can apply for the \$200 tax credit when filing 2022 tax returns next year. Many of those Hoosiers, whose low income disqualifies them, don't file income taxes regularly but still pay sales taxes.

House Speaker Todd Huston, R-Fishers, said lawmakers were talking to the administration on how to contact those Hoosiers to "make sure they know they are eligible."

However, some lawmakers didn't approve of the cut included in the House and Senate deal.

"There are some of us who don't think \$225 is enough," Rep. Cherrish Pryor, D-Indianapolis,

said while announcing her amendment to increase the payment to \$325. "In particular, when we have residents who are struggling to pay their bills... and the state is in a very good position to help out their citizens."

The amendment failed. Huston said he'd love to increase the amount distributed but said his caucus prioritized getting money to those Hoosiers on Social Security and disability benefits.

"It just means that the \$1 billion dollars goes into a bigger denominator and so it turns from \$225 to \$200," Huston said.

CR almanac

Saturday 8/6	Sunday 8/7	Monday 8/8	Tuesday 8/9	Wednesday 8/10
85/70	87/72	85/65	75/60	79/60
Saturday has a 30% chance of thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Partly sunny.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday. There is another 30% chance of rain.	Monday's weather looks like thunderstorms with a 70% chance of rain. Showers may continue at night.	Tuesday has a 40% chance of thunderstorms under partly sunny skies.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Wednesday, with a high in the upper 70s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	28-31-33-36-39-43-49-55-61-65-66-69-70-73-74-80 Cash 5: 13-26-33-34-40 Estimated jackpot: \$85,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$36 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 0-7-5 Pick 4: 3-8-4-0 Pick 5: 0-7-1-7-9 Evening Pick 3: 6-1-7 Pick 4: 1-0-4-1 Pick 5: 4-3-0-9-7 Rolling Cash: 5-9-25-36-38 Estimated jackpot: \$194,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 7-0-6 Daily Four: 0-0-9-0 Quick Draw: 3-4-7-21-23-31-36-39-46-48-50-51-52-53-54-58-61-66-70-71 Evening Daily Three: 7-0-5 Daily Four: 6-7-4-1 Quick Draw: 4-5-9-13-	

Markets

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Today in history

In 910, King Edward and Earl Aethelred led forces that defeated the last major Viking army to raid England in the Battle of Tettenhall.

In 1100, Henry I was crowned king of England.

In 1858, Julia Archibald Holmes became the first woman to reach the summit of Pikes Peak, climbing with her husband and two others.

In 1914, the first electric traffic light — it featured red and green lights — was installed in Cleveland.

In 1930, Neil Armstrong was born in Wapakoneta, Ohio. He became the first human to set foot on the moon as part of the Apollo 11 mission in 1969.

In 1972, Jay Circuit Court Judge Keith Fraser issued a temporary restraining order for United Telephone Company against Local 1321 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. In its filing, the company claimed that the union had been threatening unlawful acts.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room courthouse, 12 N. Court St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Jay County Regional Sewer District, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court 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.

Tuesday
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council work session, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, School-house Community Center.

Grant ...

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According to the corporation's grant application, the software "helps districts illustrate every possible graduation option" and "enables students to log into a user-friendly platform to build their own path to success based on career interests, future plans, and competencies."

Implementing Xello for the junior-senior high school comes at a cost of \$75,000 per year for three years.

Jay School superintendent Jeremy Gulley explained the software is a conduit to help students, teachers, counselors and parents be on the same page and work together toward post-secondary educational opportunities and career readiness. He explained the idea of a "Patriot Portfolio" that would be stored through

Xello and would include relevant skills and documents, like resumes, demonstration of financial literacy and student aid forms, to make them easily accessible for use when applying to colleges or jobs.

"Those important experiences and products we provide kids have a place to go," said Gulley. "We want them to understand how those classes, experiences ... you can highlight those things, put them in a Patriot Portfolio and use them."

The other \$100,000 will be split between providing stipends to training counselors and teachers about how to make the best use of Xello and to help teachers, especially in the vocational areas, develop hands-on, project-based learning experiences.

"I think the system is going to

make that easier for parents and kids," said Gulley. "That's our goal."

Other school districts receiving grants included Wes-Del (\$200,000), Randolph Central (Winchester) Schools (\$82,500), Randolph Eastern (Union City) Schools (\$100,000), Marion Community Schools (\$130,000) and New Castle Schools (\$150,500).

The state department of education also announced a partnership with All4Ed and BloomBoard to pilot a set of micro-credentials for career-readiness skills. Mitchell High School in Lawrence County, Purdue Polytechnic High School-South Bend in St. Joseph County and Irvington Community High School in Marion County will implement the pilot program this year.

Felony arrests

Dealing drugs

Two Redkey residents were arrested Thursday for dealing drugs and other related charges.

Cody J. Barger, 36, and Shauna B. Manor, 30, both of 518 S. Meridian St., were preliminarily charged with a Level 2 felony for dealing cocaine or a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine, two Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. Barger was released from Jay County Jail on a \$57,000 bond. Manor is being held on a \$60,000 bond at the jail.

Common nuisance

A Portland woman was arrested Thursday for maintaining a common nuisance.

Danielle L. Ingram, 19, 628 E. Main St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class C misdemeanor

for possession of paraphernalia.

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

Probation violation

A Portland man was arrested today for violating his probation and failing to appear in court.

Austin M. George, 20, 1212 N. Franklin St., pleaded guilty Nov. 2021 in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He also pleaded guilty in a separate case to another count

methamphetamine possession March 2022. George was charged in court July 8 with three Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful possession of a syringe, as well as a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana. He failed to appear for a court hearing July 18.

George is being held on a total \$6,500 in bonds at Jay County Jail.

Board ...

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In other business, the board:

•Approved facade repairs to the building owned by Robert Beymer at 123 N. Meridian St. John Hemmelgarn of Jay-Portland Building and Planning told the board coping had come down several years ago and there had been more recent issues with loose brick.

•OK'd a CDL training agreement with Austin Schlosser. The city will pay for Schlosser's training — in-person classes are now required by law — if he agrees to work for the city for at least three years. If he leaves before three

years, he will be responsible for paying back all or a portion of the cost of the training.

•Heard Leonhard ask about keeping up on city code violations. Boggs reported that the city's code enforcement officer had some time off but is catching up on those duties.

SERVICES

Friday
Ames, Kenneth: 6 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday
Wyrick, Eva: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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50th anniversary



Steve and Laura Laux - 2022

Steve and Laura Laux

Laura and Steve Laux of Portland are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today.

Steve Laux and Laura Bogard wed Aug. 5, 1972, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Portland.

They have three children, Andy (Heather) Laux of Indianapolis, Cathy (Adam) Fugiett of Redkey and Emily (Kraig) Homan of Dunkirk, and 10 grandchildren.

Steve retired from Portland Teledyne Forge, and Laura retired from Raymond James and Associates. Plans are to celebrate the occasion with family.



Laura and Steve Laux - 1972

Employee wants out of mandatory club

DEAR ABBY: I have worked for the same company for 20 years.

For the last eight years, I was part of an office book club, mostly because I was pressured regularly by the boss to participate. The members were mostly a clique of "mean girls." I never felt a part of it or comfortable, but I pushed through the once-a-month meetings to keep the peace.

When COVID sent everyone home to work the past two years, the book club was over, or so I thought, hoped and prayed. As things are loosening up now, though, the pressure is mounting again. I do not want to return to that routine, but the powers that be don't seem to accept any excuse or reason. After 24 months of freedom, forcing me back into it is causing great anxiety. What would you

Dear Abby



advise me to say or do to be left out of this without antagonizing the boss? — WANNA-BE-DROPOUT

DEAR WANNA-BE-DROPOUT: If you really feel your job is in jeopardy if you refuse to participate in the book club, start looking for other employment.

Tell your boss you are no longer interested in participating because reading those books interferes with your personal time and, since the COVID disruption, you have developed other interests. Then suggest

another person be chosen if a quorum is required.

DEAR ABBY: The letter signed "Redo in the East" (June 7), from the lady who wanted to rewrite her husband's rushed obit, caught my attention. For 18 years I was part of an American Legion Honor Guard, during which time we did more than 900 funerals. I also read the deceased veterans' obituaries. Because of this experience, I constantly advise people to write their OWN obit. After all, who knows the most about them? This accomplishes two things: First, it greatly reduces the stress on those trying to write one under difficult conditions. Second, it ensures the accuracy of the information in it. I wrote mine 20 years ago. Of course, it needs updating, but upon my demise there will be only a few blanks to fill in and it's ready to go. — VETERAN IN VIRGINIA

DEAR VETERAN: Thank you for the service you have so generously provided all these years, and for the sage advice you have shared with my readers today.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in what feels like a war with my grandmother. She always took care of me and my younger brother and sister. For a long time, I was troubled and into addiction. I admit I lost sight of who I really was. I had two sons I didn't raise, but now that I'm back and a year and three months clean, I'm enjoying spending my time with the son I'm still in contact with. I have always lived with my grandmother.

Now that I'm taking control of my life and reaching the point where I'm ready to move away with my son, she's fighting me. She has many bad things to say about my past and a lot of things

to throw in my face. After all this time, I thought she would be happy for me. Instead, I am encountering outright disrespect and ugliness. I have always known my grandmother could be hateful, but now it's turned up to full volume. Am I wrong for wanting to be with my son? I'm tired of crying all the time over this. — BREAKING THE CYCLE

DEAR BREAKING: Because of your history, your grandmother may be fearful for the welfare of her great-grandson. However, if you are clean, sober and capable of caring for yourself and your child without her assistance, then it's time to graduate to independence. Tell your grandmother you love her and are grateful for all of the care she has given you. Then proceed with the move WITHOUT BURNING ANY BRIDGES, if that's possible.

Community Calendar

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

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.

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

JAY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION — Will meet at 1 p.m. at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Cliff Moser of Jay County Veterans Services Office will be

speaking about his experience on the USS Cole. All retired teachers are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALI-

TION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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.

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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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Legislators inflicting heartbreak

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Tribune News Service

The nightmarish experience of an expectant mother in Texas underscores why lawmakers, in their zeal to protect the unborn at all costs, should have no business telling doctors how to do their jobs. The Houston woman, Elizabeth Weller, badly wanted a child and was heartbroken when her water broke at 18 weeks of pregnancy. The baby's chances of survival were minuscule, and a painful, suffocating death was assured without amniotic fluid to surround the baby in the womb for the remaining weeks of pregnancy.

But Texas lawmakers had so confused the rules about when

Guest Editorial

an abortion could legally occur under such circumstances that doctors feared criminal prosecution if they acted in the best interests of both the child and mother. So they had to force Weller to carry her dying baby as it began decaying inside her. The story was recounted last week in a tear-inducing, 11-minute segment on National Public Radio.

Weller told NPR that, although she believes in a woman's right to choose, she personally would never choose to have an abortion. She and her husband wanted this baby. But their experience turned into an object lesson of why all-encompassing laws devised by people with little or no medical experience can inflict the worst kinds of harm in the name of saving lives.

At 18 weeks, Weller's water broke. It occurred before the Supreme Court's June 24 ruling overturning Roe v. Wade but after Texas had already imposed laws banning abortion and allowing for anyone to sue an abortion provider after fetal cardiac activity is detected. The

vagueness of the law regarding exceptions for medical emergencies is what caused Weller's doctors to balk because, even though her water had broken, the baby's heartbeat was still audible and, technically, Weller's life was not yet in danger. The only time Weller could be regarded as suffering a medical emergency would be if the baby reached an advanced state of decay and prompted a severe uterine infection.

Weller was in significant danger, but not yet the right kind of danger. Days later, she had a foul discharge and began vomiting, but it still wasn't enough for the doctors to act. Far more hideous episodes were to follow.

Finally, an East Texas doctor who became aware of her plight stepped forward, saying, "This is ridiculous." He induced labor, and Weller gave birth to her still-born daughter.

Some might dismiss this as a rare exception, but it's not. Such examples will arise again and again until lawmakers come to grips with their own medical incompetence and find a more rational middle ground. The suffering they are causing goes beyond cruelty and will continue to create unintended victims out of women who want their babies but who cannot force Mother Nature to accommodate the whims of amateurs on red state legislative floors.

Shootings tell different stories

By JOHN M. CRISP
Tribune News Service

Consider these two recent shootings:

The first occurred on July 17 in a shopping mall in Greenwood, Indiana. It exhibits many of the classic characteristics of an American mass shooting. The shooter was young, white and male; he had obtained his weapons legally; and by the end of the episode, he was dead.

The shooter did not have an unusual history of violence or instability that would have raised red flags. His father and brother released a statement expressing their condolences to the victims, adding: "We have no reason to believe that Jonathan would ever engage in these extreme actions."

In a photo released by the city of Greenwood, Jonathan Sapirman is a handsome, mild-looking kid. Yet on July 17, he took two rifles and a Glock pistol to the mall, along with more than 100 rounds of ammunition.

He spent an hour in a restroom preparing for his attack. Then he stepped into the food court and fired 24 shots, killing Pedro Pineda, 56, his wife, Rosa Pineda, 37, and Victor Gomez, 30. Two others were wounded.

At this point the mass shooting took an unusual turn. Bystander Elisjsa Dicken drew his legally carried Glock 9-mm handgun and killed Sapirman within 15 seconds, undoubtedly saving many lives.

Here's the second shooting:

In Houston on Feb. 14, Tony Earls and his wife were withdrawing money from an ATM when a robber pulled a gun on them and stole \$20, a check and their car keys. The robber then fled. But when Earls exited his car, his attorneys say, the robber fired on him, and Earls fired back "in self-defense."

Earls directed his fire at a nearby truck, thinking that the robber was inside. Unfortunately, inside the truck was a family named Alvarez, who had stopped at the ATM to make a deposit before going to a late dinner at a pizzeria.

Nine-year-old Arlene Alvarez was shot in the head; she died later at a hospital.

What do we make of these two episodes of gun violence in America?

The National Rifle Association made a great deal of the first, and who could blame them? It's a classic instance of a good guy with a gun stopping a bad guy

John M. Crisp



with a gun. The story of the Greenwood shooting is prominently displayed on the NRA's homepage, and Elisjsa Dicken is receiving much well-deserved praise for saving lives.

The NRA article neglects, however, to note how exceedingly rare events such as those in Greenwood are.

Recently The New York Times analyzed 433 active shooter attacks from 2000 to 2021. These shootings ended in various ways, from suicide to surrender, but in only 12 cases was the shooter stopped by an armed civilian. In fact, a shooter was almost four times as likely to be stopped by a bystander without a gun.

In some cases the armed civilian added to the confusion with tragic results: In Arvada, Colorado, in 2021, a bystander shot and killed an attacker, but he was himself killed by police who mistook him for the shooter.

In Greenwood, a good guy with a gun killed a bad guy with a gun. In Houston, a good guy with a gun killed a 9-year-old girl on her way to a pizzeria.

Do these events cancel each other out?

Not really. The Greenwood shooting has gotten much more publicity because it supports the "good guy" myth that many Americans are eager to believe, even though it's terribly misleading. It will be used to shape and maintain policy that perpetuates America's status as the most heavily armed and the most self-harmed by firearms nation in the world.

The Houston shooting, on the other hand, is only a footnote. But these accidental and inadvertent shootings happen much more often than we think. If we paid as much attention to them as we do to the shooting in Greenwood, we might begin to confront the inevitable consequences of too many weapons in the hands of untrained and undisciplined, if well-meaning, bystanders, who often do more harm than good.

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Committees should take note

By LEE H. HAMILTON

Watching the hearings held by the Jan. 6 committee as it delves into the events at the Capitol last year and what lay behind them, I've been struck by what you might think of as the "meta-coverage."

It's been fascinating to see. Most news stories, of course, have focused on the alarming revelations uncovered by the committee — in essence, the lengths to which a sitting president and his allies went in trying to short-circuit the clearly expressed will of the American people. But some coverage has instead focused on how the select committee has gone about its work: the technology it's using and its careful structuring of the hearings to create a clear narrative of the events leading up to and following the attack on the Capitol.

As Axios' Mike Allen put it recently, "The committee ditched the flabby traditional format and has methodically built a taut, colorful narrative with a prosecutor's precision and a cinematographer's flair." He and others cite the influence of former ABC News president James Goldston, who, as Allen writes, "has been producing each hearing as if it were a '20/20' episode," as well as the committee's discipline in building an easy-to-grasp accretion of facts and testimony.

There is much about this that's new: the use of relevant footage, maps and reconstructions that are available instantly when needed; interweaving videotaped and in-person testimony to deepen the narrative; production values that make the hearings seem up-to-the-minute, rather than a throwback to an earlier era. But there is also much about this that is, in fact, time-tested congressional process.

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What the hearings are doing is what congressional committees at their best have always done: focus on a complicated topic, present the facts about it to the American people, leave us all better informed than we were before and possibly have an impact on how government operates. It's not hard to come up with a list of high-profile congressional hearings that have had this kind of effect, from the 1954 Army-McCarthy hearings to the Watergate hearings in 1973 to the 1987 Iran-Contra hearings and the 2019 hearings on special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 elections. But I would argue that even low-profile committee work — hearings aimed at checking in on the operations of the executive branch or how well policy initiatives have performed — have held similar value for our democracy.

I've always believed that part of the job of a politician is to educate the public — about the facts and about their meaning for the U.S. and for public policy. It is incredibly difficult these days for voters to sort out information — we're all bombarded with facts, opinion, information and misinformation and even disinformation. But if, as a country, we're to build consensus based on the real world, then you have to start with the facts. Ultimately, a democratic society depends on the ability of citizens

to form good judgments based on the realities facing us; if they don't, the country suffers.

The same, of course, goes for policy-makers. In that case, the country depends not just on their ability to ground their work in the facts, but to explore an issue and then deliberate on what to do about it. The deliberative process — which in Congress was once rooted in the work of committees — produces better law: It forces members of Congress to understand an issue, accommodate different interests and ultimately knock out bad ideas and bad proposals in favor of initiatives that can command a consensus. Overall, as congressional power has consolidated in the hands of a few strong leaders, committees have lost that kind of influence; Congress generally holds far fewer hearings than it did a few decades ago.

So I take the Jan. 6 committee's innovations as a good sign. It has updated the mechanics of the process to create a compelling lesson in the value of thorough research and leveling plainly with the American people about what the facts show. In short, it has demonstrated what Congress is capable of achieving. Here's hoping other committees are taking note.

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Jay Circuit Court

Judge Brian Hutchison

Fined and sentenced

Scott C. Miller, 45, 502 N. Grand St., Portland, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 60 days in Jay County Jail with 58 days suspended, given two days credit for time served and placed on probation for six months. He was imposed a \$1 fine, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug and alcohol counter measure fee.

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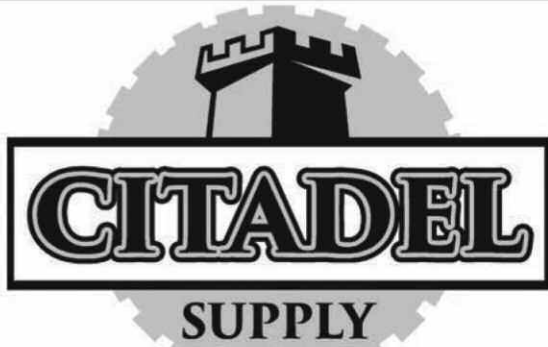
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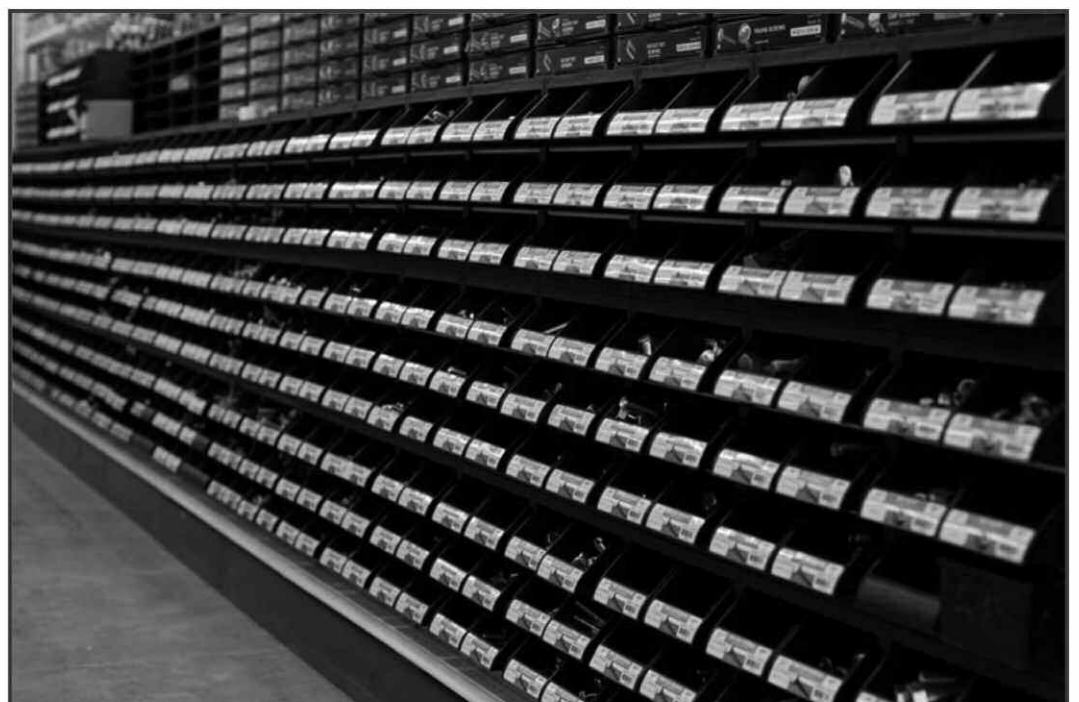
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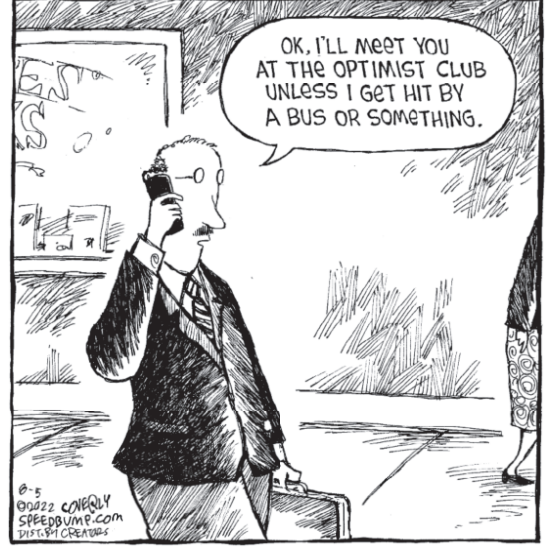
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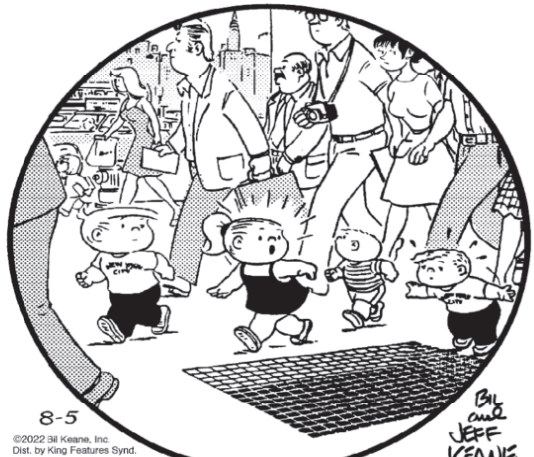
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"Don't walk over that thing, Jeffy! You might fall down into the subway!"

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Five Diamonds doubled. The bidding has gone: North East South West 1♥ 1♣ 3♥ 4♠ 4♥ 5♣ Pass Pass Dbl North leads the nine of clubs. How would you play the hand? WEST EAST ♠ A Q 7 5 2 ♥ 7 6 5 ♦ Q J 8 6 5 2 ♣ K 10 9 4 ♠ A Q J 10 8 4 ♠ A K ♦ A Q J 6 ♠ K 7 2

follows low, which is highly likely, you discard your singleton heart on the spade queen. This play costs you nothing; it merely substitutes a spade loser for a heart loser. North takes the queen with the king but now has no way to put South on lead to get a club return. As a result, you get home in a blaze of glory, and North is left to rue doubling you with a hand such as: ♠ KJ86 ♥ AK8432 ♦ A3 ♣ 9.

2. By far the best play is to attempt a dummy reversal, which depends essentially on no worse than a 3-1 trump division. This will enable you to avoid having to rely on a spade finesse, which would give you only an even chance of making the grand slam.

Ruff North's heart lead with the jack, play the five of trump to the seven, ruff the six of hearts with the queen, play the eight of trump to the nine and ruff the seven of hearts with the king. Next lead a low club to the king and ruff the ten of hearts with your last trump, the ace.

Now cross to the ace of spades and draw the only missing trump with dummy's ten, discarding your jack of spades in the process. The result of all these fancy maneuvers is that you score the last four tricks with your king of clubs and A-Q-J of clubs. The thirteen tricks consist of two spades, four clubs and seven — count them — trump tricks.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN PEOPLE COME TOGETHER TO SHRED A HAND-PLAYED DRUM TO BITS, WOULD THEY BE CONGA-GRATING?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals Y

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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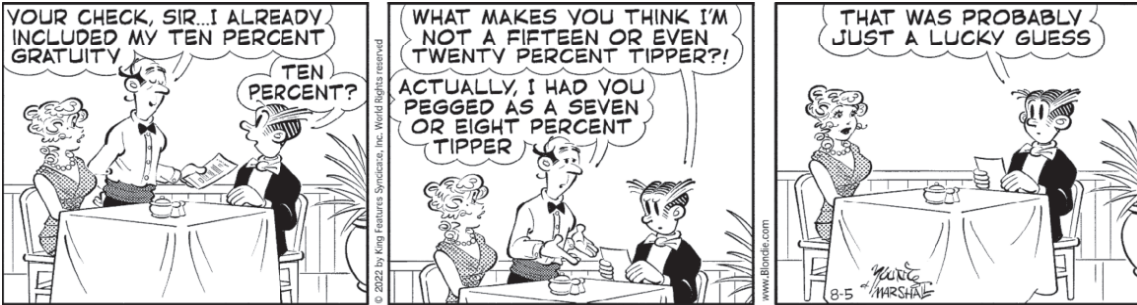
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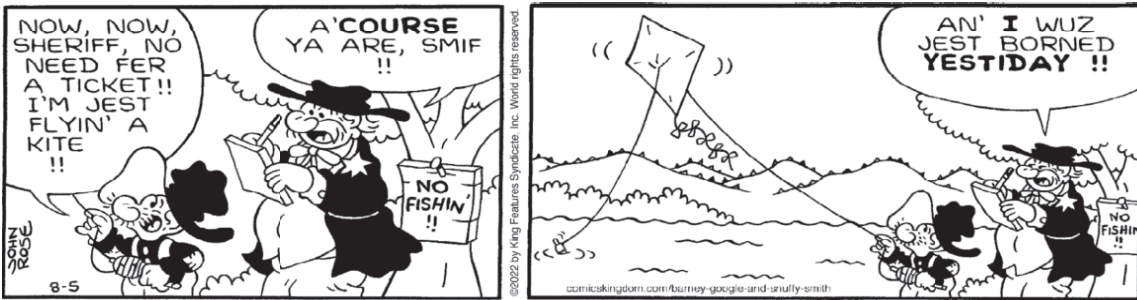
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Jay Superior Court

Judge Gail Dues Fined and sentenced

Nichole J. Seeley, 25, 178 Greenpark Ave., Pennville, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor — She was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four days credit for two days served. Seeley was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. She was placed on probation for 180 days and ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days of her sentencing for substance abuse counseling.

Mitchell N. Parks IV, 27, 403 N. Delaware Ave., Muncie, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance (Class A misdemeanor) and operating a vehicle while intoxicated (Class C misdemeanor) — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Park was fined \$25, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay two \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. Parks was placed on probation for 361 days. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for 60 days retroactive to Feb. 7. As part of his plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana was dismissed.

Justin F. Dibble, 30, 05595 Barber Werner Road, Saint Marys, Ohio, pleaded guilty to possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 60 days in Jay County Jail and given 30 days credit for time served. Dibble was assessed \$185 in court costs. In a separate Jay Superior Court case, Dibble failed to appear July 12. He's been charged with unlawful possession of a syringe and possession of methamphetamine, both Level 6 felonies, and possession of a controlled substance, a Class A misdemeanor.

Troy W. Rook, 44, 2400 S. Coker St., Greenwood, Arizona, pleaded guilty to public intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 132 days in Jay County Jail and given 132 days credit for time served. Rook was assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for criminal trespassing was dismissed.

Robert W. Guerrero, 36, 325 S. Union St., Pennville, pleaded

guilty to driving with a suspended license, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to eight days in Jay County Jail and given eight days credit for time served. Guerrero was assessed \$185.50 in court costs.

Austin L. Smith, 32, 539 N. Plum St., Albany, pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced 120 days in Jay County Jail and given 116 days credit for time served. Smith was fined \$1 and assessed \$185.50 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C infraction for speeding was dismissed.

Daniel J. Hoppe, 48, 3543 W. 80 North, Kokomo, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level equivalent to 0.15% or more, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 10 days suspended and given six days credit for time served. Hoppe was fined \$25, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. He was placed on probation for 355 days. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for one year retroactive to Feb. 14. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated was dismissed.

Rafael A. Pabon Jr., 36, 224 E. Oak St., Union City, Ohio, pleaded guilty to theft, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 106 days credit for time served. Pabon was assessed \$185 in court costs.

Shane K. Garrett, 31, 615 W. Monroe St., Decatur, was found guilty of public intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 94 days in Jay County Jail and given 94 days credit for time served. Garrett was assessed \$185 in court costs.

Joseph L. Shively, 41, 414 Woodcreek Drive, Ossian, pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 90 days in Jay County Jail and given two days credit for time served. Shively was fined \$25 and assessed \$185.50 in court costs.

Neil A. Turner, 41, 1613 E. Cornell Ave., Muncie, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.15% or more, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 90 days in Jay County Jail and given 36 days credit for time served. Turner was assessed \$185.50 in

court costs, fined \$25 and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend Turner's license for 90 days retroactive to Sept. 9, 2019.

Joshua L. Harter, 27, was found guilty of battery resulting in bodily injury and criminal trespassing, both Class A misdemeanors — He was sentenced to 300 days in Jay County Jail and given 112 days credit for time served. Harter was assessed \$185 in court costs.

Cody A. Welch, 29, 1640 E. Division St., Portland, pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given two days credit for time served. Welch was fined \$25 and assessed \$185.50 in court costs.

Thaddaeus D. Thornburg, 27, 312 N. Camden St., Ridgeville, pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 30 days in Jay County Jail and given two days credit for time served. Thornburg was fined \$25 and assessed \$185.50 in court costs.

Kaleb C. Peace, 20, 11222 West Indiana 28, Redkey, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but four days of his sentence suspended and given four days credit for time served. Peace was assessed \$185 in court costs, placed on probation for 176 days and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling.

Robert A. Bell, 49, 317 N. Harrison St., Portland, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 60 days in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Bell was fined \$1, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. Bell was placed on probation for 180 days and ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend Bell's license for 78 days retroactive to March 28.

Lloyd T. Arthur, 44, 1162 E. 300 South, Greenfield, pleaded guilty to reckless driving, a Class C misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 60 days in Jay County Jail with all but two

days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Arthur was fined \$100, placed on probation for 58 days and assessed \$185.50 in court costs.

Myra L. Davis, 55, 319 North Oak St., Redkey, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.15% or more, a Class A misdemeanor — She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Davis was fined \$100, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. Davis was placed on probation for one year and ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of her sentencing for substance abuse counseling. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend her license for 56 days retroactive to April 25. As part of her plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated was dismissed.

David A. Giltner, 70, 1238 Boundary Pike, Portland, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Giltner was fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also placed on probation for 178 days. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Jacob P. Lee, 28, 300 N. Washington St., Gaston, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 68 days in Jay County Jail and given 68 days credit for time served. Lee was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Jacob K. Salyer, 38, 613 East Linda Layne, Muncie, pleaded guilty to resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 200 days in Jay County Jail and given 100 days credit for time served. Salyer was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

Cynthia A. Giltner, 75, 1238 Boundary Pike, Portland, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. She was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Gilt-

ner was fined \$1, placed on probation for 178 days, 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 Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Noah R. Morales, 32, 519 Lincoln Ave., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty to public intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but six days suspended and given six days credit for time served. Morales was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 180 days.

Cases dismissed

Kaitlyn R. Morningstar, criminal misdemeanor

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Samuel D. Pitman III, Level 6 felony

Myriah Boice, Level 6 felony

Shaun J. Cox, criminal misdemeanor

Shaun J. Cox, criminal misdemeanor

Cody Lt Bright, criminal misdemeanor

Keesha C. Taylor, criminal misdemeanor

Jakob W. Gould, criminal misdemeanor

Cases filed

United Auto Credit Corporation v. Brack Brewer, Megan Hidy

Indiana v. Brian L. Jones, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Derrick J. Taylor, criminal misdemeanor

Forum Credit Union v. Emily Skirvin, civil collection

Indiana v. Bradley R. Ride-nour, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Davon P. Brown, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Rhegan R. Shimp, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Kyle C. Hunt, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Ondray J. Rodriguez, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Michelle Herrick, criminal misdemeanor

Midland Credit Management v. Robert Morningstar, civil collection

Gateway Financial Solutions v. Joshua Marcum, civil collection

Portfolio Recovery Associates v. Jeffrey Costner, civil collection

Indiana v. Dustin D. Smith, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Bobby L. Hensley Jr., Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Colton T. Bost, Level 6 felony

Heights Finance Corporation v. Eric York, civil collection

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Getting faster

Athletes run through an exercise as world champion sprinter Talitha Diggs hosts a free speed and agility clinic on Wednesday at Muhlenberg College, in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Diggs, who was part of the winning 4x400-meter relay team in July's World Athletics Championships in Oregon, graduated from nearby Saucon Valley High School. Running for the University of Florida, she also won the NCAA championship in the 400 dash in June. Nearly 130 local athletes between the ages of 8 and 18 participated in the free clinic.



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Ogletree has been early breakout

By **GEORGE BREMER**
The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)
Tribune News Service

WESTFIELD — Drew Ogletree read the defense and ran to a spot he knew would be open in the end zone.

Then the rookie tight end thought about what quarterback Matt Ryan would need to do to get him the football before positioning himself for a one-handed touchdown catch that was the offensive highlight of Thursday's Indianapolis Colts training camp practice at Grand Park.

"I kind of saw the linebackers split, and once I saw that, I knew I was going to get the ball," Ogletree said.

"I knew Matt was going to put it up high. I didn't know what side he was going to throw it on. I just threw my hand up and made a play."

The 6-foot-5, 260-pound native of Dayton, Ohio, is an unconventional rookie. He stayed in college for six years at two smaller schools in his home state, playing three years at NCAA Division II Findlay before sitting out a transfer season in 2019 and finishing his career with two years in the Football Championship Subdivision at Youngstown State.

During that time, he played in 44 games with 22 starts and caught 94 passes for 1,176 yards

and 10 touchdowns. Only his final season was spent at tight end, however, with the majority of his career being played as a wide receiver.

Mo Alie-Cox is the clear No. 1 on the depth chart, and second-year tight end Kylan Granson has a hold on the No. 2 role. But Alie-Cox tweaked his knee during the first practice in full pads Tuesday, and Ogletree has seen some reps with the first team while the starter is resting.

It's a valuable experience the rookie has made the most of, and it's allowed him to open more than a few eyes.

"It's just kind of the rotation,

but he is moving up," offensive coordinator Marcus Brady said. "I mean, you can see he's making play after play."

All of it sometimes seems like a dream to Ogletree.

On Thursday, he received a video of his son playing the latest Madden video game with his character for the first time.

"He showed me he already bumped my stats all up to 99," Ogletree said with a laugh. "So I'm the biggest and the fastest, so I can't complain."

Meanwhile, Ogletree is catching passes from two of his own Madden heroes every day.

The opportunity to learn from

Ryan and backup quarterback Nick Foles is invaluable.

And occasionally a bit unreal.

"I think they both should be in the Hall of Fame — what Nick did over in Philly in the Super Bowl, just watching that is crazy," Ogletree said. "I remember him and Matt coming up to me — we're eating breakfast together — and me just thinking, 'I used to play with you guys on Madden. I still play with you guys on Madden.'"

"It's so surreal. I still don't even know how to explain it."

For now, at least, he's letting his play do the talking.

One highlight-reel touchdown grab at a time.

Cubs to play in London

By **MEGHAN MONTEMURRO**

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

ST. LOUIS — The Chicago Cubs are finally heading to London.

They were initially scheduled to play the St. Louis Cardinals in London during the 2020 season before the pandemic canceled the series. Major League Baseball announced Thursday the Cubs and Cardinals will play in the London Series next season at London Stadium on June 24-25.

"The MLB London Series between the Cubs and Cardinals has been in the works for years now and we're thrilled to finally be able to bring one of baseball's biggest rivalries to fans abroad in

2023," Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts said in a statement. "We hope that this series not only excites and entertains but brings more international sports fans to the game we all love."

This marks the second time regular-season MLB games are being played in the British capital.

The Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees played in the inaugural series in 2019.

The Cubs are playing internationally for the third time.

They opened the 2000 season in Tokyo for two games versus the Mets and traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to play a three-game series against the Montreal Expos in 2003.

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Sports on tap

Local schedule

Monday
Jay County — Girls golf four-team match at Heritage — 4:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
1 p.m. — Tennis: Citi Open and Silliman Valley Classic (Bally Indiana)
3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Arsenal at Crystal Palace (USA)
6 p.m. — Golf: LPGA Tour — Women's British Open (USA)
7 p.m. — Professional Fighting League: Playoffs (ESPN)
8:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)

Saturday
8 a.m. — Golf: LPGA Tour — Women's British Open (USA)

Noon — Golf: LPGA Tour — Women's British Open (NBC)
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Chelsea vs. Everton (USA)
2 p.m. — Tennis: Citi Open (Bally Indiana)
2:20 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Miami Marlins at Chicago Cubs (FS1)
3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Wyndham Championship (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — New Holland 250 (USA)
4 p.m. — Baseball: Senior League championship (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Mixed martial arts: UFC Fight Night (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Canadian Football League: Toronto Argonauts at Hamilton Tiger-Cats (ESPN2)
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers (FOX)

Local notes

Tryouts scheduled
Jay County Baseball Club will hold tryout sessions Aug. 13 at Jay County High School's Don E. Selvey Memorial Field.
The baseball club will offer teams for players 12 and younger with a six-tournament guarantee. Tryout times are as follows:
10 a.m. — 8-and-younger
Noon — 9 and 10 year olds
2 p.m. — 11 and 12 year olds
For more information, visit the Jay County Baseball Club Facebook page.

WJCC soccer registration open
Registration is open for the West Jay Community Center fall soccer program for third through eighth graders.
Forms are available at the community center or online at thewjcc.wix.com/wjcc. The fee is \$35 for those who sign up by Wednesday. It will then increase to \$45.
Registration is open until Aug. 19, with a clinic and skills assessment to follow Aug. 20. Games will be held on Saturdays from Sept. 10 through Oct. 15 at West Jay Elementary School.

Tickets on sale
Jay County Junior-Senior High School super and season tickets for the 2022-23 sports season are on sale.

A Patriot Pass, which is good for all junior high and high school events, is \$100. (It is \$60 for those 65 and older.) Super tickets are \$75 for high school only and \$60 for junior high only. And season passes are \$20 for football and \$45 for boys basketball. (All Jay County students will be admitted to home games at no charge.)
Tickets are available during regular office hours — 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Passes do not cover Allen County Athletic Conference or IHSAA tournament events.

5K circuit continues July 16
The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will wrap up its 2022 schedule Saturday.
The final event in the eight-race circuit is the JRDS 5K at Hudson Family Park. Registration is \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the race.
To register, or for more information, visit runjaycounty.com.

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