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# Prices reset

Portland Park Board updates pass rates for 2023 with water park planned to be open for full season

By RAY COONEY

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Water park rates have been adjusted.

Portland Park Board on Tuesday took another look at the annual pass rates for Portland Water Park, adjusting them from the numbers it approved last month. The board also added a 10-day pass and special rates for senior citizens and veterans.

Park board president Brian Ison explained that when discussing rates last month, the board was looking at numbers from 2020 and '21. Fees were reduced during those years because of reduced hours at the water park during the coronavirus pandemic and a lifeguard shortage.

Daily admission remains at \$5 before 5 p.m. and \$3 after 5 p.m., as was approved last month. Children ages 2 and younger will be admitted for \$2. Admission will be \$3 for senior citizens (62 and older) and veterans (with an ID).

The updated prices for an annual pass for an individual is \$75. Passes for immediate families in the same household are \$100 for two people, \$125 for three, \$150 for four, \$175 for five and \$200 for six or more. Those numbers are generally up \$15 — see chart for full comparison — since the water park was last open for a full season in 2019. (Members of Jay County Summer Swim Team — they are all required to purchase a pass — will get a \$10 discount.)

The board also added a 10-

day pass for \$45.

Pool rentals will be available on Saturday mornings and Saturday evenings when the pool is not in use by the two-hour minimum plus the

### Season pass rates

Portland Park Board on Monday approved updated Portland Water Park season pass rates to reflect the facility being open for a full season for the first time since 2019. (Hours/dates were limited in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic and in 2021 because of a lifeguard shortage. The facility was closed in 2022 for repairs.) A breakdown of rates is below.

	2023	<b>2020/21</b> (reduced hours/dates)	2019
One person	<b>\$75</b>	\$45	\$60
Two people	\$100	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$110</b>
Three people	<b>\$125</b>	<b>\$95</b>	\$110
Four people	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$120</b>	<b>\$135</b>
Five people	<b>\$175</b>	<b>\$145</b>	\$160
Six people	\$200	<b>\$165</b>	\$185
Seven or more	\$200	\$180	\$210

A 10-day individual pass is available for \$45.

Single-day admission is \$5 before 5 p.m. and \$3 after 5 p.m. (2 and younger admitted for \$2.) Admission for senior citizens (62 and older) and veterans (with an ID) will be \$3.

cost of lifeguards. A minimum of four lifeguards is required. are four applicants for the Once hired, the water park

approved the updated rates.

summer swim team for a meet. Runkler, John McFarland, views will begin next week, hiring an assistant manager The fee is \$75 per hour with a Michael Brewster and Ison with the park board then to and lifeguards. make a recommendation to

Ison also reported that there Portland Board of Works. Board members Shauna water park manager job. Inter- manager will be in charge of

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# would create police buffer

Author says goal is to limit potentially violent encounters

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

A Republican-led Senate corrections committee voted along party lines, 5-2, to advance a bill that would create a 25-foot "buffer zone" between law enforcement bystanders.

House Bill 1186 previously passed a House committee with unanimous approval — though some Democrats flipped their votes when the bill appeared before the full House Chamber, where it passed along party lines.

To author Rep. Wendy McNamara, the proposal would reduce potentially violent encounters between law enforcement and citizens.

"Ultimately, this bill is about creating a life-saving space for officers to do their job ... while adhering to the philosophy of de-escalation," McNamara, R-Evansville, said.

Law enforcement testified in support of the bill, praising its utility in the field as Hoosiers' negative sentiment toward the profession grows.

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# wo dead in Mexico

By KATIE LINTHICUM and PATRICK J. MCDONNELL

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

 ${\tt MEXICO\ CITY-Two\ of}$ four U.S. citizens kidnapped at gunpoint in northern Mexico last week were found dead Tuesday, Mexican authorities said, while two others were rescued after an intense manhunt that renewed U.S. focus on violence south of the border.

The Americans were located Tuesday morning in a small wooden house in a field outside the border city of Matamoros, said Irving Barrios Mojica, the attorney general Tamaulipas state. Mexican authorities detained one suspect, identified only as Jose Guadalupe N., 23, who they said was guarding the house.

The two survivors -Latavia "Tay" McGee and Eric James Williams, who was badly wounded in his left leg — were rushed to the border in a convoy of ambulances and law enforcement vehicles and handed over to U.S. authorities in Brownsville, Texas.

The frantic rescue came four days after unknown gunmen fired on the amid a busy tourists stretch of downtown Mata-

#### Two others who were kidnapped were rescued following intense manhunt

moros, then loaded them into the back of a pickup truck and sped away.

The disappearance of the four friends sparked an international incident, with the FBI launching an investigation, the White House intervening and some Republican members of Congress calling for invading Mexico with U.S.

"This tragic incident only highlights a rising preoccupation in the United States about Mexico's lack of interest in facing down organized crime," said Tony Payan, director of the Center for the U.S. and Mexico at Rice University's Baker Institute. The kidnapping in Matamoros, he said, "has become a symbol of impunity in Mexico."

The U.S. government condemned the kidnapping and deaths, with National Council Security

spokesman John Kirby saying Tuesday that "attacks on U.S. citizens are unacceptable, no matter where they occur.'

Though Kirby said the FBI worked closely with Mexican officials would continue to collaborate with them, there was little doubt the incident threatened to inflame binational tensions over Mexico's security strategy.

With homicides in Mexico hovering around all-time highs and a record number American deaths linked to Mexican-produced fentanyl, many in the U.S. have grown increasingly critical Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador's "hugs not bullets" crime-fighting policy, which purports to emphasize social programs over violent confrontations with criminal groups.

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### Marchal blues

Caden Marchal sings "I Guess That's Why They Call It the Blues" by Elton John during the Fort Recovery Local Schools choral department's Cabaret 2023 concert.

#### **Deaths**

**Anthony Gors**, 55, Bryant William Reynolds, 71, rural Hartford City Details on page 2.

#### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 49 degrees Tuesday. The low was 32.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 27 with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour. Expect partly sunny skies Thursday with a high of 47. Rain is expected after midnight Thursday.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

#### In review

The Jay County Fiber Arts Festival is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Jay Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland. The event will include a variety of fiber arts vendors and classes.

Admission is \$1. Those 12 and younger will be admitted for free.

#### Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of tonight's Jay County Council meeting.

**Saturday** — Photos from junior high ACAC swimming championships.





### **Boxes** installed

IU Health announced recently that naloxone boxes were recently installed at IU Health Jay and IU Health Blackford. The boxes make naloxone kits medication is approved to reverse an opioid overdose — to anyone in the communities. The box at IU Health Jay is located inside entrance A. Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition will be in charge of refilling both boxes.

### **Obituaries**

Anthony "Tony" Gors, Bryant, June 5, 1967-March 6, 2023. Arrangements are pending at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

William "Bill" Reynolds, rural Hartford City, a Portland native, Aug. 7, 1951-March 6, 2023. Private graveside services will be held at Bluff Point Cemetery. •••••

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are  $accepted\ only\ from\ funeral$ homes or mortuary servic-

## CR almanac

Thursday 3/9	Friday 3/10	Saturday 3/11	Sunday 3/12	Monday 3/13
	4			
47/33	39/21	35/25	38/27	39/23
Thursday will bring mostly cloudy skies with rain or snow at night. Wind gusts may be	There's a 60% chance of showers Friday under mostly cloudy skies.	cloudy skies	Sunday has a slight chance of rain. Other- wise, mostly cloudy.	There's a slight chance of rain mixed with snow under mostl cloudy skies

### **Lotteries**

#### **Powerball**

million

#### **Mega Millions**

15-22-25-28-69 Mega Ball: 21 Megaplier: 4 jackpot: Estimated \$203 million

#### Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 7-7-1 Daily Four: 2-2-0-8 Quick Draw: 1-5-10-14-15-17-18-29-30-36-37-38-38-40-54-55-65-69-73-76 Evening

Daily Three: 4-0-0 Daily Four: 4-8-3-6

**Markets** 

April corn ......6.49

Wheat ......6.61

Corn......6.46

April corn ......6.52

May corn.....6.54

**Richland Township** 

Corn ......6.34

April corn ......6.34

Beans ......15.05 April beans ......15.05

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Cooper Farms

**Fort Recovery** 

Quick Draw: 1-11-13-Estimated jackpot: \$31 22-25-32-36-37-39-42-43-45-46-49-50-59-60-63-71-72

> Cash 5: 18-26-30-35-42 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000

#### Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 8-5-4 Pick 4: 4-3-6-4 Pick 5: 8-9-6-0-9 Evening Pick 3: 6-7-8 Pick 4: 7-3-7-3 Pick 5: 9-8-1-1-4 Rolling Cash: 8-11-25-

27-39

Estimated jackpot: \$120,000

Wheat ...... 6.28

July wheat ...........6.71

Corn.................6.32

Late March corn.....6.32

July wheat............6.71

Beans.....14.92

April beans ......14.92 Wheat .....6.32

**Central States** 

Montpelier

Heartland

St. Anthony

## **Prices**

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and parks department also reported that work is underway on new restroom doors and dugout roofs at Portland Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field. He added that electrical work at the baseball/softball fields at Weiler-Wilson Park is expected to be complete by April 1.

Shauver also expressed concern about incidents of vandalism, noting recent problems with the bridge over the Salamonie River connecting Hudson Family and Weiler-Wilson parks. He advocated for updating security cameras in that area. He added that plans are to pressure wash and seal the bridge deck this year.

Matt Shauver of the city's street from rural Portland resident Jenny Bricker regarding efforts to save the Indiana 26 (Water Street) over the Salamonie River on the east edge of Portland. She acknowledged that saving the bridge no longer seems possible given the timeline and financial constraints, but that parts of it could be salvaged to create a smaller replica or a sculpture. She and board members discussed several options without settling on a path forward. Bricker said she would pursue acquiring pieces of the bridge for potential future use.

In other business, the board:

•Approved two hours of free swimming from 7 to 9 p.m. June 20 for Jay

The board also heard an update County Law Enforcement Youth Camp.

> •OK'd Shauver to get quotes for roofing on the gazebo on the east side of Hudson Family Park

•Shauver, answering a question from board members, said park restrooms will open when weather allows. He noted that temperatures must be consistently above freezing in order to avoid the risk of frozen pipes.

•Heard from Ison that he hopes to hold a park walk-through next month, with a particular focus on Milton Miller and Hudson Family parks. He asked fellow board members to email him potential dates for that event.

## Capsule Reports

A Columbia City man was hospitalized after he drove a vehicle into a pole about 10:45 p.m. Saturday.

Jadyn T. Gilbert, 18, was driving a 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt north on U.S. 27 just south of county road 800 South when he veered off the road and hit a pole.

Gilbert was given a blood alcohol level test. Police cited him with a Class A misdemeanor for operating a vehicle with an alcohol concentration equivalent to at least 0.15%. He complained of upper leg pain and was transported to Luther- struck the side of Ellsworth's car. an Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The vehicle he was driving it's registered to Sara L. Kirkpatrick of Garrett — was towed.

#### **Turning accident**

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Portland woman's vehicle struck a vehicle driven by a Portland teen about 7:39 a.m. Monday.

Tyler R. Ellsworth, 17, was driving a 2007 Jeep Compass north on Wayne Street when a 2010 GMC Acadia, driven by 28-year-old Mariana Gutierrez,

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# Felony arrests

### **Drug possession**

Two Jay County residents were arrested Monday for drug possession.

Jesse A. Cooley, 25, 604 S. Meridian St., Redkey, was preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of a syringe, and two Class A misdemeanors for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jav County Jail.

Raven N. Howard, 25, 128 W. Third St., Portland, was preliminarily charged with three Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe, possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug and possession of methamphetamine, and two bonds in Jay County Jail.

Class A misdemeanors for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. She's being held at Jay County Jail on a \$5,000 bond.

#### **Dependent neglect**

Two Dunkirk residents were arrested Tuesday for neglect of a dependent.

Johnathan J. Barclay, 27, and Quintessa J. Barclay, 27, both of 338 N. Main St., were each preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for neglect of a dependent, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paranhernalia

They're both being held on \$4,500

#### **SERVICES**

**Today** 

Crites, Nancy: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

#### Thursday

Fullenkamp, Michael: 2 p.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.

#### Friday

Shepherd, Richard: I p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

#### Sunday

Juillerat, Jon: I p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

#### May 13

Warrick, Clarice: II a.m., West Richmond Friends Meeting, 609 W. Main St., Richmond.

Service listings provided by **PROGRESSIVE OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

# **Today in history**

In 1701, Queen Anne took the throne in and melting snow led to Britain. She was the flooding, with signifilast monarch from the cant issues on Rick House of Stuart. She Drive in Dunkirk. had previously agreed Other serious flooding to the Act of Settle- was in the area of ment of 1701, which county road 800 North would shift the crown and county road 900 to Sophia, granddaugh- North. ter of King James I or her descendants.

In 1884, Susan B. appointed Anthony spoke before Franks to fill out the the House Judiciary remainder of former Committee in favor of a county auditor Anna Constitutional amend- Culy's term. Culy ment granting women resigned to accept a job the right to vote. The with Indiana Departamendment would not ment of Local Governbe ratified for another ment Finance. 36 years.

In 2007, heavy rain

In 2022, a Jay County Republican caucus Emily

-The CR

# Buffer

You may have to do this with multiple thirdparty subjects who have no involvement or interest but are now inches away from you," said Howard County Deputy Sheriff Jordan Buckley, who also represented the Indiana Sheriffs' Association. "This is an unsafe practice that often escalates situations and leads to further confrontation or the use of force. important than over to establish a perimeter.'

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ny in opposition to the profit news organization. bill focused on the ability Its website is indianacapi-

police misconduct. Video has played a crucial role in several investigations into police abuse, including the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, whose death was filmed by a teenage bystander. "We believe, strongly,

that existing law provides the protections that law enforcement needs," said Zach Stock, with the Indi-Public Defender ana Council. The bill now advances

Because of this and other to the full Senate chamber challenges, it is more for further consideration. •••••

Indiana Capital Chroni-The bulk of the testimo- cle is an independent, non-



# of bystanders to capture talchronicle.com.

#### **Today**

1 p.m. — Jay County St., Portland. Sheriff's Office Merit Board, sheriff's confer- Friday ence room, sheriff's Portland.

Council,

courthouse, 120 N. Court

Citizen's calendar

2:30 p.m. — Jay County office, 224 W. Water St., Commissioners special meeting, commissioners' 6 p.m. — Jay County room, courthouse, 120 N. auditorium, Court St., Portland.

### **Jay County Sheriff's Department**

is now taking applications for

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Applications may be picked up at the Jay County Sheriff's Department 224 W. Water St., Portland. E.O.E.



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## Caring kids

East Elementary School recently recognized students for caring with Character Counts awards. Pictured above, front row, are kindergarteners Kelly Grayson, Trynity Rowland, Piper Morgan and Elarah Cox. In the back row are Zendaya Godwin, Phynox Storie, Micah McCord and Keaton Osterholt.

# Kindergarten registration open

**Taking** 

**Note** 

Pre-registration for prospective kindergarten students at Jay School Corporation is in

Jay Schools is accepting new students who will be enrolling in the 2023 to 2024 school year.

Round-up enrollment dates for elementary schools in Jay County are slated for April 4 at the following schools and

•Bloomfield Elementary, 8:30

•East Elementary, 4 to 6 p.m. •West Jay Elementary, 5:30

•Redkey Elementary, 6 p.m.

Indiana students must be at least 5 years old on or before Aug. 1 in order to enroll in public school kindergarten. Parents should attend round-ups at the school in their district. Certified birth certificates are required for registration.

To pre-register, parents may call or visit the school in their district. Call (260) 726-9341 for more information.

#### Volunteers needed

EverHeart Hospice is looking for volunteers.

offering hospice and palliative lunch are \$5 and must be paid care is recruiting volunteers to

help with patients in west central Ohio and east central Indiana. EverHeart Hospice is in need of hair stylists, barbers, notaries and veterans.

EverHeart serves patients in Jay, Randolph and Wayne counties in Indiana, and Mercer, Darke, Van Wert, Allen, Auglaize, Paulding and Shelby counties in Ohio

To learn more, call the office at (800) 417-7535, select option five and ask for volunteer coordinator Beverly Baltes.

#### Senior learning

John Jay Center For Learning's next session in its senior learning series is slated for April 6.

Jay County Tourism's executive director, Mary Adair, will give a presentation following the lunch, which begins at The nonprofit organization 11:30 a.m. Reservations for

# Lies, sexting jeopardizes couple's marriage

DEAR ABBY: I found out today that my wife was sexting with a man in another state. His girlfriend sent me a message, which included a series of screenshots. I had confronted my wife regarding this prior to receiving the messages, but she swore she had sent only ONE topless photo and nothing else. After I reviewed the messages, I saw much more.

She claims "she doesn't remember everything," which I find hard to believe. Worse, they had planned to meet. She claims she didn't, but I saw a message saying that once I went back home (we were visiting her parents), she would stay an extra week with our son so he could "spend more time with the grandparents" — and she could maneuver to meet up with him.

Dear Abby



She claims she didn't, but I can't believe her based upon her lying repeatedly about this.

We have a child together, so I don't want to walk away, but I'm deeply hurt and no longer trust her. I know you will recommend marriage counseling, but beyond that process, is there anything I should do? — LOST IN THE

**DEAR LOST:** Has your wife always been this way, or is

this behavior something new? She seems to be severely allergic to the truth. By all means, attempt marriage counseling if she is willing. However, if she isn't willing, have some counseling without her. And start interviewing attorneys to represent you in what is likely to be a divorce. Without trust, there can be no marriage.

P.S. Save those messages and images the girlfriend sent you because they could come in handy.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 59 and the oldest of four children. When we were kids, our parents were raging alcoholics. They smoked pot and were barely functioning adults. As the oldest, I was

tasked with caring for and raising the other three, which I did to protect them from my parents' nonsense.

We were never close to our parents. Our father passed some years ago, which left our mom, who continued to live her boozefilled life. She was a terrible mother. She never protected us from my father's verbal and physical abuse. My brother still has nightmares about him.

Now that our mother has dementia, my siblings make a lot of effort to spend time with her. I refuse to have anything to do with her. My sisters say I should make amends because she won't live forever. I have made my peace with it all, and I'm fine without what I never had.

My siblings think I should

"just get over it" because she can't remember anything. Because she can't remember doesn't negate the fact that it happened. I've had a fantastic life and family without her being part of it. I'm truly happy. Am I wrong for standing strong on my decision? — RESOLUTE IN **FLORIDA** 

**DEAR RESOLUTE: Because** your mother can no longer remember what a failure she was as a parent doesn't mean you must magically forget. She has reached a point where she is beyond any help you can give her. Now it's time to take care of yourself. If you feel it's better to stand strong on your decision, do not allow yourself to be guilted into doing otherwise.

## **Community Calendar**

Notices will appear in caregivers of persons mation, call (260) 726- Room B. The group is for space is available. To submit an item, email group will meet at 6 p.m. news@thecr.com.

#### **Today**

CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. tion, call Joni Slentz or Meridian St.

THEATRE — Holds its p.m. on the second of Wednesday each at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

CAREGIVER

disease or related dementias, the the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital con-PORTLAND ROTARY ference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more informa-Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-JAY COUNTY CIVIC 1072 or (800) 272-3900.

**FAMILY** AL-ANON regular meeting at 5:30 GROUP - New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of month in the board room alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran SUP- Church, 218 E. High St., PORT GROUP — For Portland. For more infor-

ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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.

#### Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — 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.

INDIANA UNIVERSI-TY HEALTH JAY HOSPI-TAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana Hospital

A BETTER LIFE - BRI- diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and informa-

> JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

#### **Saturday**

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — 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.

#### Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal.





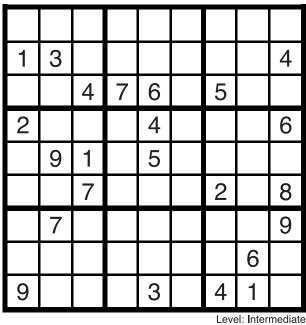
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# Sudoku



#### **Tuesday's Solution**

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

4 4 6 7 9 2

# Help needed to avoid being a jerk

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from March 9, 2005. Jack was a holdout on getting his first cell phone. Even after he got one, for years if you called it you could count on it buzzing away unanswered in his car's glove compartment. And he never succumbed to the lure of Facebook. No doubt by being wary of these things he dodged dealing with those who can't seem to avoid using the tools he was so consciously trying to avoid.

#### By JACK RONALD

The News and Sun I now have all the tools I need

to be a complete jerk. Oh, I know. There are plenty of folks who believe I've had

**Back** in the Saddle



probably still others who don't think I need any tools at all.

But I've got news for them: I now have a cell phone.

And in 21st century America, that's the most important tool anyone can have when it comes to being insufferable, rude, or iust plain irritating.

For years, I resisted the allure of the cute little digital handthose tools for years. There are held gizmos.

and then, enjoying the windshield meditations of a drive to Dunkirk for instance. It didn't bother me that I was cut off from the global network of chatterers. I reveled in it.

Back in 2000, when I was doing a journalism project in Georgia (the republic of, not the state of), I was handed a cell phone by the guy I was working for. He'd even programmed in some ditty from an opera as my ring tone.

For the next four weeks I continued to drive him nuts by leaving it turned off 90 percent of the time.

But, think about it, he was just about the only person I knew in the entire country. At least, he was one of a tiny handful who

ENOUGH WITH CHINA'S SUPPORT OF RUSSIA! GET

RID OF EVERYTHING

MADE IN CHINA!

I liked being out-of-touch now had the number of the cell to getting a newspaper produced phone I'd been assigned.

Since I saw him and the rest of the handful at least once a day at the office, the cell phone struck

me as overkill. A couple of years ago, we relented and got a cell phone for Sally. It's apparently required by U.S. law when one reaches a cer-

tain point in the teen years. She's now on her second one, and my wife has her own tucked in her purse.

That just left me, odd man out and determined to stay that way. My Luddite streak was asserting itself, and all was right with my

Until the ice storm.

cell phones are vitally important

during adverse conditions.

By the time things had reverted back to normal — that is, another lousy Indiana winter -I'd relented and agreed to join the late 20th century before the 21st got too far along.

And so I have it.

It's cute. It can do more things than I can figure out. It fits into a neat holder that attaches to my belt.

And it's actually proved use-

At least when I remember to urn the darned thing on.

But if you ever see me yakking on it in a public place, talking loudly in an airport or as I walk In short order, it turns out that down the street, do me a favor. Remind me not to be a jerk.

## Principal creates a positive culture

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

Sarah Scott Middle School Principal Scotia Brown had a question for her students.

"What if today and going forward, we made everyone feel good about being here?"

Could anyone argue this was anything but a noble goal? We'd like to think the answer is an obvious and hard "no." But when we dig deeper, we realize it's not so sim-

Across our nation and here in Indiana vigorous efforts to control how race and racism is taught are ongoing. Not only that, but ideas and conversations about other subjects tough like LGBTQ+ rights and even women's rights ("The Handmaid's Tale" has recently been banned in libraries and schools nationwide) are being censored.

In Brown's case, she was carrying out a lesson during Black History Month. The lesson didn't shy away from the hard truth that racism is alive and well. One path toward eradicating it, she and her colleagues offered, can be as simple as using affirming instead of hurtful words.

What if we replace "You don't belong here" with "Would you like to join us?" she asked.

Learning about the weight of words was among various exercises and activities during the month of February that the middleallowed schoolers the opportunity to dig deeper into their understanding of very current issues and to also consider possible solutions.

The depth of the lessons at Sarah Scott and the obvious amount of time and energy put into the school's efforts stand apart in this politically turbulent climate.

Brown and her fellow educators are true heroes. They aren't afraid of threats of censorship, or if they are, they push past the fear and stand up for the truth anyway, teaching their students to do the same.

Their goal was — and is speak up and not shy away from uncomfortable conversations, especially surrounding men and women — the future of this community knowledge and compas- being here."

### Hoosier **Editorial**

The lesson didn't shy hard truth that racism is alive and well. One path toward she and her colleagues offered, can be as simple as using affirming instead of

sion and equipped to have express understanding open struction site, the classroom, as politicians, that's difficult to find in 2023.

to know they have the power to change the environment and create a positive culture here in the school and the community," Brown said.

- to teach children to we can be assured a group of deeply racism. The result? Young a group of students would be armed with everyone "felt good about

away from the eradicating it, hurtful words.

difficult conversations with those whose opinions and even truths differ from their own. They are our future leaders who will be able to and kindness in ways that conversations instead of closing them, and who will be more informed and fair in their decision making. And perhaps most importantly, they will come to the table, the boardroom, the assembly line, the conhealthcare workers and more with an empathy

"We want our students

With Brown's efforts, well-educated and understanding young people is prepared to lead us into the future, already unafraid to ask what it would mean if

# It's time to pare DoD budget

By TOM H. HASTINGS

Most folks are honest; this tricks them into a belief in the bedrock honesty of others, especially those who make bold public statements. How could someone lie in a public statement? Most folks know they would not want to live with that embarrassment when the truth inevitably came out.

And yet we get fooled again. And

George Santos claimed his mother died in the 9.11.01 attacks. She did not. He claimed his grandparents survived the European holocaust. As we all know, his shenanigans have been extraordinary.

From Trump's incessant and continuing lies to the fictions spun up on Fox News, we are awash in a gaslighting culture from the right that cannot seem to stop its relentless daily "flooding the zone."

But this is the chop on the surface; what about the current underneath? Where does the political left join the political right in framing profits as patriotism, bloodshed as glory, immiseration as inspiration?

Here we are in yet another crisis of our own making (well, made by the people we freely elected), the debt ceiling debacle. At the actual nut of the problem is the military

Why? Because it seems to be literally more sacred than the money the government takes out of your paycheck for your retirement, Social Security.

Just ponder the headlines.

Forbes: "Republicans Plan To Cut Social Security—Will Voters Let Them?"

Time magazine: "How Biden Got

Tom H. **Hastings** 



Their History of Pushing Social Security and Medicare Cuts

The fight is on, even as your paycheck shows the deductions made to the Social Security fund. That is your money, not Congress's to play around with. And yet it's a public debate now.

On the other hand, find me the politicians who are calling for cuts to the biggest budget item by far in the pool of your tax dollars that we do give Congress the right to divide as they see fit, discretionary spending. That would be the Pentagon budget, of course. There is pretty much radio silence on that topic. Where there are minor quibbles it's usually about how much to increase it, not whether it should be cut.

Back in the day, Ronald Reagan's head of his Office of Management and Budget, David Stockman, in an interview in The Atlantic, talked about the defense contractors and noted, "The hogs are really feeding now.

Fast forward to today and those hogs are breeding and feeding, gorging on your tax dollars, and yet the Pentagon is so reckless and eager to spend that they cannot pass an audit, year after year.

So the bloated Pentagon budget, some \$816 billion officially, is far more than every hostile foreign power combined, and yet in reality Republicans To Run Away From is much more than that, since mil-editor.

itary costs are also absorbed into other budgets, such as Veterans Affairs, Dept. of Energy, and NASA, amongst others.

Into all this comes the fatuous self-inflicted threat of a default to the US full faith and credit because Republicans won't 11011011 expenses they voted to make. If a Dad does that he's a deadbeat Dad. If a contractor does that to a subcontractor, expect a lien. Do that do a neighbor nice enough to sell you an appliance that you never paid for and he's going to see you in small claims court.

Deadbeat Republicans never met a weapons system they wouldn't vote for but now that the bill is here they want to dip out. Gullible Democrats also voted for those military boondoggles but at least they want to honor those debts.

Republicans are, as usual, aiming to cut programs that really serve human needs, but the budgets they seek to eliminate are so small the Pentagon would regard them as rounding errors. They want to cut Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)? No food for poor kids! More caviar for Raytheon war profiteer execu-

tives! It is long past time to really pare down the DoD budget. We should not have sophisticated weaponry all over the Earth, under the seas, and in space while families are living in tents in the snow on sidewalks and while health care is still not available to all. Can we unite for peace and prosperity?

Hastings is coördinator of conflict resolution degree programs and certificates at Portland State University and PeaceVoice senior

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# Proposal made to fund Medicare

and JOSH WINGROVE

Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service President Joe Biden's budget will propose hiking payroll taxes on Americans making over \$400,000 per year and allowing the government new power to negotiate drug prices as part of an effort the White House says will extend the solvency of a key Medicare program for another quarter century.

"The budget I am releasing this week will make the Medicare trust fund solvent beyond 2050 without cutting a penny in benefits," Biden said Tuesday in an oped published in the New York Times shortly before the announcement. "In fact, we can get better value, making sure

#### Taxes would increase on income over \$400,000

the money they pay into Medicare."

The president's budget, which will be released Thursday, proposes raising Medicare taxes from 3.8% to 5% on annual income above \$400,000, and eliminating a loophole business owners and higher-earners can exploit to avoid additional taxes, according to a White House fact sheet. Biden's plan would also help bol-

Americans receive better care for ster Medicare reserves through some \$200 billion in prescription drug reforms over the next decade by allowing the insurance program to negotiate costs on more medications and sooner after they come to market.

The Medicare portion of the budget plan was announced by the White House on Tuesday and reported earlier by the Washington Post.

The moves are part of a con-

certed effort by the White House have repeatedly highlighted past ahead of looming negotiations over the debt ceiling and government funding, where Republicans vow to seek deep cuts to federal spending.

Biden's plan has little chance of becoming law, especially after Republicans took control of the House of Representatives this year, but the proposal is an important signpost for negotiations over government spending, and offers the president a chance to publicly outline his priorities.

Kevin House Speaker McCarthy has vowed the GOP won't touch Medicare or Social Security, programs that share bipartisan support, particularly among elderly voters. But Democrats, including Biden, GOP efforts to overhaul the entitlement programs by reducing eligibility or benefits. Ahead of the budget release, White House challenged officials have McCarthy to specify where he would pursue cuts.

Democrats are hoping Biden's budget, which would reduce the deficit by \$2 trillion over the next 10 years, will provide a political advantage by keeping benefits intact, with higher taxes on the wealthy helping to offset rising costs. Medicare's Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, also known as Part A, pays for hospital stays, nursing facilities, and hospices. It is currently projected to reach insolvency as soon as 2028, according to the most recent Medicare Trustees report.



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Dustin Franz

Smoke rises from a derailed cargo train in East Palestine, Ohio, on Feb. 4. On Tuesday, the National Transportation Safety Board announced that it is launching a special investigation into Norfolk Southern's safety culture and corporate organization.

# NTSB to investigate

By KELLY YAMANOUCHI

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

The National Transportation Safety Board announced Tuesday it is launching a special investigation into Norfolk Southern's corporate organization and safety culture.

The new probe follows a national outcry over a fiery derailment on Feb. 3 in East Palestine, Ohio, that released toxic chemicals into the air, soil and water, causing fear and uncertainty among residents in the surrounding area. That February incident was already under investigation by the NTSB, and investigators have already pinpointed overheated bearings as a cause.

Tuesday's announcement puts the Atlanta-based railroad under even greater scrutiny just as Norfolk Southern's CEO is set to testify this week before the U.S. Senate.

"Given the number and significance of recent Norfolk Southern

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company to take immediate action today to review and assess its safety practices, with the input of employees and others, and implement necessary changes to improve safety," NTSB said in an announcement. "The continued safe operations of Norfolk Southern is vital to the United States. The NTSB is concerned that several organizational factors may be involved in the accidents, including safety culture."

The NTSB said since December 2021, it has launched investigations into five significant accidents involving Norfolk Southern. Those include:

-Dec. 8, 2021: An employee for National Salvage and Service Corporation assigned to work with a Norfolk Southern work team replacing track was killed when the operator of a spike machine reversed direction and struck the employee in Reed, Pennsylvania.

-Dec. 13, 2022: A Norfolk Southern trainee conductor was killed, and accidents, the NTSB also urges the another conductor was injured, when

the lead locomotive of a Norfolk Southern freight train struck a steel angle iron protruding from a gondola car on another Norfolk Southern freight train that was stopped on an adjacent track in Bessemer, Alabama.

-Feb. 3: A Norfolk Southern freight train carrying hazardous materials derailed in East Palestine. Ohio. The derailment resulted in a significant fire and hazardous materials release.

-March 4: A 2.55-mile-long Norfolk Southern freight train derailed near Springfield, Ohio.

-March 7: A Norfolk Southern employee was killed during a movement in Cleveland, Ohio.

The agency said it would also look into an Oct. 28, 2022, derailment of a Norfolk Southern train in Sandusky,

The NTSB said it will conduct an in-depth investigation into the safety practices and culture of the company but also said the company "should not wait to improve safety.

Continued from page 1 And while in practice López Obrador's strategy largely resembles that of his predecessors, with high-profile arrests of seizures of drug shipments and even more federal troops in the streets. his softer rhetoric, combined with violent incidents such as the one in Matamoros, "reinforces narrative being pushed on the right side of the U.S. political spectrum that Mexico is a lawless country," said security analyst Alejandro Hope.

The Americans who were killed have not been officially identified but were named by various news outlets as Shaeed Woodard and Zindell

Family members of the victims told news outlets that the four arrived in Matamoros on Friday so that McGee could undergo a tummy tuck — a surprocedure to remove abdominal fat.

Each year, nearly 1 milmedical procedures in Mexico, where drugs and treatments are generally

much cheaper than in the United States, according to the Mexican Council for the Medical Tourism Industry.

According to the FBI, cartel leaders, regular the four were in a white van with North Carolina plates license "unidentified gunmen" fired on their vehicle. The Americans were then thrown into the back of a truck and spirited away, a violent scene captured on a widely disseminated video.

> Mexican authorities said a Mexican woman was killed in shootout.

Violence in broad daylight is common in Tamaulipas state, which has long been one of the most lawless regions of Mexico and which is currently the site of a turf war between dueling factions of the Gulf cartel. The state ranks high in homicides, kidnappings and "disappearances"; in the vast majority of cases, the victims are Mexicans.

That the victims this lion U.S. citizens seek time were Americans immediately made the kidnapping international

# Capsule Reports

Continued from page 2 Gutierrez failed to yield the right of way to Ellsworth as she turned from River Road onto Wayne Street, according to a Portland police report.

#### **Rear collision**

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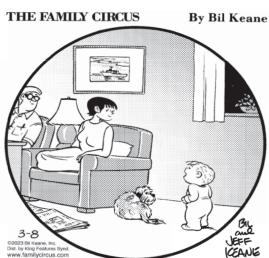
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### Contract By Steve Becker The all-important time factor



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The bidding: East South West North Opening lead — two of diamonds. Timing is a big factor in the out-

**♣**10 2

come of a great number of deals. There are many hands where a declarer actually has all the tricks he needs to make the contract and yet goes down because the defenders score their own tricks first.

A competent declarer always looks for a way to turn the time factor to his own advantage. This deal provides a case in point.

West leads a diamond against four hearts, and East wins with the

3-8

ace. East then shifts to the jack of

spades in the hope of developing a spade trick for the defense before dummy's clubs become established. Declarer wins the spade with the king and plays the ten of clubs, ducked by East. South then leads a second club to East's ace, and East returns another spade, taken by

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ation under control and cannot be stopped from making his game.

When declarer next leads dummy's king of clubs, East can do no better than ruff with the six, which south overruffs. Declarer then trumps a diamond in dummy and leads the queen of clubs, leaving East without programmer than the control of th East without recourse whether he ruffs with the ace or not. Whatever

Tomorrow: Mandatory falsecard.

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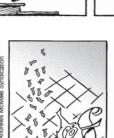
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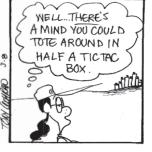




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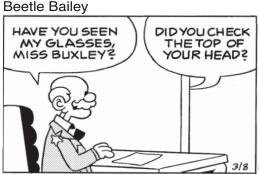
















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dummy's ace. If the defenders were on lead at this point, they could cash a spade trick and sink the contract. However, they are one tempo behind and are helpless. South has the situ-

East does, South discards a spade and finishes with 10 tricks. Although it is perfectly normal for West to lead a diamond — the

suit East opened the bidding with it is interesting to note that the defense can win the race against time if West happens to lead a spade instead. In that case, the defenders would collect four tricks before declarer could score 10.

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# Sports/Classifieds

## Staff ...

Continued from page 8 Mason is a Zionsville native who was the special teams coordinator at Notre Dame last season. Prior to that, he spent four years at the University of Cincinnati and was a graduate assistant at Ohio State, Purdue and Kent State.

Tony Sparano Jr. comes over from the New York Giants to coach the offensive line, and DeAndre Smith will be the running backs coach after holding the same position with the Giants. Tom Manning returns as tight ends coach after serving in the same position for Indianapolis in 2018. Cam

nephew the Turner, of Norv Turner — who gave Steichen his first job in the NFL with the San Diego Chargers — will serve as the quarterbacks coach.

Brian Bratton (quality control/wide receivers), Joe Hastings (assistant special teams), T.J. Ingels (assistant to the head coach), Cato June (assistant linebackers), Ron Milus (defensive backs), Mike Mitchell (assistant defensive backs), Nate Ollie (defensive line), Matt Raich (assistant defensive line) and Chris Watt (assistant offensive line) round out the coaching staff.

## Sports on tap

#### Local schedule

Jay County — Junior high wrestling in Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament at Adams Central – 5:30

#### Friday Jay County — Junior high swimming hosts Allen County Athletic Conference Championships – 5 p.m.

**TV** sports Today 11:30 a.m. — Men's college bas-ketball: Atlantic 10 Tournament – St. Bonaventure vs. Davidson (USA)

Noon — Men's college basketball: ACC Tournament – Wake Forest vs. Syracuse (ESPN) 2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Atlantic 10 Tournament – Richmond vs.

George Mason (USA) 2:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-

ball: Big East Tournament - Butler vs. St. John's (FS1) Soccer: UEFA Champions

3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Champions League – Milan at Tottenham Hotspur (CBS)

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ball: Big Ten Tournament - Ohio State at

Wisconsin (BTN)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

ACC Tournament (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Dallas Mavericks at New Orleans Pelicans 7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Chicago

Blackhawks at Detroit Red Wings (TNT) 8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big East Tournament - Georgetown vs. Villanova (FS1)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament – Minnesota vs. Nebraska (BTN)
9:30 p.m. — Men's college basket

ball: ACC Tournament (ESPN2); SWAC Tournament: Texas Southern at Alcorn State (ESPN2) 10 p.m. – NBA basketball: Toronto

Raptors at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN) 10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Anaheim Ducks at Vancouver Canucks (TNT) 11:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-

ball: Big Sky Championship (ESPN2)

Noon — Men's college basketball: Big

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of School Trustees of the The Jay School Corporation (the "Owner") will receive sealed bids for the Jay County Jr./Sr. High School Siding Replacement. Bids will be accepted at the The Jay School Corporation Ad-

ministration Office, 414 East Floral Avenue, Portland, Indiana, until 10:00 a.m. (local time), on March 16, 2023. Bids will be opened and tabulated at that time in the Board Room, A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Jay County Jr./Sr. High School Office. All bidding and construction shall be in accordance with con-

struction documents prepared by Barton-Coe-Vilamaa, Architect and Engineers, Inc., which can be obtained from the office of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa. Call 260/489-9079 (office of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa) to request an invitation to receive digital access to the bidding documents. Bidders will be required to file, with their bids, a certified

check made payable to the The Jay School Corporation or a Bid Bond for an amount not less than five percent (5%) of their maximum bid or bids. Should a successful bidder withdraw its bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, The Jay School Corporation may then declare the bid deposit or bid bond to be forfeited as liquidated damages. Each successful bidder shall be required to furnish an ap-

proved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond which cover faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder. A Maintenance Bond shall also be required. Said bonds shall remain in full force and effect for twelve months from the substantial com-

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder complying with the conditions for bidding, provided the bid is reasonable and it is to the best interest of the Owner to accept it. The Owner reserves the right to reject the bid of any or all bidder in accordance with Indiana Code 36-Bids not reaching said office by 10:00 a.m., on March 16, 2023 will

not be opened and will be returned unopened to the original bidder. Dated this Twentieth day of February 2023.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES THE JAY SCHOOL CORPORATION CR CR/NS 3-1-2023-HSPAXLP

Thursday Ten Tournament – Rutgers vs. Michigan

6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament - Penn State vs. Illinois (BTN)

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Noon — Men's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament - Rutgers vs. Michigan

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#### **Public Notice**

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF DUNKIRK
CITY OF DUNKIRK STORM SEWER AND BASINS PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids for the City of Dunkirk Storm Sewer and Basins Project

will be received by the City of Dunkirk, Jay County, Indiana ("Owner") at City Hall located at 131 South Main Street, Dunkirk, IN 47336, until 2:00 P.M., local time, on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at which time the Bids will be publicly opened and read. Each Bid should be clearly marked "BID ENCLOSED for City of Dunkirk Storm Sewer and Basins Project" on the outside of the envelope. Bids received after that time will be returned unopened. An optional pre-bid meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M., local time, on Friday, March 10, 2023 at City

Hall, 131 South Main Street, Dunkirk, Indiana 47336. All prime contractors, subcontractors, utilities, small, minority, or women business enterprises, and other interested parties are invited to The Project, which is funded by an OCRA grant, will be constructed in one (1) contract division.

In general, the work consists of providing all labor and material for the construction of two new stormwater ponds and the installation of 12-18" diameter storm sewers. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained through the Beam, Longest & Neff, LLC online

Plan Room beginning at noon, local time, on March 1, 2023 upon registration and payment of a nonrefundable fee plus shipping and handling. The amount of this fee will vary depending on the delivery and shipping costs. Payment by credit card is preferred. Partial sets of Bidding Documents are not available. Plans can be previewed and purchased at the online Plan Room, accessed at https://distribution.easternengineering.com. Copies of any and all addenda which may be issued for this project shall be included with the purchased documents and shall be forwarded to all plan and specifications holders of record. Expedited shipping of documents can be arranged at time of purchase.

Bidding documents can also be paid for and picked up in person at Eastern Engineering Supply at 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana, 46038.

Documents may be examined at the office of and at Beam, Longest & Neff, LLC (BLN, "Engineer") at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46250. Questions pertaining to this project may be directed to Drew Wilson of BLN at (317) 849-5832 or dwilson@b-l-n.com.

The work to be performed and the bid to be submitted shall include sufficient and proper sums for all general construction, mechanical installation, labor, materials, permits, licenses, insurance, and so forth incidental to and required for the construction of the facilities.

Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of Bidder. All bids must be submitted on the bid forms as identified in the Contract Documents and Specifications. Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond made payable

to the Owner, in a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the highest aggregate bid, which check or bond will be held by the Owner as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification.

Approved performance and payment bonds guaranteeing faithful and proper performance of the work and materials, to be executed by an acceptable surety company, will be required of the Contractor at the time of contract execution. The bonds will be in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price and must be in full force and effect throughout the term of the Construction Contract plus a period of twelve (12) months from the date of substantial completion.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least

ninety (90) days. A conditional or qualified Bid will not be accepted.

Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder. The low, responsive, responsible bidder must not be debarred, suspended, or otherwise be excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally assisted programs under Executive Order 12549.

All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the project throughout.  $Bids\ shall\ be\ properly\ and\ completely\ executed\ on\ bid\ forms\ included\ in\ the\ Specifications.\ Bids$ shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (Revised 2010) included with the

Specifications. Under Section III of Form 96, the Bidder shall submit a financial statement. A copy of the proposed Financial Statement to be submitted with the bid is included in the bid documents section to these specifications. The Owner may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.

Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to

Wage rates on the project shall not be less than the federal wage scale published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Bidders on this work shall be required to comply with the provisions of the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The Bidders shall also comply with the requirements of 41 CFR Part 60 - 4 entitled Construction Contractors - Affirmative Action Requirements. A copy of 41  $CFR\ Part\ 60-4\ may\ be\ found\ in\ the\ Supplemental\ General\ Conditions\ of\ the\ Contract\ Documents$ and Specifications.

The Bidders attention is also called to the "Minority/Women Business Participation" requirements contained in the Project Specifications. The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs has adopted a State goal of 10% participation for minority and women owned businesses for construction related or purchase related contracts for the work.

The Contractor must meet guidelines and practices established by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and appropriate federal regulations including: 1) Executive Order 11246, 2) Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968, as amended, 3) Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities, 4) OMB Circular A-102, 5) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 6) Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 7) Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 8) Executive Order 12138, 9) Conflict of Interest Clause, 10) Retention and Custodial Requirements for Records Clause, 11) Contractors and Subcontractors Certifications, and others that may be appropriate or

Contract procurement is subject to the federal regulations contained in the OMB Circular A-102, Sections B and O and the State of Indiana requirements contained in IC-36-1-9 and IC-36-1-12. Any contract(s) awarded under this Advertisement for Bids are expected to be funded in part by a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, as administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Neither the United States nor any of its departments, agencies or employees is or will be a party to this Advertisement for Bids or any resulting con-

Pursuant to Chapter 5, 5-4 of the Labor Standards Administration and Basic Enforcement Handbook 1244.1 Rev 2; "No contract may be awarded to any contractor that is debarred, suspended, or otherwise ineligible to participate in Federal or Federally assisted contracts or programs. Any contract awarded to a prime contractor or subcontractor that is found to be ineligible for award must be terminated immediately." Prior to contract award prime contractors are to be actively registered or seeking registration with SAM.gov to determine eligibility/debarment status CITY OF DUNKRIK

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# **Colts** finalize 2023 staff

**By GEORGE BREMER** The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

Tribune News Service

**INDIANAPOLIS** - Shane Steichen's first coaching staff has been finalized, and as expected it is filled with some familiar faces.

Defensive coordinator Gus Bradley and his entire staff will return for their second season with the Indianapolis Colts. Linebackers coach Richard Smith will add the title of run game coordinator, and Brent Jackson — a Tony Dungy Diversity Fellow in 2022 — has been promoted to defensive quality control coach.

Wide receivers coach Reggie Wayne is the only offensive coach returning.

'Excited about Reggie, Steichen said during last week's NFL Scouting Combine. "Reggie, obviously, 14-year playing career, a legend for Indianapolis. Had some very good conversations with Reggie, very detailed, brings (a) great wealth of knowledge into that receiver room."

The new additions to the staff begin with a pair of coordinators. Jim Bob Cooter will run the offenmeeting and Brian Mason will be in charge of special teams.

Cooter was an offensive assistant in Indianapolis from 2009 to 2011, working with Peyton Manning during his final three seasons

with the franchise. See **Staff** page 7



Cooper Glentzer of Jay County Junior High School swims to victory in the 100-yard breaststroke Tuesday during the Patriots' victory over visiting South Adams. Glentzer won the breaststroke in 1 minute, 33.53 seconds.

# Host Patriots cruise over

opponent vastly outnumbered.

Jay County Junior High School's swim teams used their numbers advantage Tuesday to cruise to victories of 160-10 over the visiting South Adams Starfires in the boys competition and 150-39 in the girls competition.

Most events in the meet were uncontested as South Adams contested victories. Kaitlyn Fish- freestyle (4:48.98)

The Patriots simply had their had just one boy and three girls on its roster.

> Rockland Beiswanger and Cooper Glentzer earned the only contested victories for the Patriot boys team. The former posted a time of 29.68 seconds in the 50yard freestyle and the latter reached the wall in 1 minute, 33.53 seconds, in the 100 breaststroke.

The girls team also had just two

er took the top spot in the 100 breaststroke in 1:29.3 and Maria Laux was first in the 400 freestyle in 5:16.7.

Winners in races uncontested by the Starfires were:

•Alex Frazee in the boys 50 butterfly (44.7) and 100 individual

medley (1:24.33) Carson Westgerdes in the boys 200 freestyle (2:19.01) and 400

·Brooklynn Byrum in the girls 50 butterfly (31.74) and 100 backstroke (1:17.48) •Ben Fisher in the boys 100

backstroke (1:25.38) •Glentzer in the boys 100

freestyle (58.93) ·Laux in the girls 200 freestyle

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tested in all six of its relay victories.





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