

The Commercial Review

Portland, Indiana 47371 www.thecr.com \$1



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

The dog park at Hudson Family Park is one of the suggested planting locations for three trees Plant, Hoe and Hope garden club donated to Portland Park Board. Street and parks superintendent Matt Shauver said a barrier can be placed around the new tree to protect it from being damaged by dogs.

White House may nix pay for shutdown

Memo says law doesn't guarantee \$ for furloughed workers

By **JOHN T. BENNETT** and **JESSIE HELLMANN**
CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — An untested legal theory that the White House doesn't need to pay furloughed workers once the partial shutdown ends shook up Capitol Hill on Tuesday, while Democrats appeared emboldened in their demands to renew expiring health care subsidies.

A draft memo from the Office of Management and Budget's top lawyer arguing that the 2019 law guaranteeing retroactive pay once a shutdown ends draws a distinction between workers who are furloughed and those who are forced to remain on the job due to the critical nature of their work.

Mark Paoletta, the OMB general counsel, wrote that the 2019 law is "not self-executing" and requires further appropriations to pay furloughed workers as part of stopgap legislation to end the funding lapse.

The memo, which is labeled "pre-decisional and deliberative," says that the requirement for "excepted" employees to keep working creates "binding legal obligations" to pay those workers. On the other hand, Paoletta writes there is no such obligation for furloughed workers who were "not performing services for the government" during the shutdown.

Paoletta cites as justification for the move the fact that Congress included separate language in the continuing resolution that reopened the government after the 2018-19 shutdown, enacted nine days after the law guaranteeing back pay.

That stopgap law contained separate language specifying that funding made available for pay and benefits would be used to pay for "obligations incurred" under the new retroactive pay law.

See **Pay** page 2

Club donates trees

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review
Some trees have come down. Others will be added. Portland Board Board accepted a gift of three trees from the Plant, Hoe and Hope garden club during its meeting Tuesday.

During his report, parks manager Ronnie Reynolds noted that three trees were cut down in Haynes Park after they were found to be hollow during a trimming project. That trimming work is complete.

The board later accepted a donation of trees from Plant, Hoe and Hope, with Carol Johnston presenting the offer. She noted that the club for years handled downtown planters and has looked for other ways to

Plant, Hoe and Hope will work with parks staff on planting locations

give back to the community after those duties were shifted to Portland Main Street Connect.

Johnston told the board that the club would like to donate three trees — a tulip, a bald cypress and a Japanese maple. The dog park at Hudson Family Park was one of the areas it was considering. She asked for sug-

gestions on other areas in the city parks where the trees could be planted.

After some discussion, board members agreed that members of the garden club, Kyle Cook of Cook's Nursery and Reynolds could get together at the parks and decide the best locations for the new trees to be planted.

See **Trees** page 2



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Celebratory sprint

Jay County High School senior Aixa Lopez sprints towards London Lloyd (not pictured) with outstretched arms after scoring from 21 yards out against host Yorktown in the IHSAA Sectional 24 opener on Tuesday. It was one of three surprise celebrations for the Patriots as they scored all of their goals on long shots in their 3-1 victory that earned them a spot in tonight's semifinal against Delta. For the full story, see page 8.

Hamas, Israel upbeat for talks

By **DAN WILLIAMS** and **FADWA HODALI**

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Hamas and Israel voiced cautious positivity about the prospects of ending the two-year war in Gaza, as top mediators arrived in Egypt for a third day of negotiations on U.S. President Donald Trump's peace plan.

"A spirit of optimism is prevailing among all parties," said Taher Al-Nounou, a member of the Hamas delegation who has been present at the talks in the Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh since Monday. Details on the exchange of hostages for prisoners and the withdrawal of Israeli troops are being discussed, he said.

Encouraged by the apparent progress toward implementing the 20-point proposal unveiled by Trump early last week, Washington sent special envoy Steve

Leaders note spirit of optimism for meetings this week in Egypt

Witkoff and Trump adviser and son-in-law Jared Kushner to the talks, according to people briefed on the matter who requested anonymity so they could discuss private negotiations.

Israel signaled confidence in the direction of the indirect diplomacy by dispatching its senior negotiator, Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer, to take part as of Wednesday. Dermer is one of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's most trusted advisers.

Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi said he's received

"encouraging" news about the negotiations, and invited Trump to travel to the North African country for the signing of a deal if an agreement is reached.

Hamas has offered to free the last of the hostages it holds from the Oct. 7, 2023 raid on southern Israel, which triggered the war in Gaza, a conflict that's devastated the Palestinian territory and destabilized much of the Middle East. Yet, the Iran-backed group — designated a terrorist organization by the U.S. and European Union — has stopped short of

agreeing to other stipulations such as for its remaining fighters to disarm.

The talks have "focused on mechanisms for ending the war" and "the withdrawal of occupation forces," Al-Nounou said. That may presage a dispute over the implementation sequence: Trump's plan calls for the war to be declared over, but only for partial redeployments of the Israeli army in the first phase of implementation.

Al-Nounou said Hamas has handed over a list of candidates for the 1,950 Palestinian prisoners or detainees which the Trump plan requires Israel to free in exchange for the 48 hostages, 20 of whom are believed to be alive. On Tuesday, a Hamas spokesperson said it would be looking for a "fair hostage exchange," signaling the group is likely to push for the release of high-ranking officers.

Deaths

Pamela Montjoy-Jackson, 74, Decatur
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature was 78 degrees Tuesday in Jay County. The low was 56.

Tonight's low will be in the mid 30s. Expect frost early Friday followed by mostly sunny skies with a high in the upper 60s. Highs will climb back into the 70s over the weekend. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association Swap and Sell Meet kicked off today and will run through Saturday at the organization's grounds, 1010 N. Morton St., Portland, across from Jay County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$5, with those 12 and younger admitted free. For more information, visit tristategasenginetractor.com.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of Wednesday's Jay County Council meeting.

Saturday — Results from the Jay County football game at Lapel.

Tuesday — Results from the Jay County cross country teams in the ACAC Championships.



Obituaries

Pamela Montjoy-Jackson
Sept. 24, 1951-Oct. 6, 2025
Pamela Yvonne Montjoy-Jackson, 74, of Decatur, passed away on Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, at her residence.
She was born on Sept. 24, 1951, in Portland, the daughter of the late Taylor C. Montjoy and Wilma M. (Abbott) Thornburg. On Sept. 11, 2010, Pamela married Alan W. Jackson.
She graduated from Portland High School in 1969 and was a

member of New Hope Church in Decatur. She worked at Fleetwood in Decatur, retiring in 2016 after 33 years of service.
Pamela enjoyed doing puzzles and spending time with her family and friends. She loved her dog, Milo.
She is survived by her husband, Alan Jackson of Decatur; her son, Eric (Julie) Beer of








Montjoy-Jackson

Decatur; her daughter, Misty Teeple of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Amy Mason of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Rick (Kristin) Jackson of Huntington; a sister, Judy Fellers of Portland; a sister-in-law, Malinda “Mo” Montjoy of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Ashley Martin, Dez-mend Cooper, Talitia Cooper, Alexis Beer, Colin Jackson and Riley Mason; and two great-grandchildren, JaRyn and Uz-ziah Cooper.
Pamela was preceded in death by her brothers, Larry and Jeff

Montjoy; and her sister, Tal-mara Montjoy.
A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, at Haggard-Hirschy & Zelt Funeral Home, with visitation prior to the service from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pastor Kevin August will be officiating and a meal will follow at New Hope Church. Burial will take place at a later date in Decatur Cemetery.
Memorials may be made to New Hope Church or Stillwater Hospice.
Arrangements are entrusted

to Haggard-Hirschy & Zelt Funeral Home.
To sign our guest book, visit hhzfuneralhome.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac				
Friday 10/10	Saturday 10/11	Sunday 10/12	Monday 10/13	Tuesday 10/14
 72/49 <small>Friday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a slight wind. The high may reach a temperate 72.</small>	 73/44 <small>Mostly sunny skies again on Saturday, with a slight 5 to 10 mph breeze.</small>	 74/44 <small>Sunday's weather appears to be mostly sunny with a high around 74 degrees.</small>	 76/48 <small>Mostly sunny skies on Monday when the high will be in the mid to upper 70s.</small>	 78/47 <small>Tuesday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a high around 78.</small>

Lotteries	
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$223 million	Daily Three: 7-8-9 Daily Four: 2-3-7-5 Quick Draw: 7-10-11-14-15-19-25-26-34-40-42-43-49-51-54-56-61-73-75-80
Mega Millions 17-26-33-45-56 Mega Ball: 19 Estimated jackpot: \$575 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 1-1-2 Pick 4: 9-7-3-4 Pick 5: 6-6-9-9-9 Evening Pick 3: 1-6-3 Pick 4: 2-2-2-2 Pick 5: 0-8-2-7-1 Rolling Cash: 4-9-17-31-33 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 4-9-1 Daily Four: 2-7-6-7 Quick Draw: 7-11-12-15-17-24-26-28-32-36-40-42-48-58-60-62-63-66-70-79 Evening	

Markets	
Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.10 Nov. corn4.05	Wheat 4.61
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.20 Oct./Nov. corn4.05 Dec. corn4.25	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.94 Nov. corn3.98 Beans9.93 Late Oct. beans9.98 Wheat4.96
The Andersons Richland Township Corn3.98 Dec. corn4.11 Beans9.73 Late Oct. beans9.93	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.20 Oct. corn4.05 Beans9.68 Dec. beans9.88 Wheat4.41

Today in history

In 1701, Yale University was founded in Killingworth, Connecticut, as the Collegiate School of Connecticut. About 15 years later, it relocated to New Haven and changed to its renowned name used today, a nod to benefactor Elihu Yale.
In 1888, the Washington Monument opened to the public for the first time. Built to honor Founding Father George Washington, it stands at 555 feet tall. It served as tallest building in the world at its completion in 1884, holding the record for five years until the Eiffel Tower was completed.
In 1986, The Phantom of the Opera debuted in London at Her Majesty's Theatre. Created by Andrew Lloyd Webber,

the original cast featured Michael Crawford as the Phantom and Sarah Brightman as Christine Daaé.
In 2012, education activist Malala Yousafzai, 15, was shot in the head while boarding a school bus in Pakistan. She survived the attack and became a leading voice for education of girls, receiving a Nobel Peace Prize at age 17 with Kailash Satyarthi.
In 2015, Jay County High School volleyball won the title of Allen County Athletic Conference champion for the second time in eight days. They earned a 25-22 victory against Heritage in the third and final set, finishing with a perfect season against ACAC opponents.
— The CR

Citizen's calendar	
Today 6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	Trustees, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, living facility, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of	

Trees ...

Continued from page 1
Park board members Brian Ison, Jennifer Weitzel and Michael Brewster, with Emily Goodrich and Kyle Carpenter absent, accepted the gift of the trees and agreed that small markers could be placed acknowledging the donation.
Reynolds also reported to the board that work will be done to add a water line to improve service at Haynes Park. He said there have been frequent issues with low

pressure because the current line is galvanized and is corroding shut. The project is estimated at \$3,500.
Relating to other projects, Reynolds noted:
•KBL Transport of Portland has completed paving work and striping for the basketball court at Milton Miller Park
•Resurfacing of a section of the walking trail at Hudson Family Park will begin soon. He noted that KBL also handled crack sealing for the entire trail at no addi-

tional charge.
•Jay School Corporation donated a set of soccer goals, which have been placed between the softball fields and Runkle-Miller Field at Portland Memorial Park.
•Electrical work at Runkle-Miller Field is underway.
•Regular winterizing of the park restrooms will begin in late October. Reynolds also reported an incident of vandalism at Hudson Family Park in which two juveniles lit a trash can on fire, causing

some damage to walls and the ceiling. He presented an estimate of \$1,742.40 to repair and repaint the damaged areas, noting that the information has been presented to the county's probation office for legal action.
Ison said the recent inaugural Bridge Dinner at the green bridge connecting Hudson Family Park and Weiler-Wilson Park was well-attended. The organizers of the event donated the lights used on the bridge for the

Pay ...

Continued from page 1
It also added a line to the new statute that money to pay furloughed workers for time off during a shutdown is contingent on “enactment of appropriations Acts ending the lapse.”
Paoletta's memo says this means that separate language in the continuing resolution to reopen the government would be needed to ensure furloughed workers get back pay.
Opponents including federal worker unions and top congressional Democrats immediately took issue with the leaked draft, argu-

ing it defies congressional intent in drafting the 2019 law, which was to remove the uncertainty facing furloughed workers in any shutdown.
“This flies in the face of the plain text of the law, which could not be more clear,” Senate Appropriations ranking member Patty Murray, D-Washington, said on the floor. “(President Donald) Trump doesn't get to change the rules and rob workers just because he's worried his shutdown is backfiring.”
Trump himself was non-committal on his budget

office's draft legal opinion. He didn't rule out picking winners and losers among federal workers, however; the same way his administration is considering mass layoffs for furloughed positions that he decides aren't critical.
“I would say it depends on who we're talking about,” Trump told reporters Tuesday in the Oval Office. “But for the most part, we're going to take care of our people. There are some people that really don't deserve to be taken care of, and we'll take care of them in a different way.”

Capsule Reports

Rear collision
A Portland man's vehicle struck the back of a Portland woman's vehicle at the intersection of Meridian and Second streets about 1 p.m. Monday.
Joe D. Nelson, 91, was driving his 1999 Pontiac Sunfire south on Meridian Street. At the same time, Elisa G. Weiss, 54, was turning her 2005 Honda Odyssey west onto Second Street. Nelson told police that Weiss slowed abruptly and he wasn't able to stop before his Sunfire struck the Odyssey.
Weiss complained of head pain following the collision. She was cited for driving with a suspended license.
Nelson was cited for driving without a license.
Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Felony arrests

Common nuisance
Three Portland residents were arrested Tuesday for maintaining a common nuisance.
Korbin J. Auker, 25, Kortney M. Schwartz, 27, and Lisa K. Schwartz, 53, all of 962 S. Chicago Ave., were each preliminarily charged with Level 6 felonies

for maintaining a common nuisance, as well as Class B misdemeanors for possession of marijuana and Class A misdemeanors for possession of paraphernalia.
Auker, Kortney Schwartz and Lisa Schwartz were released from Jay County Jail on \$4,500 bonds.

Felony courts

Unlawful possession
A Salamonina man was sentenced to jail for unlawful possession of a syringe.
Matthew J. Campofiore-Audet, 33, 3982 S. West St., Salamonina, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 540 days in Jay County Jail with all but 175 days suspended and given 20 days credit for time served. Campofiore-Audet was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. Campofiore-Audet was placed on probation for one year.

Child exploitation
An Indianapolis man was sentenced to three years in prison for child exploitation.
Bradley J. Donner, 26, 1408 Inomar St., pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to child exploitation, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Donner was assessed \$189 in court costs and charged a \$100 child abuse prevention fee. As part of his plea agreement, two Level 6 felonies for possession of child pornography and dissemination of matter harmful to minors were dismissed.

GIFTED


Registration is OPEN!

Handbell Ensemble: \$30
Wednesdays, October 15th through December 10th
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Eastern Breeze: Flute Ensemble: \$15
Mondays, October 27th through December 15th
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM


The Portland Foundation

WPGW Radio
Dennis & Marianne Horn

131 E Walnut St. Portland, IN 47371 | 260.726.4809
jcc@myartsplace.org | myartsplace.org

Vore's Welding & Steel, Inc.



HAVE A SPECIFIC QUESTION ON CAPABILITIES?
Call us...
we look forward to doing business with you!

3234 St. Rt. 49, Fort Recovery, OH 45846
419-375-4087 • fax: 419-375-2466
Email: vores@bright.net

SERVICES

Today
Sours, Laura: 1 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Friday
Cramer, Terry: 3 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday
Montjoy-Jackson, Pamela: 3 p.m., Haggard-Hirschy & Zelt Funeral Home, 225 W. Adams St., Decatur.

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


Growing Our Future Together

Jay County Development Corporation
Now Seeking:
Community Developer/Grant Writer

Jay County Development Corporation (JCDC) seeks a Community Developer/Grant Writer to support local organizations and governments with planning, problem-solving, and resource development. Responsibilities include researching, preparing, and managing grant applications to secure funding for community development projects.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in planning, community development, public administration, political science, or related field preferred; minimum of three years' relevant experience.

How to Apply: Send a resume and cover letter by 5:00 p.m., October 15, 2025 to: Jay County Development Corporation, Attn: Jodi Hayes, 118 S. Meridian Str, Ste B, Portland, IN 47371, or email: jhayes@jaycodev.org.

Learn more and view the full job description at
www.jaycountydevelopment.org or call 260-726-9311.

EOE: Jay County Department Corporation is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Pumpkin Festival slated for Oct. 18

Grab your giant pumpkins — it's almost time for judging.

Pennville Pumpkin Festival kicks off Saturday, Oct. 18, at Pennville Community Park. The annual event features a giant pumpkin contest affiliated with Indiana Pumpkin

Growers Association, along with various other fall-themed activities. This year's festival includes a couple new attractions — a scarecrow contest at noon and a skillet-throwing contest at 2 p.m. Activities kick off Oct. 18 with a 5K race. Registration begins

at 7:30 a.m., with the race to start at 8:30 a.m. The annual pumpkin festival parade lineup on Lagro Street starts at 10 a.m. with the parade to follow at 10:30 a.m. A costume contest is slated for 11:30 a.m. Games and vendors will be set up at the festival from 11 a.m.

to 4 p.m. There will also be a car show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pumpkin registration begins at 9 a.m., with weigh-in to follow at 11 a.m. and awards at 1 p.m. Oct. 18.

An additional legacy prize will be awarded if a

participant earns first place and breaks the festival's past record-holding pumpkin at 1,750 pounds.

Pennville Volunteer Fire Department's annual hog roast is slated from 4 to 7 p.m.

The meal, offered from the station at 105 N. Wash-

ington St., offers pork with barbecue sauce, baked beans, apple sauce, bread and butter, desserts and drinks. The cost is \$8 per person or \$20 for a bag of pork.

Town-wide garage sales are also slated for Oct. 18.

Sexual abuse haunts victim decades later

DEAR ABBY: I am a victim of childhood sexual assault. I'm 52, and memories that I have repressed for so many years are coming back to haunt me. I have been with my husband for 14 years. We have enjoyed a very sexual relationship, but, lately, the memories are causing me to want to avoid intimacy with him. I want to tell law enforcement, but my mother is still married to my abuser, and I don't want to hurt her. He also molested my older sister and cousin. Help me, please. —

TIRED OF LIVING IN MISERY

DEAR TIRED: I am so sorry about what happened to you. I will assume that you have not received counseling to help you deal with this. If that's the case, I urge you to seek some now. Talk with your sister and your cousin. Explain that the memories of being molested by your mother's husband have come back in full force, and ask if they will join with you in filing a police report about what he did. If they refuse, do it alone. It may

Dear Abby



save other young women from being assaulted by him. If your mother is unaware of what happened, she deserves to know.

.....

DEAR ABBY: Some longtime friends, "the Smiths," are driving us crazy. They are the kind of people who would do anything for us, but we're at the end of our rope with them. Every single conversation involves listening to them brag about their son or grandson, neither of whom is anything special. The Smiths never ask about our kids or grandkids.

We've had to stop inviting them when we host others for dinners at our house. Friends have quietly asked us to not invite them when the Smiths are going to be there. They dom-

inate the conversations with their endless stories, which are of no interest to anyone else. The Smiths are ultrasensitive. Any request for them to modify their behavior would result in the immediate loss of the friendship. Help! —

WORN OUT IN ALABAMA

DEAR WORN OUT: Quit inviting the Smiths to dinner and be increasingly hard to reach for other social occasions. Eventually, they will get the hint. However, if they don't, you will be forced to tell them why you have stopped. When you finally do that, your problem will be moot, but you will have done them a favor.

.....

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman who has been in love with a gorgeous woman for more than 30 years. She's constantly on my mind and forever in my heart. She shows signs of feeling the same. My problem is that I have never loved like this before, and I don't know how to approach it. When one is ridiculed throughout a bad

marriage, it ruins one's self-esteem. I'm afraid I might lose her as a friend. I feel we were meant to be together. How do I go about expressing my feelings for her? —

GOING MAD IN THE EAST

DEAR GOING MAD: You stated that this woman has "shown signs" of feeling the same way you feel about her? What were they? How often? Are you both single, and is she available? Share your feelings with her, but be prepared in case those romantic feelings may not be reciprocated.

.....

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I used to live in the same city as his parents and sisters. We became very close, getting together several times a week. One of his sisters was my best friend. Because of work, we had to move about four hours away. Since then, we have felt increasingly isolated. I tried to call weekly, visit often and send gifts for every holiday.

About a year in, I realized we were initiating all the contact

and tried a little experiment. We stopped calling them. It took more than eight weeks for anyone to contact us. His mother calls his other siblings who live elsewhere every week, but not us. We visit them a few times a year, but they have never visited us despite invitations to do so. My husband is busy with work and, while it hurts him, he is able to forget about it. Although I live closer to my own family now, I mourn the loss of my friends and his family and feel frustrated that they don't care about us, seemingly caring about other family members more. Any advice? —

CAST OFF AND LONELY

DEAR LONELY: It appears you have too much free time on your hands. You can't change these people's behavior. Instead of brooding, stop dwelling on your in-laws' shortcomings and devote your energy to making friends in your new community. If you stop looking backward and find projects that interest you, you will meet like-minded people.

Community Calendar

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

Today

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

Friday

PAST RECOVERY

SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. To learn more information, please call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday

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.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for break-

fast at Richards Restaurant.

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

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E Walnut St, Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

THE LIFE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy, as well as help with the needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

PORTLAND EVENING

OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday 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.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio.

Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.



Our windows will lower your utility bill and keep your home comfortable.

Did you know that even small gaps in your windows can let cubic gallons of air outside? When your windows work better, so does your a/c (and heat). Our top-quality energy efficient windows are measured three times and get a 50 - point inspection for a perfect fit - and can be installed in a day or less by our local team. Get top quality windows at a fraction of the national brands.

Offer ends 9/30/2025

BUY 4 WINDOWS GET 4 FREE

\$0 down payment
\$0 monthly payment
0% interest rate for 2 years

 **Get a FREE door** when you purchase a house of windows.*

*Customers who purchase an entire house of windows may also receive a free six panel door (maximum \$2,000 retail value)

▼ Schedule your FREE quote! ▼

866.553.0725

Offer valid on certain models, excludes the cost of labor. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Excludes labor. Financing offers a no payment - no interest feature (during the "promotional period") on your purchase at an APR of 0.99%. No finance charges will occur on your account during the promotional period, as set forth in your Truth in Lending disclosures, and you will not have to pay a monthly payment until the promotional period has ended. If you repay your purchase in full before the end of the promotional period, you will not have to pay any finance charges. You may also prepay your account at any time without penalty. Financing is subject to credit requirements and satisfactory completion of finance documents. Any finance terms advertised are estimates only. Normal late charges apply once the promotional period has ended. MD MHC # 124356, VA # 270519059, DC # 4202200037, Delaware # 201301064, PA # 154615, MA HEC # 197968, NJ # 13149799700, RI HEC # 640087, KS # 964242, CT HEC # 090344, WA # WINDCON77PW, OR # 245005, IL HEC # 446057, 10/4/2025

Even our Adjustable Bed has a Flippable Mattress

Affordable priced everyday!



Made in Muncie for over 70 years

Holder Bedding

1815 N Granville Ave, Muncie
Open M-F 9:00a-5:30p;
Saturdays 10:00a-3:00p

www.holderbedding.net

765-747-8103

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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

Your One-Stop Tire Shop

TIRE CENTER

"Where Tires Are Not A Sideline"

421 N. Meridian, Portland

260-726-8947



Papers run on accurate information

By **KEN PAULSON**

Artificial intelligence is going to transform everything we watch, hear and read. You can already see it happening.

Asking an AI search engine a question about an obscure fact can yield quick and surprisingly detailed responses. Type in a cell-phone model number and you're suddenly a highly informed consumer. And when it comes to transforming legendary television show casts into babies, AI is world-class.

But news? AI-fueled news poses problems.

The first is that news is about reality. AI provides tools to bend reality. We're seeing a wave of AI-abetted falsehoods and deepfakes online, all designed to mislead us with doctored images and video.

No, Ukraine is not sending children, the disabled and the elderly

Ken Paulson



to clear minefields. President Trump does not have a forehead indentation indicating serious illness. Sen. Amy Klobuchar didn't attack Sydney Sweeney and complain that Democrats are "too fat to wear jeans or too ugly to go outside."

It's time to retire "seeing is believing."

A second issue with AI is that it doesn't know what the truth is. Its take on the world will be driven by the data it accesses. Popular but untrue information isn't nec-

essarily filtered out. There's no one sitting at a desk signing off on AI's best guess.

In contrast to the breathless tone of clickbait, newspapers in print and online can seem a little old-school. Traditional. Reliable. Safe.

Local newspapers embrace the original AI: accurate information. How refreshing is that? Newspapers focus on your community, written by neighbors who shop at the same stores and send their kids to the same schools. Most can readily be reached by phone or email, and when they make an error, they correct it.

How quaint. How essential.

AI isn't magic. When used for search, it offers an analysis and recasting of information about what's already known, drawing

on the vast resources of the web.

Any search about your hometown, though, depends on that information being captured and published in the first place. If your local newspaper doesn't report on a new transportation plan for your community, there's nothing for AI search to draw upon. AI is not sitting in the third row of the City Council meeting.

There's an oft-used phrase in data analysis: Garbage in, garbage out. No local news in, no local news out.

In the long run, artificial intelligence may be good for us; it may be bad. But it will be.

The question is whether we will support the local daily journalism that informs us, protects our communities, and yes, fuels AI.

Unless we support local news-

papers and local journalism of all sorts, we will lose the collective knowledge and insight that allows a community to address its needs and move forward. We can't fix what we don't know is broken.

If we don't subscribe and support local news media, we will no longer know how our tax dollars are being used, how well elected officials are doing their jobs, or what the real stakes are for the next local election.

But just wait until you see the mayor as a baby.

Paulson is the director of the Free Speech Center at Middle Tennessee State University and a former editor-in-chief of USA Today.

National Newspaper Week takes place Oct. 5 through 11. Support your local newspaper.



Data centers have a limited impact

By **MICHAEL J. HICKS**

Data centers have almost no local economic effects, with one possible exception.

That's the result of my recent study examining the effects of data centers on Texas employment and incomes. Texas provides an ideal case study because it offers both property tax abatements and sales tax exemptions for data centers, it posts transparent data on tax incentives, and it experienced the data center rush before other states.

To understand the economic impact, I measured employment in counties with new data centers against those without, focusing on total employment and the sectors most likely affected: information, construction, and professional and technical services.

The results were pretty clear.

No data center had a measurable effect on employment. To double check that finding, we performed a second type of analysis designed to detect whether jobs come early, as in a construction phase, or later, once the data center is operating.

There was no evidence that data centers led to more employment or incomes. There's just no effect at all, which is not terribly surprising. After all, these are not complex buildings. Much of the value comes from purchased

Michael J. Hicks



equipment, not the structure. Also, there's very little labor used to operate them after they've been built.

This Texas study offers data center proponents little evidence to justify attracting them in the name of economic development. But there is one potential exception.

Large data centers — those over 100,000 square feet — did appear to influence professional and technical employment. The average effect was reasonably strong, but many places experienced no effect. This finding suggests some future benefits, but it is far from definitive. It is difficult to know precisely how these very large data centers would differ from smaller ones.

The likeliest explanation is that smaller data centers support cloud computing, while larger ones are used for artificial intelligence. The AI facilities might bring with them technicians and engineering or computing staff

in larger numbers. That would be a hopeful sign for the local effect of data centers, but it is a very tentative hope.

One finding was very clear. Statewide tax incentives for data centers are unjustifiable. It shouldn't take an economic study to determine this. Large fiscal incentives for businesses without an employment effect have always been an especially dubious venture.

There's no real support for local incentives either. But, in the rare case when there are economic development benefits, it will be very localized. Again, there is low probability of these incentives ever paying off, but that should be a local choice, not something taxpayers across Texas (or Indiana) should bear.

It's also worth noting that, as part of this study, I tested the effect of data centers on electricity prices and price changes for residential consumers from 2010-2023. Again, there was no evidence that data centers led to higher residential electricity prices.

Indeed, the share of the family budget Americans spend on electricity has never been smaller than it is today. Any claims that data centers are driving higher electricity prices likely fail on a number of facts, not least of

which is that inflation-adjusted electricity prices are low by historical standards.

Of course, this study only evaluated jobs and electricity prices through 2023 or 2024. There could be changes in the future, so it is best to keep an open mind.

Despite these results, data centers are important to our economy today and will grow in importance as data storage and the computing power of AI becomes more critical to household, government and business applications.

The big takeaway from this research isn't so much that data centers aren't a local economic benefit. I think even a modicum of judgment would make that clear. The lesson is that the rush to attract the newest fad blinded legislators, economic developers and county and city councils across the country.

Take Indiana, for example. In the coming weeks, the Indiana Economic Development Corp. is set to release a data center study. It's worth reiterating: Any study that doesn't attempt to assess the causal effect of data centers on local employment, wages and other economic measures is probably useless.

The IEDC's work is unlikely to use rigorous experimental design — we don't yet have enough vari-

ation in the location and timing of Indiana's data centers to make such analysis possible.

Yet, Indiana's first attempt at analysis comes more than five years after the state effectively gave the farm away to any new data center that wanted to move here. It's part of the collapse of judgment that accompanied economic development policy in 2019 and 2020.

That failure cost Hoosier taxpayers billions of dollars and has saddled the Braun administration with many difficult choices. It is a case study on poor oversight, mission creep and a culture of accommodation to any business request for tax relief. In short, a very costly mistake.

The data center lesson should be simple. Do your homework on economic effects, be reluctant to give special tax deals and don't wait until there's a taxpayer rebellion to perform due diligence. Those are evergreen policy recommendations.

Hicks is the director of the Center for Business and Economic Research and the George and Frances Ball distinguished professor of economics in the Miller College of Business at Ball State University. Email him at mhicks@bsu.edu.

The Commercial Review

US PS 125820

HUGH N. RONALD (1911-1983), Publisher Emeritus
JOHN C. "JACK" RONALD (1948-2022), Publisher Emeritus



The Commercial Review is published daily except Sundays, Mondays and six holidays (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas — holidays are observed on Tuesday when they fall on a Monday) by The Graphic Printing Co. Inc., 309 W. Main St., Portland, Indiana 47371. Periodical postage paid (USPS 125820) at Portland, Indiana. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Commercial Review, 309 W. Main St., P.O. Box 1049, Portland, Indiana 47371 or call (260) 726-8141.

We welcome letters to the editor, which are accepted by email only to letters@thecr.com. They should be 700 words or fewer, signed, with city/town of residence and include a phone number for verification purposes. We reserve the right to edit for content and clarity.

RAY COONEY
President, editor and publisher

TONIA HARDY
Business manager

LOUISE RONALD
Board chair

BRIAN DODD
Production manager

VOLUME 152—NUMBER 113
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

www.thecr.com

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have government without newspapers or newspapers without government I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."
—Thomas Jefferson

Subscription rates
Internet-only: Three days — \$3; Monthly auto-pay — \$10; 13 weeks — \$32; six months — \$60; one year — \$108.
City (walking — where available): Monthly auto-pay — \$12; 13 weeks — \$38; six months — \$72; one year — \$129.
Motor route (where available): Monthly auto-pay — \$13; 13 weeks — \$46; six months — \$78; one year — \$148.
Mail: Monthly auto-pay — \$15; 13 weeks — \$53; six months — \$86; one year — \$161.
Home delivery problems: Call (260) 251-9588

This Area Church page is made possible through the courtesy of the following sponsors!

BUFFALO WINGS & RINGS

Great Food, No Bull!

1204 W. Votaw Portland
(260) 726-9647

Portland Insurance
Insurance made simple

(260) 726-9345
115 E. Main St.
Portland, IN
www.portins.com

pak-a-sak
and
SUBWAY

Dunkirk • Redkey • Albany

Open 24 Hours

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home

The Teeter Family

221 N. Meridian St
Portland, IN 47371
(260) 726-7171

FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS

Williams Auto Parts

Used Auto and Truck Parts
www.williamsautopartsinc.com

1127 S. Detroit Ave.
Portland, IN 47371
(260) 726-8001

All inventory online

In this house of worship, we honor

EQUALITY. JUSTICE. LOVE. RESPECT.

Swiss Village, Inc.

Independent Duplex Homes
Independent Living Apartments
Residential & Assisted Living
Short Term Rehabilitation
Healthcare & Dementia Care
Therapy Services

Berne, IN • 260.589.3173 • www.swissvillage.org

"Where the MEMBERS are the OWNERS"

CROSSROADS
FINANCIAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

(765) 768-6554
18919 N. Highway 167 N
Dunkirk, IN

Area churches are listed with location, pastor and phone number, services and website or email address. All services are Sunday, unless otherwise indicated.

Asbury United Methodist
204 E. Arch St., Portland
Josh Arthur
(260) 726-8464
Services: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
asburyministries.org

Bellefountain United Methodist
440 S. 600 East
Pamela Freeman
Services: 9 a.m.

Bluff Point Friends
80 E. 650 South
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Boundary St. Paul
Corner of Treaty Line
Road and county road 300 East
Ava Gannon
(260) 726-2373
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Bryant Wesleyan
209 S. Hendricks St.
Paul VanCise
(260) 997-6231
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
bryantwesleyanchurch.com

Calvary United Methodist
301 N. Main St., Dunkirk
Susan Durovey-Antrim
(765) 499-0368
Services: 10:30 a.m.
susan.duroveyantrim@in.unc.org

Christ Chapel
2535 Wabash Road, Fort Recovery
(419) 733-1469
christchapelfr.com

Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)
8472 S. 800 East, Union City
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Church of God of Prophecy
797 N. Creagor Ave., Portland
Nanette Weesner
(260) 766-9334
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nanybell@yahoo.com

Church of the Brethren
Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland
Kevin McClung
(260) 729-7295
Services: 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God
South Broad Street, Dunkirk
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

Collett Nazarene
450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27
Billy Stanton
(260) 251-2403
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Cornerstone Baptist
211 E. Main St., Portland
Wayne Ward
(260) 726-7714
Services: 10 a.m.

Cornerstone Church of Pennville
190 W. Main St., Pennville
David Davidson
(260) 202-9718
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Dunkirk Nazarene
226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
Tom Fett
(765) 768-6199
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Evangelical Methodist
930 W. Main St., Portland
Steve Arnold
(260) 251-0970
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Fairview United Methodist/Jay County
2875 E. 200 South
Pamela Freeman
Lay leader: Beth Stephen
(260) 726-9184
Services: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
Mark Acree
(260) 251-0987
Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center
200 E. Elder St., Portland
Ronald Willis
(260) 726-4844
Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

Fellowship Baptist
289 S. 200 West
Hugh Kelly
(260) 726-8873
Services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

First Church of Christ
1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery
David J. Nicholson
(419) 375-2860
Services: 10:30 a.m.
fccfrecovery.org

First Community Baptist
341 S. Meridian St., Redkey
Everett Bilbrey Jr.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; 7 p.m. Wednesday

First Free Will Baptist
12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

First Presbyterian
402 N. Ship St., Portland
Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
(260) 726-8462
Services: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.
firstpcportland.org

Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene
401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
(419) 375-4680
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Kids vision and teen ministries: 6 p.m. Wednesday
frnaz@frontier.com

Fort Recovery United Methodist
309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Rev. Carol McKay
(304) 617-0101
Services: 9 a.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle
468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
Robert Thomas
(765) 348-4620
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Geneva First United Methodist
100 W. Line St., Geneva
Barry McCune
(260) 368-7655
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Geneva Nazarene
225 Decatur St., Geneva
(260) 525-8609
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

Gilead Church
County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren
Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
Earl Doll
(260) 731-4477
Services: 10:30 a.m.

High Street United Methodist
435 High St., Geneva
Rev. Joseph Hampton
(260) 368-7233
Services: 9 a.m.

Holy Trinity Catholic
7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
Services: 8 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday

Hopewell of Life Ministries
County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
Rev. Ruth Funk
(260) 251-8581
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic
506 E. Walnut St., Portland
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
(260) 726-7055
Services: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Kingsley Full Gospel
4030 S. 700 East, Dunkirk
Stuart Phillips
Services: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

Mary Help of Christians
403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
(419) 375-4153
Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

Mount Tabor Community Church
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
Scott McClain
(765) 768-7273
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist
County roads 600 East and 200 North
Rev. Darrell Borders
(260) 726-4786
Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
4017 W. 200 South
Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship
1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
(260) 251-0063
Services: 10:30 a.m.

New Life Ministries
415 S. Helen St., Portland
Dr. Kay Fairchild
(260) 223-2961
Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
Services: 9 a.m.

Noble Congregational Christian
1964 N. 800 East
Aaron Huey
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove United Methodist
829 S. Indiana 1
Neil Butcher
(765) 760-9085
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Pleasant Hill
9945 N. 800 East, Union City
Bruce Bryan
(765) 964-3664
Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
mypleasanthillchurch.org

Portland Church of Christ
1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
Bob Graham
(260) 726-7777
Bible class: 9:15 a.m.
Services: 10:20 a.m.
Bible School: 6 p.m. Wednesday
portlandcoc.com

Portland First Church of Nazarene
920 S. Shank St., Portland
Steve Cecil
(260) 726-8040
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Portland Friends
226 E. Main St., Portland
Herb Hummel
(260) 202-9732
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.

Praise Chapel Church of God
4527 E. 1000 North (Jay-Randolph county line)
Rev. Josh Canfield
(765) 584-7045
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran
Malin and Elm streets, Bryant
Father Dan Layden
(260) 997-6787
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey Faith Ministries
9811 W. Indiana 67, southwest of Redkey
Rev. Craig and Robin Cotherman
(765) 369-2920
Services: 10 a.m.
RedkeyFaith.org

Redkey First Christian
Union and Malin streets
Jeff Hammers
(765) 468-6172
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey United Methodist
122 W. Main St.
Lori McIntosh
(765) 369-2085
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redkey Church of the Nazarene
801 W. High St.
Fred Stevens
(765) 369-2676
redkeynaz.org
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

River of Life
722 W. Main St., Portland
Susan Hathaway
(260) 729-1095
Services: 10:30 a.m.

The ROCK
1605 N. Meridian St., Portland
Matt Ransom
(260) 726-7474
Services: 10 a.m.
matt@therockjc.org

Salamonia Church of Christ
3900 S. 600 East
Bruce Phillips
(260) 335-2017
Services: 9 a.m.

Second Chance at Life Ministries
228 S. Meridian St., Portland
Dave Keen (260) 251-8792
Mike Eads (260) 703-0733
Services: 10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic
1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 7:30 a.m. Sunday

St. Mary's Catholic
346 S. Broad St., Dunkirk
Rev. Kevin Hurley
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

St. Paul Catholic
517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 11 a.m. Sunday

St. Peter Catholic
1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 9 a.m. Sunday

Sugar Grove Nazarene
3984 N. 550 West, Portland
Pastor Mike Heckman
(615) 517-1017
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Bible study: 6 p.m. Wednesday

Sugar Grove Church
County roads 600 South and 1150 West, Dunkirk
Scott McClain
Services: 9 a.m.

Temple Baptist
17920 Indiana 167, Dunkirk
John Elam
(765) 768-7708
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday
7pillarsdirector@gmail.com
templebaptistin.com

The Church at Westchester
4487 E. 400 North
(260) 726-6311
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:35 a.m.
churchatwestchester.org

Trinity Lutheran
301 N. Wayne St., Fort Recovery
Robin Owen
(419) 375-4498
Services: 9 a.m. (contemporary service, fourth Sunday)
pastorrobino@gmail.com

Trinity ArchBridge Church
323 S. Meridian St., Portland
Dan Vore
(260) 726-8391
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Services: 10:15 a.m.
portlandtrinity.com

Union Chapel
6200 N. 375 West, Bryant
Interim Pastor Chris Kruckow
(260) 849-0687
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene
County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
Fred Stevens
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Walnut Corner
County roads 200 North and 500 West
Steve Rogers
(260) 251-1113
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

West Walnut Church of Christ
204 W. Walnut St., Portland
Gil Alicea
(260) 726-4691
Services: 10 a.m.
westwalnutchurchof-christ.org

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Robin Owen
218 E. High St., Portland
(260) 726-8832
zionlutheranportland@gmail.com
Services: 10:30 a.m.

This Area Church page is made possible through the courtesy of the following sponsors!

Williamson, Spencer & Penrod Funeral Homes, Inc.

Todd & Rob Penrod

"Serving As We Would Be Served"

From 2 Convenient Locations
PORTLAND (260) 726-7111
PENNVILLE (260) 731-8811

pak-a-sak

We're your Convenience Store and a whole lot more!

Albany Hardware
209 W. State St.
Albany, IN 47320
765-789-4284

WINDOW REPAIR & SCREEN REPAIR	PIPE INSULATION	PAINT BIRD SEED
-------------------------------	-----------------	-----------------

Behind every project is a

True Value.

Portland True Value Shop Local
Save Time • Save Money

(260) 726-6263
1100 N. Meridian St.
Portland, IN

Arm's Auto Body
260.726.7343
Mike Bowen, Owner
801 N. Wayne Street - Portland, IN
Quality Work Since 1949
All Makes & Models
All Insurance Companies

Hours: M-F 8 to 5

Glassique Beauty Salon

(765) 768-7375

Candi Hatzell 206 S. Main St.
Dunkirk, IN

MAY FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC

LIFE • HEALTH
INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS
MEDICARE
SUPPLEMENTS
ANNUITIES
JEFF HALL
your hometown agent
for over 30 years
(260) 729-5200

Rose Morgan, CPA

Income Tax Preparation
Accounting/Bookkeeping
Payroll & Payroll Taxes

**202 South Main Street
Dunkirk, IN 47336
Ph. 765-768-6716**

RDavis & Sons
CONCRETE • EXCAVATING

Complete Septic Systems
Backhoe • Dozer
Hauling • Trenching
Drain Cleaning

3042 West 400 North, Portland
p 260.726.2230

SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Peanuts



Rose is Rose



Agnes



Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The obligatory finesse

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 5 2	♥ A J 8 6	♠ K J 10 9 3	♥ K Q 2
♦ K 5 4 3	♣ A K Q	♦ A 9	♣ 9 6 3
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 8 7 6	♥ 9 4 3	♠ A Q 4	♥ 10 7 5
♦ J 10 7	♣ 8 5 4 2	♦ Q 8 6 2	♣ J 10 7

The bidding:
East 1 ♠ Pass
South 1 NT Pass
West 3 NT
North 2 NT
Opening lead — eight of spades.

The obligatory finesse is a play you make because there is no other choice. Its chance of success is normally not very good; rather, it is chosen because no other legitimate line of play is available. Consider this deal where declarer must play carefully to make three notrump. First, let's say South wins the eight of spades with the queen and leads a low diamond to the king, losing to East's ace. East forces out the ace of spades, establishing his suit. South can now develop an extra diamond trick by

playing the queen and another diamond, but this gives him only eight tricks, and he goes down one. This line of play is not correct, however. Given the bidding, South should expect this result, so he should seek another approach. His only real chance for the contract lies in making three diamond tricks, and how he tackles the suit to accomplish this is where the obligatory finesse comes in.

Declarer sees 26 points between his own hand and dummy, so he knows East has at most 14 points for his opening bid. East is thus marked with the ace of diamonds, and South should shape his play to take advantage of this knowledge. Obviously, if he leads a diamond to the king and East takes the ace, it becomes impossible to win three diamond tricks. Instead, South should try to lose a trick to the ace without sacrificing the king or queen. This can be accomplished only if East started with the doubleton ace. So, after winning the queen of spades at trick one, South should cross to dummy with a club and return a low diamond, winning East's nine with the queen. He then continues with a diamond and ducks whatever card West plays. This is the obligatory finesse. As it happens, East is forced to win the trick with the ace, and declarer acquires his ninth trick.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
©2025 King Features Syndicate Inc.

10-9

CRYPTOQUIP

RWOP RGVMK GBS NOMM PWS

ESS NWOLTSK EGL NMOFFSF

USDBT WSMK DB O UVNGMDN

WGPSM? DBB PVDPDGB.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN I SPOTTED THAT FELLOW GENTLY PUSHING HIS BABY'S CRADLE BACK AND FORTH, I SAID, "YOU ROCK!" Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals C

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Orange tuber
- 4 Biceps, in gym-speak
- 8 Cornfield intruder
- 12 Numerical prefix
- 13 Scott Turow book
- 14 Abode
- 15 Lose
- 17 Muscat's land
- 18 Proof letters
- 19 Google search need
- 21 "House" actor Hugh
- 24 Writer's block?
- 25 Acapulco gold
- 26 Shade tree
- 28 Nation on the Red Sea
- 32 Morsels
- 34 Bear hair
- 36 Pudding variety
- 37 Ancient theater

DOWN

- 1 "Tasty!"
- 2 Singer DiFranco
- 3 Interviewee's dread
- 4 Actress/producer
- 5 Italian article
- 6 Violin part
- 7 Doze
- 8 Oyster bar order
- 9 NFL analyst Tony
- 10 Epps of "House"
- 11 Travel
- 16 Part of MPH
- 20 "Rah!"
- 21 Timber wolf
- 22 Desertlike
- 23 Santa's helper
- 27 Wet dirt
- 29 Couple incorrectly
- 30 Beige
- 31 Tide type
- 33 Fuses together
- 35 U.K. military fliers
- 38 Born as
- 40 Core
- 43 Office part-timers
- 45 Genetic letters
- 46 Turns blue?
- 47 Caitlin Clark's home state
- 48 "Brady Bunch" son
- 49 Painter Mondrian
- 53 Utter
- 54 Clean air org.
- 55 "Stay with Me" singer

Solution time: 24 mins.

SPA	PEST	DABS
REG	ARTE	ERAS
ORO	TRUE	HEART
SUGAR	MUM	
BORG	BEZOS	
TRU	LIES	DELI
REC	SONAR	RAT
ALLS	TRUE	LOVE
MOATS	ELLE	
ROI	AORTA	
TRU	ESTORY	EAR
OOZE	ERIE	DXI
EDIT	MEND	SID

Yesterday's answer 10-9

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12										
15										
21	22									
25										
32										
37										
46	47	48								
51										
56										
59										

STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

ACCULEVEL. YOUR foundation repair and basement waterproofing experts. Whether basement, crawl space or concrete slab we'll guide you on the right path to a healthy home. Act now! Up to \$600 off. Restrictions apply. Call for a free consultation. 1-877-229-0197

ADVERTISERS: You can place a 25-word classified ad in more than 140 newspapers across the state for as little as \$300.00 with one order and paying with one check through ICAN, Indiana Classified Advertising Network. For Information contact the classified department of your local newspaper or call ICAN direct at Hoosier State Press Association, (317) 803-4772.

BECOME A Published Author. We want to Read Your Book! Dorrance Publishing-Trusted by Authors Since 1920. Book manuscript submissions currently being reviewed. Comprehensive Services: Consultation, Production, Promotion and Distribution.

CALL FOR Your Free Author's Guide 1-888-965-1444 or visit dorranceinfo.com/hoosier

CONSUMER CELLULAR - the same reliable, nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just \$20/month. For more information, call 1-855-572-5165

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-844-244-7025

DIRECTV- All your entertainment. Nothing on your roof! Sign up for Directv and get your first three months of Max, Paramount+, Showtime, Starz, MGM+ and Cinemax included. Choice package \$84.99/mo. Some restrictions apply. Call DIRECTV 1-888-885-8931

DO YOU know what's in your water? Leaf Home Water Solutions offers FREE water testing and whole home water treatment systems that can be installed in as little one day. 15% off your entire purchase. Plus 10% senior & military discounts. Restrictions apply. Schedule your FREE test today. Call 1-855-966-4836

DONATE YOUR car, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-877-414-2352 today!

FREEDOMCARE. LET your loved ones care for you and get paid! Paid by Medicaid. Choose family or friends as your paid caregiver. Check your

NEW WINDOWS from Window Nation. Special money saving offer - zero down, zero payments, zero interest for TWO years AND buy 2 windows and get 2 FREE! Offer is valid for select models. Labor not included. Other restrictions apply. Call Window Nation today! 866-553-0725

NO MORE cleaning out gutters. Guaranteed! LeafFilter is backed by a no-clog guarantee and lifetime transferrable warranty. Call today 1-877-361-4260 to schedule a FREE inspection and no obligation estimate. Plus get 75% off installation and a bonus \$250 discount! Limited time only. Restrictions apply, see representative for warranty and offer details.

BOOLMAN'S
Auto Sales & Service, Inc.
Highway 67 W,
Portland, Indiana
260-251-9735

Wendel's
Carpets & Upholstery Cleaning
Von Schrader Dry
Foam Cleaning
For Quick Drying,
Residential &
Commercial
Green Seal
Approved
Dave Wendel
Ph. 260-726-4520
Cell 260-729-2797

**Bricker's Flowers
& More**
414 N. Meridian St. Portland
Call or text to order 260-703-0304
Open 9:30-5:00 Monday - Friday
9:30-3:00 Saturday

**Little JJ's
Tree Service**
Tree Trimming, Removal,
Stump Grinding.
Firewood available
765-509-1956

**TRIPLE A
WOODWORKING**
Kitchens,
Bathrooms,
Interior Trim,
Windows,
Doors, Siding,
Decks, Drywall,
and Painting
(260)-227-0875

**Dave's
Heating & Cooling**
Furnace,
Air Conditioner
Geothermal
Sales & Service
260-726-2138
Now accepting
MC/Disc/Visa

King's Tree Service
765-881-6111
FREE EST. FULLY INSURED
TREE TRIMMING-TOPPING-
REMOVAL-STUMP GRINDING
Firewood 4 Sell
Bucket Truck & BobCat
Services Avail.
OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE
Andy King
765-881-1611

**Visit Us At:
theocr.com**

**SUBSCRIBE
TO THE
COMMERCIAL
REVIEW**
up to
49% off
Newsstand prices
Subscribe at
theocr.com
or call
260-726-8141

**Visit
Us At:
theocr.com**

BAIL BONDS
Travis Weaver
260-726-3189
across street
from Jail

E and E Construction
Amish Crew
BARN RESTORATION
Specializing in
metal roofs, decks & more
FREE Estimates
260-301-1777

End ...

Continued from page 8
“I think that goal woke us up,” said Jay County goal-keeper Peyton Yowell, who recorded four saves. “We were just like, ‘We need to start locking in, or else they’re going to start burying more.’ And then we started strapping up their defenders and offenders, it’s just really good about the defense today.”

Among the key defensive contributors was Angel Gutierrez, who anchored the left side of Jay County’s back line and used his physicality and awareness to negate the impact of Eagle speedsters Marc Caritos and Manuel Calcano-Mora. Also integral to the stingy defense was Zavier Hudson, who put his body on the line to block multiple shots before they made it to Yowell.

But while the defense’s resilience kept the match close, it simply wasn’t meant to be for the Patriots, who were shut out for just the second time all season. The heart-breaking defeat was the latest gut-punch in a year full of them, as seven of Jay County’s 10 losses were by a single goal.

“We’ve been hit every which direction, but they still try to find a way,” said Rodney Reynolds. “You can see they don’t quit. They go out there and give it their all. ... There’s no quit in them, they fight until the end. So I’m fortunate to have those kind of kids.”

Now, the Patriots will

look to next year as they brace for the losses of three key players — seniors Yowell and Max Klopfenstein, and foreign exchange student Elias Mueller.

“It’s always hard to lose those guys, especially when you don’t go out like you think you should go out,” Rodney Reynolds said.

Despite the sour finish to the season and the departure of the three vital contributors, Rodney Reynolds and Jay County remain optimistic about the future. The team’s top two goal scorers, Penrod (17 goals) and Brody Collins (eight goals), are both freshmen, and six of the seven Patriots to score multiple goals in 2025 are poised to return next season.

“We’re not going to give up on anything,” Rodney Reynolds said. “We play very young. These kids are positive, and just keep building on what we have.”

Rodney Reynolds also expects a strong incoming freshman class to augment the foundation Jay County established this season, leading to high hopes that the Patriots will avenge what was their first losing season since 2020.

“I think the sky’s the limit,” Yowell said. “I think they’re going to be insane next year. Nothing’s stopping this team. Just because we’re losing a few seniors doesn’t mean we’re going to stop. We’re going to come back better and stronger.”

That ...

Continued from page 8
“(Getting ahead) was really great, especially because of all the hard work we’ve been doing,” Lopez said. “I didn’t think it was going to go in, but then everyone started cheering. ... I guess it kind of went through the goal-keeper’s hands and then through her legs when trying to grab it.”

While the Tigers kept JCHS scoreless the rest of the half, it started to figure out a formula.

The Patriots couldn’t extend the lead through the first 15 minutes of the second half either, but started shooting from further and further out when the opportunity presented itself. Finally, that strategy paid off when Tessa Frazee ran up and launched the ball from the midfield line to once again bounce in front of Winkle-Rhoades and into the goal.

While Frazee was confident in her ability to hit a shot like that,

she didn’t expect the outcome of that particular kick.

“I’ve been taking them all year in hopes one of them would go in,” Frazee said. “I’ve been having good touches tonight and when Finely (Hatzell) send that drop, I was really center with the goal and my hips were center. I did not expect it to go in. I expected it to get up to one of the forwards, but it went in the back and I don’t know how.”

Less than three minutes later, the Patriots found the net one more time. Lopez took a corner kick from the right side, but Lloyd couldn’t get her head on the ball. Hummer backed her up on the left half of the field and after controlling the ball, brought it back toward the top of the box. From 1 yard out, she chipped it over the defense and the ball bounced once before skipping past the Tiger goalkeeper.

On the other end of the field, the Patriots had Emma Hatzell, Araitz Lekue Magro and Frazee controlling the back line, while Ariel Beiswanger patrolled as a sweeper. In the regular season draw with Yorktown, the back line made a costly mistake, committing a handball violation in the box to allow a penalty kick for the lone score. They again played a near perfect game, but Lekue Magro fouled Harper Mitchell just outside the box, allowing the Tiger to launch the ball out of Maleah Parsons’ reach on the free kick with 11 minutes remaining.

“(Mitchell) for Yorktown is their best scorer,” Muhlenkamp said. “As soon as she took five shots back-to-back I said no more shots. We had a tagger on her, which kind of closed their offense a bit. ... They took charge of the game with every ounce that they had.”

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Volleyball at New Castle – 6 p.m.; Girls soccer sectional semifinal vs. Delta at Yorktown – 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Volleyball at St. Henry – 5:30 p.m.; Middle school volleyball MAC tournament at St. Henry – TBA

Friday
Jay County — Football at Lapel – 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football at Parkway – 7 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
6:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Philadel-

phia Phillies at Los Angeles Dodgers (TBS)
6:30 p.m. — College hockey: Clarkson at Penn State (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: East Carolina at Tulane (ESPN)
8 p.m. — College football: Southern Miss at Georgia Southern (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NHL: Minnesota Wild at St. Louis Blues (FDSN Indiana)
9 p.m. — College hockey: Boston College at Minnesota (BTN)
9:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Milwaukee Brewers at Chicago Cubs (TBS)

Friday
4:40 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Detroit Tigers at Seattle Mariners (FS1)
7 p.m. — College volleyball: Wis-

consin at Penn State (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: South Florida at North Texas (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at Phoenix Mercury (ESPN)
8:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: New York Yankees at Toronto Blue Jays (FOX)
9 p.m. — College football: Rutgers at Washington (FS1)
9 p.m. — College volleyball: Washington at Nebraska (BTN)

Local notes

Cooper to host
Cooper Farms will host its 18th Annual Turkey Trot 5K benefiting Ever-Heart Hospice on Nov. 1.

The race will begin at Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant at 1 Cooper Farms Drive, St. Henry, OH. Registration is at 9 a.m. with the race beginning at 10 a.m.

There will be age groups from 9-and-younger to 60-and-older. Awards will be handed out to the top female and male from each age group.

Refreshments and a to-go turkey meal will be provided for all runners.

For more information on registering, visit speedy-feet.com and search “Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K” or email Tonya Huber at tonyah@cooperfarms.com.

To have an event listed in “Sports on tap”, email details to sports@theocr.com

STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

PORTABLE OXYGEN
Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 877-930-3271

PREPARE FOR power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-866-953-2203 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

PREPARE FOR power outages with Briggs & Stratton/E PowerProtect(TM) standby generators - the most powerful home standby generators available. Industry-leading comprehensive warranty - 7 years (\$849 value.) Proudly made in the U.S.A. Call Briggs & Stratton 1-877-798-0270.

REPLACE YOUR roof with the best looking and longest lasting material steel from Erie Metal Roofs! Three styles and multiple colors available. Guaranteed to last a lifetime! Limited Time Offer up to 50% off installation + Additional 10% off install (for military, health workers & 1st responders.) Call Erie Metal Roofs: 1-866-781-6023

SAFE STEP. North America's #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1-855-743-1911

SUNSETTER. AMERICA'S Number One Awning! Instant shade at the touch of a button. Transform your deck or patio into an outdoor oasis. Up to 10-year limited warranty. Call now and SAVE \$350 today!

WE BUY Houses for Cash AS IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy three step process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Get your fair cash offer today by calling Liz Buys Houses: 1-855-655-7718

00 CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED ADS
260-726-8141
ADVERTISING RATES
20 Word Minimum
Effective 07/01/2018:
Minimum charge....
\$12.40
1 insertion.....62¢/

00 CLASSIFIEDS

word
2 insertions.....81¢/word
3 insertions.....96¢/word
6 insertions.... \$1.14/word
12 insertions. \$1.52/word
26 insertions. \$1.77/word
Includes
Online.....FREE
Classified Display \$6.95/ per column inch
No borders or logos allowed on Classified Page
Card of Thanks Up to 100 words.... \$13.00
In Memory Up to 100 words.... \$13.00
Advertising Deadline is 12:00 p.m. the day prior to publication.
Pre-Payment required for: Rummage sales, business opportunities, jobs wanted, boats and sporting equipment, wanted to rent, motorized vehicles, real estate and mobile homes.

40 NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to check your ad the first day it appears. We cannot be responsible for more than one days incorrect copy. We try hard not to make mistakes, but they do happen, and we may not know unless you call to tell us. Call before 12:00 pm for corrections. The Commercial Review, 309 W Main, Portland, Indiana 260-726-8141.

60 SERVICES

J. L. CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING LLC. Amish crew. Custom built homes, new garages, pole barns, interior/ exterior remodeling, drywall, windows, doors, siding, roofing, foundations. 260-726-5062, leave message.

GOODHEW'S ALL SEASON Construction- Specializing in standing seam metal roofs. When Quality Counts, Count On US. A company you can trust. Member of the BBB. New Installation and repairs. Call Rodney Thornbury, owner 765-509-0191

SEAMSTRESS NAN HOMEMADE Sewing and Alterations, Quilts, Baby Blankets, Applique, Zippers, Hemming, Memory T-Shirt, Special Orders, Wedding & Prom Gowns. 260.766.9334

90 SALE CALENDAR

LAND AUCTION
MONDAY OCTOBER 13TH, 2025
TIME 5:00 P.M.
LOCATED: 1 Mile North

90 SALE CALENDAR

of New Mt Pleasant on Como Rd, Portland, IN
REAL ESTATE
95.67 Acres In Section 16, Jefferson Twp, Jay County Indiana. Practically all tillable with Frontage on Como Rd. Property does have a Windmill, Lease and Payment will stay with the Farm. Wooded area not Included. Taxes to be prorated day of Closing. Possession upon Harvest of 2025 Crops. Drive by's are Welcome or Phone Auctioneers for More Information. Auction Held On-Site.
OWNERS: Denney Family Properties, LLC
Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.
SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE
AC31800004
AUCTIONEERS
Zane Shawver
Lic. #AU10500168
260-729-2229
Pete D. Shawver
Lic. #AU19700040
260-726-5587

LAND AUCTION
MONDAY OCTOBER 20TH, 2025
TIME 5:00 P.M.
LOCATED: CR 200 S AND CR 300 E. PORTLAND, IN
REAL ESTATE
74 +/- Acres in Section 35, Wayne Twp, Jay County Indiana with 67 Acres Tillable, balance being Wooded and Road Frontage. Farm has Frontage on CR's 200 S and 300 E.

Typography: Level. Possession: Upon Closing or Harvest of 2025 Crops. Taxes: To be Prorated the Day of Closing. Very Desirable Farm in a Great Location. Drive by's are Welcome or Phone Auctioneers for More Information. Auction Held On-Site.
OWNER:Gary D and Kimbra L Weesner
Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.

SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE
AC31800004
AUCTIONEERS
Zane Shawver
Lic. #AU10500168
260-729-2229
Pete D. Shawver
Lic. #AU19700040
260-726-5587

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: 224 W 500 N Bryant, IN
Saturday Morning
OCTOBER 11, 2025
10:00 A.M.
REAL ESTATE
PARCEL #1: This parcel consists of a 2 story home, barn, pond, and approximately 6 acres.
PARCEL #2: 20 Acres

90 SALE CALENDAR

of tillable land that is in the set aside program. It is in this program until September 2032. The owner receives \$4,603.00 per year. If this parcel sells separately from parcel #1 there will be a deeded 60’ easement given on the east side of parcel #1.
PARCEL #3
Combination of Parcel #1 and #2. House, barn, pond, and 26 acres.

For more information or private showing contact Loy Real Estate 260-726-2700 or Gary Loy Auctioneer 260-726-5160.
HOUSEHOLD GOODS-OLD ITEM -TRAILER-TOOLS
Cedar chest; dressers; park bench; Western Flyer bicycle; Concord bicycle; wood glider: 6' X 8' trailer; Ariens 11 hp tiller; 4' lawn roller; yard dump cart; Homak 2 pc. tool cabinet; Lincoln AC225S arc welder; Die Hard battery charger & engine starter; furniture clamps; grease guns; log chain; trouble lights; paint supplies; and other items not listed.

RITA LEGGETT, DECEASED
Loy Auction
AC#31600027 Auctioneers
Gary Loy AU10131608
Travis Theurer AU11200131
Aaron Loy AU11200112
Kaden Khayyata AU12400069

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Women's Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E Votaw St., Portland, IN
Friday Afternoon
OCTOBER 10, 2025
5:00 P.M.

MODERN HOUSEHOLD GOODS-OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS
Walnut full size bed; marble top plant stand; cedar chest; Berne 3 cushion sofa; marble top coffee table; Tiffany style lamp; , 2 side chairs and matching round coffee table, NICE SET;
COINS: Eisenhower dollars, Kennedy half dollars, assorted silver coins, steel & wheat pennies, and foreign coins; , Howard Miller mantel clock; , JEWELRY: 10k men's ring, 14K ladies ring,
WROUGHT IRON: 2 settees, 4 chairs, and 2 tables; , and other items not listed.
TRUCKS-CONVERTIBLE-MOWER-TOOLS
2002 Ford F150 Truck with 135,846 miles, 2003 Ford Thunderbird Convertible Car with

automatic transmission, V8 and 149,000 miles, Snapper riding lawn mower with 42i cut, very clean; Kennedy 2 pc. tool cabinet;gas cans; and other items not listed.

JACK WAGNER ESTATE
By Mitch Wagner and Wes Schemenaur, Personal Rep. &
SMITH FAMILY
Loy Auction
AC#31600027
Auctioneers
Gary Loy AU10131608
Travis Theurer AU11200131
Aaron Loy AU11200112
Kaden Khayyata AU12400069

PUBLIC AUCTION
SATURDAY OCTOBER 11th, 2025
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 3430 W SR 67. Portland, IN
VEHICLES-TRAILERS-MOTORCYCLE
2008 Buick Lacrosse CX 99,200 miles. 2003 Chevrolet Impala 120,000 miles. (2) 45' Semi Van Storage Trailers. (2) 40' Semi Van Storage Trailers.
Kawasaki KZ 200 Motorcycle.

GUNS - BAYONETS - KNIVES - ANTIQUES
German F-R Furt Luger 9mm w/ Clip and Holster Serial #4635. Japanese Military Rifle Model 44 Cavalry Carbine. 1945 US Bayonet. German and Japanese Bayonets. Japanese Samurai Sword. RZM-M-7 German Knife and other German Knives. US Backpack Duffle Bag and Flags. . Victorian Love Seat. (2) Victorian Chairs. Marble 2 Drawer Dresser w/ Glove Drawers. Signed Paintings. Gone with the Wind Style Lamp. Longaberger Baskets. Ammo Box. Die Cast Miniatures. **APPLIANCE-FURNITURE-TOOLS-MISC**
Maytag Washer and Dryer. Kenmore Washer and Dryer. 6 Gun Cabinet. 3 Cushion Sofas. Bose Radio w/ CD Player. Leather Living Room Chair. Lazy Boy Power Recliner w/ Massage. . Craftsman 10i Table Saw. Craftsman 12i Band Saw.21i Snow Blower. Pipe, Wood, and other Clamps. Dato Glaze. Lawn, Garden, Shop Tools.

Large Auction: Several Items Not Mentioned. Possibly 2 Rings.
OWNER: Portland Odd Fellows Lodge: Nancy Wishon and Others.
Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.

SHAWVER AUCTION-

90 SALE CALENDAR

EERING AND REAL ESTATE
AC31800004
AUCTIONEERS
Zane Shawver
Lic. #AU10500168
260-729-2229
Pete D. Shawver
Lic. #AU19700040
260-726-5587

PUBLIC AUCTION
SATURDAY OCTOBER 18th, 2025
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 2782 S. 700 W.

Portland, IN
Please Access Location from the West due to Bridge out on 700 W.
TRACTORS-SKID LOADER-DUMP TRUCK
Kubota M 135 GX Tractor w/ LA 2254 Self Levelling Loader, 200 Hours.
Ford 3415 Tractor w/ 2346 QT Loader, 506 Hours. Kubota SVL 65-2 Track Skid Loader w/ 95 Hours. 1996 GMC Single Axel Dump Truck, 350 FI, 350 Engine, PTO 62,000 Miles.

2013 Polaris Sportsman 500 HO ATV. Quick Attach Stump Grinder. Misc Harley Davidson Parts including Tanks, Frame, Fenders, Misc. Power Mate and Tote-Mig Welder. Buck and Cross Cut Saws and Other Primitive Tools. Shop, hand, and Power Tools. **GUNS-KNIVES COINS-JEWELRY**
Colt Mark IV 45 Cal Pistol w/ Mag. Smith & Wesson Model 28 357 Highway Patrolman 6 Shot Revolver. Glock Model 23 40 Cal Pistol w/ Mag. Henry 12 Gauge Side by Side w/ Rabbit Ears. Large Lot of Ammo. Drum Magazines. Case XX 75th Anniversary 3 Knife Set. 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1935, Peace Dollars, Approximately 50. 1885, 1896, 1884, 1890 1921 Morgan Dollars, . Signed Marilyn Monroe Painting. 1965 Modern Scenes Retro Paintings. National Cash Register. Large Collection of Collectible Barbie Dolls. . 1939 10K Gold Pennville Class Ring. 10K Gold Bracelet. 14K Mens Wedding Band.
OWNER: Name Withheld for Security Reasons

Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.
SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE
AC31800004
AUCTIONEERS
Zane Shawver
Lic. #AU10500168
260-729-2229
Pete D. Shawver
Lic. #AU19700040
260-726-5587

100 JOBS WANTED

AL'S ODD JOBS
Repairs-Cleaning-Assembly-Carpentry-Painting-Pet Sitting and many other services. CALL FOR A FREE QUOTE. 260-251-0636

AMISH CREW LOOKING FOR any work. No job is too big or small. Pole barns, roofing, remodeling. 260-849-2489.

110 HELP WANTED

HIRING PART-TIME INSERTER Hours vary each week. Apply at The Graphic Printing Company. The Commercial Review 309 West Main Street, Portland, IN 47371 Office Hours: 10 am - 4 pm, Tuesday - Friday or email business@theocr.com. **NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.** Equal opportunity employer.

130 MISC. FOR SALE

FALL MARKET
Menchofer Farms
5679 Wabash Rd., Coldwater, OH
419-942-1502
Open Thursday-Sunday 1pm-7pm

SCRATCH PADS ARE BACK various bundles sizes and XL pads. \$1.25 plus tax. Pick up at The Commercial Review Tuesday thru Friday 10am to 4pm.

PAPER END ROLLS FOR SALE Various sizes and prices. Call The Commercial Review at 260-726-8141 for more information.

190 FARMERS COLUMN

AG RENTAL Spreaders: BBI, Artsway Vertical. New Holland 228 skid loaders w/full cab, heat/ac. Fort Recovery 419-852-0309

200 FOR RENT

LEASE SPACE available, Coldwater, OH. Manufacturing, warehousing, assembly, distribution, offices, inside and outdoor storage. Easy access to major highways and railroad access with loading docks and overhead cranes available. Contact Sycamore Group, 419-678-5318, www.sycamorespace.com

230 AUTOS, TRUCKS

WE PAY CASH for junk autos. We pick up at your location. 1-765-546-2642 or 1-765-857-1071. Slocum's Salvage

Alexandria-Monroe got the best of Jay boys tennis, see roundup below

JCHS volleyball travels to New Castle today, see Sports on tap

That went in?

Three shots bounce past goalie to push Patriots past Yorktown in sectional opener

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

YORKTOWN — Throughout the regular season, a lot of the Patriots’ goals came from working the soccer ball inside the box.

The Tigers’ back line prevented them from getting those quality looks, and when the Patriots did sneak in, Zoey Winkle-Rhoades put an end to the drive.

But when they extended the ball beyond that 18-yard mark, they found that a short hop did the trick.

Jay County High School’s girls soccer team claimed a 3-1 victory over the host Yorktown Tigers in the IHSAA Sectional 24 opener on Tuesday.

The victory both avenges a 1-1 draw with Yorktown (8-8-1) during the regular season and earns the Patriots (12-4-1) a date with Delta in Thursday’s semifinal at 7 p.m.

“Getting these girls to believe in themselves and their capabilities has been a slow burner,” said JCHS coach Kendra Muhlenkamp. “One of the things I highlighted at the halftime was, ‘If you are upset right now, you should not be playing on the field. We’re up 1-0 in a sectional game and that is awesome.’”

“So our mindset going into this sectional run is never upset with ourselves, always happy for our team and continue to push each other.”

Jay County generally controlled possession, but it struggled to get in close



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Ariel Beiswanger, the sweeper for the Jay County High School girls soccer team, pokes the ball away from host Yorktown’s Harper Mitchell during Tuesday’s 3-1 victory in the sectional opener. Beiswanger and the back line played a clean game, making only one mistake late in the second half to allow Hopkins a free kick that sailed over Maleah Parsons’ wing span.

without multiple defenders immediately swarming for a steal.

While both shot attempts from inside the box were deflected before reaching the goal, the Patriots found an advantage with eight minutes remaining in the first half.

The possession started

with Raylin Hummer driving down the left side of the field and attempting to cross the ball to London Lloyd in the middle of the box. While Lloyd controlled the ball, Amelia Hofmann was right there on defense and Mairin Gesler pinched over to take away any angle.

The sophomore dished

the ball back out to Aixa Lopez, who got a touch 3 yards outside the box. Lopez didn’t expect much of the shot she took, but the ball looped over the defense, bounced in front of Winkle-Rhoades and snuck through her legs, leading to the goal and a shock for the JCHS senior.

See That page 7

Jay County boys tennis loses regional opener to Tigers 5-0

NOBLESVILLE — The Patriots had put together one of its most successful seasons under Donald Gillespie, but they couldn’t escape the first round of the regional.

The Jay County High School boys tennis team’s season came to an end Tuesday at the hands of the Alexandria-Monroe Tigers 5-0 in the IHSAA Regional 14 hosted by Noblesville.

Local roundup

The Tigers move on to face Delta in the regional final.

Paul Dirksen played the closest match for the Patriots (16-8), forcing

a tiebreaker against Owen May. The JCHS freshman eventually fell 7-5, 7-6 (7-5).

Playing together for the first time this season, Jace Vance and Brock Wasson lost the No. 2 doubles match 7-5, 6-3 to Aryeh Hollingsworth and Cooper Morgan. The No. 1 doubles duo of Alex Miller and Nick Snow also fell 6-2, 6-2.

Henry Dirksen and Clark Well-

man only claimed one game between the two of them in the No. 2 and 3 singles matches.

Tribe sweeps

FORT RECOVERY — The Fort Recovery volleyball team won its third straight match on Tuesday by defeating the St. John’s Bluejays 25-12, 25-11, 25-14.

Brynn Willmann and Cameron Muhlenkamp led the Indians’

offense with eight kills apiece, while Alexis Grisez added seven and Bridget Homan had six.

Fort Recovery (9-11, 2-6 Midwest Athletic Conference) also dropped in 18 aces on the Bluejays (5-15, 0-8 MAC), including six from Kenna Dues.

Other leaders for FRHS were Muhlenkamp and Dues with 10 digs, Kayden Ranley with 23 assists.

The end of the line

Jay County’s season over after tight sectional loss

By ETHAN OSKROBA
The Commercial Review

GAS CITY — The overcast sky finally burst open in the waning moments of the match. Unfortunately for the Patriots, their persistent offense never followed suit.

The Jay County High School boys soccer team generated numerous chances, but was held scoreless by the Oak Hill Golden Eagles in a 1-0 loss that bounced the Patriots out of the tournament in the opening round of Class 2A Section 23 at Mississinewa on Tuesday.

“It was a good game, it was a good battle,” said Jay County coach Rodney Reynolds. “We knew they were going to bring it. They’re right there with us the whole season, but unfortunately, one team’s got to win, one team’s got to lose, and we were on the losing side. It’s just unlucky, that’s all I’m going to say.”

Oak Hill advances to the semifinal round at 7 p.m. Thursday to take on Yorktown, which won its opening-round game Tuesday 5-0 over the host Indians.

The lack of luck manifested itself on several occasions in the back-and-forth clash. The Patriot offense generated plenty of strong looks, including multiple close-range efforts from Blake Collins and Jacoby Penrod that were either saved or just missed the target.

Perhaps the Patriots’ most agonizing near-miss came with just under 13 minutes remaining, when Emmitt Reynolds pounced on a loose ball in the box and sent it



The Commercial Review/Ethan Oskroba

Elias Mueller, an exchange student on the Jay County High School boys soccer, team gets a touch on the ball during the IHSAA Sectional 23 opener against Oak Hill on Tuesday. JCHS lost to the Golden Eagles 1-0, marking the end of Peyton Yowell, Max Klopfenstein and Mueller’s careers with the Patriots.

screaming toward the goal, only for the ball to carom off the top of the crossbar and out of play.

In spite of the offensive misfortune, Jay County (6-10-1) posted a rugged defensive outing. While Tayt Bowlin’s finish off a Carter

Kreitzer through ball with 23:38 left in the opening half proved to be the deciding goal, the Patriots were determined to stymie any further Golden Eagle (9-5-3) chances.

See End page 7



Review
preview

Friday - 7 p.m.



Jay County Patriots



Portland, 2-5

Coach: Eddie Fields, first year (fifth overall)

Conference: Allen County

Last week at South Adams: The Patriots gave up four scores in the first quarter as they fell to South Adams 42-16. The Starfires excelled on the ground and in the air, racking up 445 total yards on 40 plays, while JCHS had 164 yards on 51 plays. Jay County hit a field goal in the second quarter and scored both of its touchdowns after halftime.

Season leaders: Passing — Nick Laux — 55-of-98 for 596 yards and five touchdowns. Rushing — Leighton Brown — 102 carries for 524 yards and four touchdowns. Receiving — Brady Jetmore — 19 catches for 272 yards and three touchdowns.

VS.

Lapel Bulldogs



Lapel, 7-0

Coach: Tim Miller, 14th year

Conference: Independent

Last week at Heritage Christian: The Bulldogs and Eagles finished the first quarter tied 7-7 before LHS scored 28 unanswered points for the 35-7 victory. Devin Craig threw for 248 yards and four touchdowns, three of which were caught by Jaxon Cripe.

Season leaders: Passing — Devin Craig — 111-of-173 for 1,446 yards and 21 touchdowns. Rushing — Jack Miller — 131 carries for 818 yards and eight touchdowns. Receiving — Liam Ko — 27 catches for 341 yards and five touchdowns. Defense — Isaiah Young — 82 tackles. Will Gilbert — 38 tackles and 7.5 sacks.

Last season: The Patriots came painfully close to beating Lapel but a failed attempt to score from the 1, two squandered point-after-touchdown attempts and five turnovers were all nails in the coffin of a 14-12 loss. The Patriots’ scores came from the run game with Sean Bailey and A.J. Myers.

Game notes: This is the seventh matchup between the Patriots and the Bulldogs. Jay County has yet to pull off a victory as LHS holds a 6-0 record ... Lapel’s 7-0 start is the best since 2005’s 6-0 opening ... The Bulldogs are ranked third in Class 2A, only behind Adams Central and Brownstown Central ... Jay County has a 36.36 Sagarin rating, which is 219th overall and 45th in Class 3A. Lapel’s 74.08 rating is 48th overall and fourth in Class 2A ... John Harrell projects the Jay County to lose 38-10.



Local reporting protects communities

Local journalists often serve as watchdogs, uncovering corruption or negligence that directly impacts our communities.

We can all support essential local journalism by

subscribing, donating, sharing stories, encouraging young reporters, and educating the next generation about media literacy and the importance of a free press.



October 5-11, 2025

National Newspaper Week
Embracing Local Journalism for a Better Future

GRAPHIC
PRINTING
NEWSPAPERS