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A LAIR BUILT ON LOVE



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Jon Foster poses with his son Ryne “Ryno” Foster in front of their Dyer home. The Ausumtism Lair in Dyer is open for onlookers again this Halloween season, with a one-day walkthrough Saturday.

Dyer Halloween display opens for season, one-day walkthrough

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DYER — The Halloween season has fallen upon Northwest Indiana, with events and displays slithering around every corner. The Foster family uses its Ausumtism Lair in Dyer to build community and spread autism awareness one inflatable, movie reference and DIY project at a time. In its fifth year, the outdoor Halloween yard display is doing something big: allowing

VIEW: To watch a video of Jon Foster talking about his Ausumtism Lair Halloween display, point your smartphone camera at the QR code, then tap the link. **NEWSVU**

the community to step off the sidewalk and take a closer look. A one-day walkthrough will take place Saturday from 3 to 10 p.m., including a sensory-friendly period with softer

music and no animatronics for the first two hours. If you can't make the special event, don't worry. The season-long display at 3461 Lily Lane in Dyer will be open through October. Organizer Jon Foster wanted to offer something a little extra and out of the norm, while raising additional donations for Logan's Love — Logan Speaks, a local autism-focused charity. Spreading autism awareness and

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Accused shooter seeks own attorney

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VALPARAISO — The young Portage man accused of fatally shooting a 23-year-old man early Saturday during a dispute outside a Valparaiso bar intends to hire his own attorney rather than have one appointed, according to the court.

Antione Pierson Jr., 22, reportedly made the announcement during an initial hearing early Thursday before Porter Superior Court Judge Mike Fish on charges of murder, unlawful carrying of a handgun and resisting law enforcement.



Pierson

An enhancement was filed against Pierson seeking a greater penalty for use of the gun in the alleged murder, records show. He has an earlier handgun conviction.

Pierson is accused of shooting Seth Jankowski, of Valparaiso, outside the Franklin House bar at 58 S. Campbell St. in Valparaiso.

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Helmet not to blame for head impacts

“Concussion concerns” versus “concussion fatigue.”

This is the unspoken issue lurking on the sidelines of popular youth sports — football, hockey and soccer — as public awareness increases about head injuries, brain concussions and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy, a progressive degenerative brain disease.



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Parents know tackle football, specifically for young adults in high school and college, carries obvious risks, but most are tired of hearing about those risks.

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