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Plans in works for airport emergencies

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

Local emergency responders are working on formalizing a plan for potential incidents at Portland Municipal Airport.

Portland firefighter Zach Hudson presented information to the city's aviation board Wednesday regarding work toward creating a plan and providing training to familiarize emergency responders with the airport.

Hudson said he, Fire Chief Mike Weitzel and Jay County Emergency Management Agency director Samantha Rhodehamel have been working toward creating a standard operating procedure for emergency responses at the airport. He suggested that the new apron expansion, which is nearing completion, could be used as a staging site for emergency responders in the case of a mass casualty incident.

He added that the goal is to

Training is in the works for responders in February

have a written document ready by mid-February, as plans are in place to have a training session open to all emergency response agencies in the county on Feb. 21 at the Sonrise Aviation hangar.

Hudson said discussions have included installing signs to direct emergency responders, adding that they would be especially helpful if there was serious incident that required assistance from other counties.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Work is nearing completion on the 57,700-square-foot apron expansion project at Portland Municipal Airport. Portland firefighter Zach Hudson visited Portland Board of Aviation on Wednesday to share details about work toward creating a formal plan for emergency responses at the airport. He suggested that the area of the apron expansion could be used for staging emergency responders.

Faron Parr, Clyde Bray, Caleb Lutes and John Ferguson expressed support for the efforts and agreed that the expanded apron area would Aviation board members make sense for staging.

us, just let us know," said Parr, the board's president.

neering firm Butler, Fairman few weeks. & Seufert reported that the

"If you need any help from \$965,497 apron expansion project, which is being handled by Kwest Group, is going well and Jason Clearwaters of engi-should be complete in the next

See Emergencies page 2

Almost complete

Muhlenkamp Building Corporation was putting on the final touches to the Jay County Junior-Senior High School rehabilitation project following the September 2024 tornado. Pictured, Blake Collins moves a set of lockers back into place in the Instructional Media Center (library) at the school. Collins was working with Jeff Knapschaefer, Gabe Muhlenkamp, Cody McFarland and Owen Muhlenkamp. Junior high students are expected to be back in their regular classrooms for the first time in more than a year when they return from fall break on Monday.

In review

Jay County Conservation Club will host its Fall Festival beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday. The event will include games, snacks, trail walking, music and hayrides, followed by an outdoor movie at 7 p.m. The conservation club is located at 6243 S. 325 West, Portland.

Weather

The temperature stayed between 44 and 49 degrees Wednesday in Jay County.

Tonight's low will be in the lower 30s. Expect frost Saturday morning followed by mostly sunny skies with a high in the upper 50s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the parking lot at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park. The district's ReUse Center also has a variety of boxes, bottles, coffee containers and other items available for free.

State Senate GOP says redistricting votes 'aren't there'

Trump and Braun have been pushing for special session to redraw map

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Republican leaders in the Indiana Senate say they don't currently have the votes needed to pursue a mid-decade redraw of the state's congressional map — a setback for Gov. Mike Braun and national Republicans who have been pushing for new lines ahead of the 2026 midterm election

"The votes aren't there for redistricting," said Molly Swigart, spokeswoman for the Indiana Senate Republican caucus, in a statement Wednesday.

comment, first The reported by Politico, underscores a weeks-long impasse that's attracted

national attention. President Donald Trump and other top GOP officials have eyed Indiana as a potential opportunity to pick up one or two additional Republican seats in the U.S. House. They hope to maintain control after

the midterms. The Indiana Capital Chronicle has tracked public statements from lawmakers on the proposal. So far, five Senate Republicans have come out in favor of a mid-cycle redistricting plan, while three have said they oppose it. The remaining members of the 40strong caucus are either undecided or have not definitive statemade

Braun, who has publicly supported redrawing the congressional map, countered Wednesday by saying he is still in talks with lawmakers.

"I am still having positive conversations with members of the legislature." Braun said in a post on X.

"I am confident the majority of Indiana Statehouse Republicans will support efforts to ensure fair representation in congress for every Hoosier."

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War widens against suspected traffickers

Forces struck boat allegedly smuggling narcotics off coast of Colombia

By KATE LINTHICUM, PATRICK J. MCDONNELL and ANA CEBALLOS

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service MEXICO CITY — The United States has widened its military campaign against alleged drug traffickers in Latin America, announcing on Wednesday

that its forces had struck a boat purportedly smuggling narcotics off the Pacific coast of Colombia.

It was the eighth alleged drug vessel bombed by the U.S. in recent weeks, and the first attacked in the Pacific Ocean.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said the airstrike killed two people, bringing the death toll in the attacks to 34. He said the vessel was "known by our intelligence" to be carrying narcotics, but did not provide evidence of those claims.

In a short video clip posted on X by Hegseth, a small boat carrying some kind of cargo is seen speeding through waves before a massive explosion hits, leaving the vessel drifting on the water in flames.

See Widens page 2

Coming up

Saturday — Results from the Jay County football team's sectional game at Bellmont.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

Wednesday — Details from Monday's Jay School Board meeting.



Emergencies

Continued from page 1 the apron, where aircraft are parked, loaded, unloaded, refueled, boarded and maintained.

Board members approved a \$688,000.62 pay request from Kwest Group for the project for work completed between Sept. 6 and Oct. 11, with 5% retainage held back. They also approved reimbursement requests totaling \$336,527.67 and \$314,064.43 for two Federal Aviation Administration grants that are being used to fund the project. In both cases, the grants are paid 95%

Department of Transportation It will add 57,700 square feet to and the city each responsible for

Clearwaters also shared a draft of the airport's five-year capital improvement plan. It calls for 4,000 feet of runway pavement to be rehabilitated and the replacement of the airport's automated weather observing station in 2026. (Construction of a 10-unit T-hangar is also in the plan if state funds are available, though Clearwaters said he does not expect that to be the case.) Future projects include design of the existing by the FAA, with Indiana apron reconstruction in 2027,

construction of the apron in 2028, design of a wildlife control and security fence in 2029 and construction of the fence in 2030 and '31.

He plans to return with a final draft for approval next month. It is due to the FAA by Dec. 1.

Clearwaters noted that information presented at the Aviation Indiana Conference earlier this month indicated that up to \$100,000 in state funding per airport will be available on a 75/25 matching basis. He said the program will be funded with \$5 million per year.

In other business, the board:

•Responding to a question recently received his commerfrom Portland clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips, confirmed that it hangar rent at \$100 per month with no increase for 2026. Phillips asked because rental contracts need to be sent out in the next month.

•Learned the following from airport manager Hal Tavzel's report, which Parr read in his absence:

—The airport sold 7,772 gallons of fuel in September for \$35,255.76, up from 6,652 gallons

—Carl Isch of Geneva \$1.665.05 in claims.

cial pilot's license at the airport.

-Sparling Corporation will plans to leave the current be at the airport in the next few weeks to clean the fuel tanks.

—Repairs may be needed to some deteriorating pavement in front of hangars as well as upgrades to the terminal involving paint, carpet, counter and ceiling.

•Approved the following: the annual financial report, which notes that the airport received \$76,748 in federal grant funding for fiscal year 2025, which ended Sept. 30, and the payment of

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night.

Lotteries

Powerball

18-37-52-54-60 Power Ball: 12 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$344 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$680 million

Hoosier

Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 5-3-0 Daily Four: 0-3-1-6 Quick Draw: 6-14-16-19-27-28-31-33-34-36-40-42-43-50-53-58-70-75-77-79 Evening

Daily Four: 5-7-3-8 Quick Draw: 1-4-15-17-21-26-29-31-32-36-37-49-52-55-57-60-61-64-67-77

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Cash 5: 1-5-14-22-42 Estimated jackpot: \$191,000

Ohio

Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 2-6-4 Pick 4: 1-4-5-2 Pick 5: 6-9-1-5-8 **Evening** Pick 3: 3-5-1 Pick 4: 1-3-2-9 Pick 5: 2-7-7-1-6 Rolling Cash: 4-9-21-22-

Estimated jackpot: \$140,000

Senate

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The Republican governor spoke at a mental health summit Wednesday afternoon in Indianapolis but did not take questions from the media after his remarks.

The Statehouse's GOP supermajorities drew the current congressional map in 2021, using 2020 census data. District boundaries aren't due for updates until after the 2030 cen-

Republicans hold seven of the seats. Democrats have two.

Republicans still split

Calls for redistricting have divided the state GOP caucus in recent

Sen. Liz Brown, the Senate's assistant majority floor leader and Judiciary Committee chair, reiterated her support on social media Wednesdav.

"I was the first Senator to publicly support redistricting back in August," she wrote. "@GovBraun, call us into session! Let's get this

The development drew an immediate response from Indiana's Democratic leaders, who reiterated their opposition to early redistricting.

House Minority Leader Phil GiaQuinta, a Democrat from Fort Wayne, said Wednesday that lawmakers should focus on other priori-

"Nobody is asking for redistricting. Instead, Hoosiers are asking their elected leaders to fix their high utility bills, property taxes and absurd health care costs," GiaQuinta

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broadening the Adminis-

paign to another ocean,"

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said Sen. Adam Schiff, a Trump.

tive strikes.

"House Democrats have President and Indiana native Mike received massive amounts of calls against redistricting, and I'm sure the Senate Republicans have, too. I'll continue to monitor the possibility of redistricting until we end the 2026 legislative session in March.'

In the Indiana General Assembly, a constitutional majority is required to pass a bill. That means at least 26 votes in the Senate and at least 51 votes in the House. Republicans currently hold 40 seats in the Senate and 67 seats in the House.

Voting rights advocates praised holdout GOP senators.

'Hoosiers do not want mid-decade redistricting. Thank you to the state senators who are listening and refusing to vote for it," Common Cause Indiana Executive Director Julia Vaughn said Wednesday, "Now, let's wave the checkered flag and end this talk about mid decade redistricting. Time to make it clear — no special session, no mid-decade redistricting, and no more bullying by the federal government on a policy Hoosiers oppose."

Pushback continues

Several conservative commentators and social media influencers reacted negatively to the latest news on Wednesday.

One national strategist, Rogan O'Handley, wrote, "We want NAMES Who are the RINO holdouts in Indiana who don't want to redistrict to save this country They're about to be real famous.'

He also speculated former Vice italchronicle.com.

Pence is pulling strings against early redistricting.

The setback comes after weeks of speculation in the Statehouse, fueled by a series of meetings between Hoosier GOP leaders and top figures in Trump's orbit, including Vice President J.D. Vance.

The president has been personally engaged in lobbying Indiana Senate Republicans, including joining a private call with members of the Senate GOP caucus as recently as Friday to push for the remap.

House Speaker Todd Huston and Senate President Pro Tempore Rodric Bray, both Republicans, have refused to publicly say where they stand.

Indiana's GOP legislative leaders have met at least three times with Vance in recent months. Bray described the latest conversation as "productive," though he stopped short of confirming whether Senate Republicans were united behind an early redraw.

the next regularly scheduled legislative session will kick off in January. Candidate filing for the 2026 primary opens Jan. 7. Multiple polls — including one

If a special session is not called,

released in August and one earlier this month — have found that the majority of Hoosiers oppose early redistricting.

This story was edited for length. For the full version, visit indianacap-

Markets

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Today in history

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Wheat	4.54

Capsule Reports

District budget set

Jay County Council approved Jay County Solid Waste Management District's 2026 budget on Wednesday.

The budget sits at \$295,373, approximately \$17,450 less than the current year's budget.

Council members Matt Minnich, Harold Towell, Randy May, Faron Parr and Bryan Alexander, absent Cindy Bracy and Michael Brewster, approved the budget unanimously.

SERVICES

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Today Campbell, Ruth: II a.m., The Church at Westchester,

4487 E. 400 North, Portland.

Saturday Mosser, Ronnie: I p.m.,

Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

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Citizen's calendar

Today

Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Redevelopment Commission executive ses-Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

3:45 p.m. — Jay Coun-8 a.m. — Portland ty Solid Waste Manage-Redevelopment Com- ment District, district mission, Community office, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay School

9 a.m. — Portland Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Port-

5 p.m. — Jay School Board special meeting, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main





Photo provided

Trustworthy students

East Elementary School recently recognized second graders for showcasing trustworthiness. Pictured, front row from left, are Avery Jutte, Quinn Alt, Lucy Edmundson and Spencer Tapley. In the second row are Russell Vogel, Porter Huntsman and Max Chenoweth.

Sister ceases family contact

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my uncle made a controversial comment about a social issue in my mom's family group text. The was important enough to my sister that she requested discussion about it cease because she didn't agree with what they were saying. When the discussion continued, she decided to cut Mom's family out of her life, taking a cue from my brother-in-law, who had made a similar decision about his own fam-

My wife and I bought a house and decided to throw our first party there, inviting both sides of my family. My sister still refuses to be anywhere near Mom's family. She said she wouldn't be coming, even though I also invited Dad's family, with whom she gets along well.

Although my political and social views align with my sister's, I am also family-oriented, so this has been tough on me and my parents. I'm sad that Mom's family may never see my sister again because one or two bad apples spoiled the barrel for her. I wish this could be resolved before it's too late. Do you think that's Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Abby



possible? — FAMILY-ORI-**ENTED IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR FAMILY-ORI-ENTED: I don't know why the offensive conversation didn't stop when your sister asked. Clearly, the comments your uncle made were so deeply offensive to her that she no longer wishes to have any contact with him. Is this "fixable"? Only if one of them is willing to give, and from what you have written, that doesn't seem likely. From now on, if you want a family gathering, be prepared to host one without Sis.

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

FreedomCare

Community Calendar

space is available. To sub-rant. mit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Today

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-

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY- call (260) 726-5924. MOUS — Will meet at 10 Portland. For (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-

Sunday

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 BREAK-

Notices will appear in meet at 7 a.m. for break-Community Calendar as fast at Richards Restau-

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

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

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. For more information, month

THE LIFE CENTER during and after pregnanthe needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. A BETTER LIFE - BRI- Monday through Friday. ANNA'S HOPE — A faith- For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY 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 FAST OPTIMISTS — Will OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — 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.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PAS-TORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the New members welcome. fourth Tuesday of each Richards at Restaurant. COMPASSIONATE

a.m. at Zion Evangelical Free pregnancy testing CONNECTIONS RECOV- call Pastor Randy Davis Lutheran Church, 218 E. with ongoing support ERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a more information, call cy, as well as help with 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.

À BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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 Fellowship Nazarene Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. 7000.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORN-ING BREAKFAST CLUB Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

COMMUNITY REIN-FORCEMENT AND FAM-ILY TRAINING — A nonconfrontational, dence-based intervention helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

AL-ANON **FAMILY** GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260)

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

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

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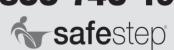
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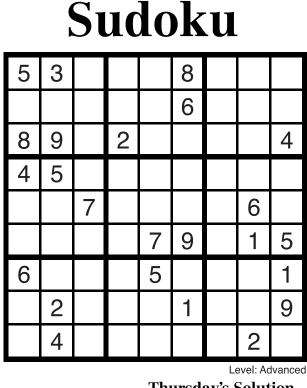
High St., Portland. For more information, call **Jay County Highway Department** 6 (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-

Jay County Highway Department is seeking someone to fill a Mechanic Position. Candidate must be 18 years of age or older, possess a High School Diploma or GED, and an Indiana Driver's License plus Class B CDL w/air brake endorsement. Candidate must have the ability to meet all County hiring requirements including the passage of a medical exam and drug test.

Mechanic Position

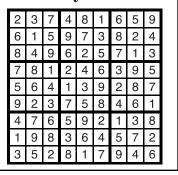
- Must have a working knowledge of trucks, vehicles and equipment and be able to complete related maintenance and safety measures including preventive maintenance
- Must have the ability to operate a variety of machinery, equipment, and tools
- Must have the ability to occasionally work extended hours, evenings, and/or weekends
- Must have the ability to occasionally serve on-call and respond to emergencies from an off-duty status
- Must be able to comply with all employer and Department policies, procedures, and rules
- Must have the ability to effectively communicate with co-workers and other county departments

Interested candidates may pick up an application at the Jay County Highway Department located at 1035 E 200 N, Portland, IN 47371 Mon-Thur 6:00 a.m-4:00 p.m. Application Deadline will be October 29, 2025



Thursday's Solution

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



Reader dislikes plan for voting centers

To the editor:

I would like to comment on the change to vote cen-

The Commercial Review said there are 10,908 active voters in

Jay County. Letters to With two the Editor cenvote each

one could potentially need to process approximately 5,000 voters if all voters showed up to vote. Assuming a 12-hour voting window, that would mean 425 voters would need to be processed per hour.

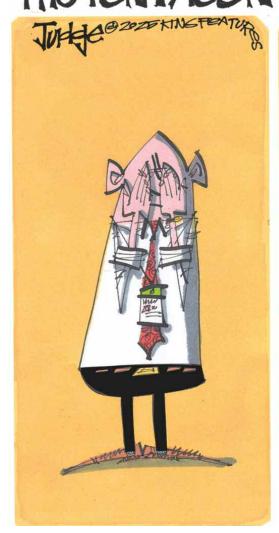
The north end of the county has no center.

This seems like a voter suppression plan to me which will produce long lines and much less voting. This is exactly what

should not be done. Rhonda Goss

Bryant

THE PENTAGON ISSUES NEW PRESS RULES:







Use the censors' names

By STEPHANIE R. TOLIVER

The Fulcrum

Tribune News Service

Banned Books Week is over, but the fight it highlights continues every other week of the year. This year's theme was Censorship is So 1984: Read for Your Rights, invoking George Orwell's famous novel to warn against the dangers of banning books.

It was a powerful rallying cry. But now that the week has ended, we need to face two uncomfortable truths: first, censorship isn't a relic of 1984. It's alive and well in 2025. And second, censorship doesn't just happen on its own. There are people doing it, and we can't fight what we refuse to name not just for one week, but every week of the year.

Orwell understood this. In "1984," the nightmare of totalitareverything he believes. The horror of Orwell's world is embodied by specific people wielding immense power. The novel works because it shows us that oppression requires oppressors. Fascism doesn't maintain itself. People maintain it.

So why, in 2025, when book banning has reached levels not seen in decades, do we talk about censorship as if it's a weather pattern something that just happens? Why do we avoid naming the school board members, the politicians, the activists, and the organizations actively working to remove books from libraries and classrooms?

Research shows that there is power in naming. It's why authoritarian regimes work so hard to hide the machinery of their control. It's why journalism matters. When we name the people behind harmful actions, we make accountability possible. We turn abstract problems into concrete ones that can be addressed, challenged, and changed.

individuals like Jennifer Petersen are attending school board meetings with lists of books to ban. Organizations like Moms for Liberty and MassResistance are coordinating challenges to remove books about racism, LGBTQ+ cials like Governor Kim Reynolds personal beliefs.

Stephanie R. Toliver



and Representative Donna Schaibley are passing laws that threaten librarians with criminal charges. These aren't shadowy forces. They're our neighbors, our officials, our fellow citizens. And many of them are quite proud of their work.

Yet much of the resistance to book banning remains frustratingly vague. For instance, the official Banned Books Week website states that "pressure groups and government entities that include ianism has many faces. There's elected officials, board members, Big Brother, the ever-present sym- and administrators initiated 72%bol of state control. There's of demands to censor books in O'Brien, who personally tortures school and public libraries." Winston Smith until he betrays Those groups, entities and officials remain hidden behind their titles. And it's impossible to effectively oppose what we refuse to clearly identify.

Some might argue that naming names is divisive because it personalizes fights that should remain about principles. But censorship is personal. It's personal to the teenager who can't find a book that reflects their experience. It's personal to the author whose work is labeled obscene. It's personal to the librarian threatened with prosecution. It's personal to the Black girl whose teacher is scared to teach a book about her experiences in the world. The people banning books have made it personal. Our response should match that reali-

Others might rightfully worry about harassment or escalation against those we name. But there's an important distinction: accountability flows upward toward power, while harassment punches down toward the vulnerable. Doc-Right now, across the country, umenting which elected officials vote to ban books, which wellfunded organizations coordinate censorship campaigns, and which activists organize at public meetings is democratic transparency, especially when these same individuals already operate publicly experiences, and sexual health and proudly. It's not the same as from school libraries. Elected offitargeting a private citizen for their

... accountability flows upward toward power, while harassment punches down toward the vulnerable.

In fact, the book banners aren't hiding. Many proudly post photos of the books they've successfully removed. They celebrate their victories at conferences and in press releases. They run for office on platforms of "protecting children" by limiting what they can read. If they're willing to put their names on their work, why shouldn't we?

Beyond Banned Books Week, we should absolutely read for rights. We should celebrate challenged authors and defend intellectual freedom. But we should also do something more: we should name the censors. We should document which school board members vote to remove books and why. We should identify which organizations are training parents to file mass challenges. We should track which politicians are turning book banning into a campaign strategy.

Orwell gave us Winston Smith to help us understand the victim's experience of totalitarianism. But he also gave us Big Brother and O'Brien so we'd understand that oppression has authors. The Ministry of Truth doesn't run itself.

The fight for intellectual freedom is against specific actions by specific people. We don't have to accept a model where power hides behind abstractions. In 2025, censorship isn't a dystopian metaphor. It's a coordinated effort by identifiable people with names, faces, and power. The censors are here, they're visible, and they're counting on us not to name them. Banned Books Week may be over, but the work must continue — 52 weeks a year.

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Rocky road led us here

By MORTON J. MARCUS

The trend noted frequently in this column continues, unabated.

Indiana continues to outperform most of its neighbors, which is like the smartest being dummy in the classroom. Our record in the growth of our economy is at the level of cheerful mediocrity. And we are without leadership to see any improvement.

However, before we can move forward, we have to understand where we are. In 2005, Indiana ranked 15th among the states in the nation in Real private sector Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Real means we've taken inflation into account. Private sector means we're leavout government spending by the Feds, the States and Localities.

By 2024, we sank to 18th place, behind leapfrogging Arizona, Colorado and Tennessee. Why? Some will say all of those states have mountains. If only we had mountains, we too would have red hot private sector GDP growth. What can we do to grow mountains?

As is, our growth rate in the private sector, where we know all ingenuity and energy resides, was 38% over the intervening years, 27th in the nation. That was greater than the growth rates of all four of our contiguous states.

This period of time, 2005 to 2024, was one of unbalanced growth in America. Only 16 states and the District of Columbia increased their shares in private sector GDP. Indiana ranked 39th with Ohio, Michigan and Illinois at the very bottom of the barrel. Just as Indiana went from 2% of the nation's private sector GDP to 1.8%, that trio of neighbors went from 11.7% of the nation's output to 9.5%.

Eye on the Pie

81 quarters.



We've heard much over the years of Indiana's competitive excellent position in taxation, energy costs, constrained union activity and a host of other factors important to business. Yet if you look back over the quarterly data from 2005 to the first half of this year, you'll find we had declines in our private sector Real GDP 30% of the time while the U.S. suffered negative quarters in just 13% of those

Must be those rankings by business magazines don't take performance into account. If they did, they might notice that our share of the nation's growth in private sector output was just 1.5%. Yes, despite starting with 2% of the output, we managed to produce only 1.5% of the added output of the nation. It is hardly a tribute to boldness, entrepreneurial achievement and an outstanding

work ethic. Now we face a reconsideration and potential restructuring of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, as if it was to blame for our steady decline in national importance.

What about the private sector where a few large firms dominate progress in our major urban areas?

Could fewer new sports facilities and more attention to business be help-

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Purdue leads decoding effort

Researchers are studying droughtresistant properties

By ANNA O'NEILL ALEXANDER

Purdue Ag News

A dry season can be devastating to harvests, putting both farmers' livelihoods and communities' food security at risk. Identifying the traits that make crops more drought-resistant is critical for developing hardier hybrids.

Researchers at Purdue University's College of Agriculture are using cutting-edge technology and international partnerships to determine what makes certain varieties of corn more resilient than oth-

With Michael Mickelbart, professor of botany and horticulture, as principal investigator, the project brings together researchers from the United States, Germany and the United Kingdom.

"Corn is one of the world's most important crops. We know hybrids differ in yield stability, but we don't know why," Mickelbart said. "Our goal is to identify traits that make plants more climate-stable."

The new project builds on previous research by Mickelbart and Mitchell Tuinstra, professor of plant breeding and genetics, extending their work on yield stability to better understand what makes certain types of corn thrive in challenging environments.

Supported by grant funding from the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) and trustee investment in Purdue's Institute for Plant Sciences, the team is analyzing roughly 300 maize hybrids to identify the physiological traits linked to resilience.

"These hybrids represent commercial corn in the U.S.,' said Tuinstra, scientific director at the Institute for Plant Sciences and Wilkersham Chair of Excellence in Agricultural Research. "We want to understand the biology of the adaptive characteristics behind pro-

can result from many factors: some high-performing varieties might have better photosyn-



Purdue University/Joshua Clark

John Couture, Purdue University associate professor of entomology, forestry and natural resources, and graduate student Luci Karakas use a spectrometer on corn plants in the greenhouse. Purdue is leading a study to determine what makes certain varieties of corn more resilient than others.

be better at extracting water from soil.

"There could be a hundred different traits; measuring them all with traditional methodology would take huge amounts of labor," Mickelbart said. "One of the unique things about this project is we're using technology to predict many traits without measuring them individually.'

The solution lies in vegetation spectroscopy, an imaging technique that collects data from the interaction of light with plants. John Couture, associate professor of entomology, forestry and natural resources, leads this aspect of the project.

"We use light reflectance to infer physiochemical characteristics of the hybrids as they are growing," Couture said. professor of plant microbiome with industry partner Bayer ence," Tuinstra said. "They're Increased drought tolerance can estimate 50, 60 or even 70 traits non-destructively.

Where scientists using traditional methods might be able to thetic rates, while others might measure 100 plants in a day, physiology of root development

Couture and the team use highthroughput phenotyping techniques to collect data from hundreds of plants in an hour. The approach scales from greenhouse to field thanks to investments in controlled environment phenotyping facilities, such as Purdue's Ag Alumni Seed Phenotyping Facility.

While the researchers at Purdue specialize in shoots — the above-ground features of the plants, including stems and international collaboleaves rators provide additional expertise.

"We're aligning three groups with different institutional strengths," Tuinstra said. "They have capabilities and knowledge we don't have, and vice versa.'

Gabriel Castrillo, associate interactions that take place in Schneider, head of genetics and

at the Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research in Gatersleben, Germany, is the project's expert on everything underground.

"We are excited to partner with this international team to tackle corn yield stability through a truly interdisciplinary approach," said Schneider, who spent time at Purdue before moving to Europe. "This unique collaboration allows us to examine the shoots, roots and microbiome together for the first time.'

This summer, the Purdue researchers conducted experiments at the Agronomy Center for Research and Education (ACRE) and in the Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Plant Growth Facility.

The project includes work "With one measurement, you at the University of Notting- Crop Sciences, which has head- not ham, will study the microbial quarters in the U.S. and Ger- researchers, they're also peomany and a collaboration office the plants and soil. Hannah at Purdue's Convergence Cen-

"Bayer is one of the largest on for food and feed."

corn breeding companies in the world, so this was a unique opportunity to connect with their German headquarters,' Tuinstra said.

In 2026, Purdue and Bayer will host an Innovation Bootcamp to train faculty and students to translate research into real-world applications. Nottingham and Gatersleben will host subsequent sessions.

With data collection complete and harvest underway, the Purdue team is preparing for analysis. Next year, the international partners will visit to collect data from similar trials while running parallel experiments in their home countries.

"We're fortunate to collaborate with some of the world's leading experts in plant scionly top-caliber ple who have the same goal we do: to understand how to future-proof the crops we rely

Bucknell uses Al to assess biodiesel

The Daily Item (Sunbury, Pennsylvania)

Tribune News Service

LEWISBURG — A recent study co-authored by Bucknell University professor Jude Okolie highlights how artificial intelligence may hold the key to a more sustainable future biodiesel production.

Published in the journal Green Energy and Intelligent Transportation, the review demonstrates how deep learning tools can improve the researchers biodiesel feedstocks, helping shift production away from food-based sources and toward renewable alternatives, Okolie said.

"My work in the study was developing the framework models to improve the prediction of the most effective feedstock to use to produce biodiesel," Okolie, a chemical engineering professor, said. "We collected several samples of waste materials within developed regions, dataset, and developed learning models toward the goal of publishing the paper."

Biodiesel has long been considered a promising renewable fuel, but its reliance on edible crops like soybean, palm oil and rapeseed has raised concerns about competition with global food supplies. Okolie and his collaborato second- and third-generation feedstocks such as 'closing the loop.'

algae, jatropha and waste oils. These sources don't compete with food production, but they remain costly to process at scale. Deep learning offers a solution.

Artificial neural networks (ANNs) can reveal complex relationships between feedstock properties, production processes and fuel quality. Some models have predicted biodiesel characteristics — such as viscosity — with accuracy rates above 90 percent.

The study also addresses evaluate the ethical questions surrounding AI, including its energy demands and privacy concerns.Okolie sees AI as a way to accelerate discovery. Instead of years of trial and error with traditional experimental methods, models can now predict the performance of a feedstock based on its properties and location.

"AI helped us complement our research," he said. "It allows us to think about how we can improve the science, rather than focus only on experimental development."

He also believes renewable energy can offset AI's high-energy use.

"I've heard people talk about how large language models use a lot of energy, but you can use the improved sustainable energy yield from its research applications to offset the amount of energy used by tors turned their attention AI," Okolie said. "In my area of research, we call it

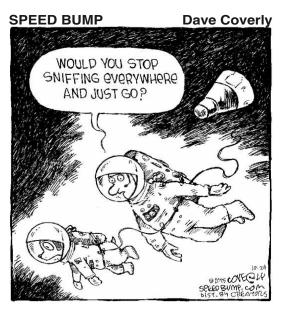


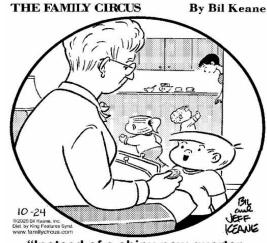
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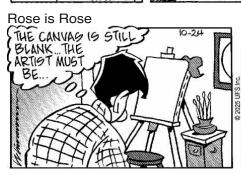
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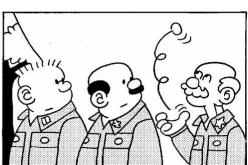














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1. Four spades. You don't have much of a hand, and partner's three-spade bid is not forcing, but you should nevertheless bid four spades. Partner is essentially saying that all he needs from you for game is one trick in the form of a high card and/or distribution. Your five spades to the king are more than enough to justify a four-spade bid. Partner could easily have something like: ♠AQ92 ♥7 ♠AK1082 ♣AQ4

2. Seven hearts. Partner is trying for a grand slam, since he could have ended the auction by bidding six hearts over five diamonds. His five-notrump bid, asking for kings. guarantees that your side has all the aces. It would be a mistake to mechanically respond six hearts, announcing two kings, since partner might pass and easily wind up with 13 tricks with the aid of your solid club suit. A typical hand for partner would be: \$A96 \(\Phi\)AJ7653

3. Four diamonds. Partner's double is, of course, for takeout. Considering your previous pass, you have a far better hand than he has a right to expect. You should therefore feel confident that there's a game somewhere (possibly even a slam), but you're not in a good position to judge whether the best ontract lies in hearts, spades or

Instead of guessing, you can force your partner to make the choice by cuebidding the opponents suit. This asks him to bid a nents stitt. This asks him to bid a four-card major if he has one — he almost surely has — but even if he lacks a four-card major, he'll be able to rebid his clubs, and you'll thus wind up in game in that suit. A typical hand for partner would be: AQ8 *AK104 *63 *KQJ4, in which care you would exertishly

Tomorrow: David versus Goliath.

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Knicks beat East favorite Cavaliers in opener

By KRISTIAN WINFIELD

New York Daily News Tribune News Service

trick pony.

NEW YORK — Kenny Atkinson had seen enough. His Cleveland Cavaliers had forced a stop on the first action, but these Knicks are no longer a one-

Donovan Mitchell missed a layup with under 11 minutes to go in a one-possession game at Madison Square Garden, and the Knicks immediately turned defense into chaos. A long rebound led to a leak-out for Jordan Clarkson — a pump fake, a reset, then a loose ball bouncing toward

Karl-Anthony Towns was first to it. He snatched the ball before any Cavalier could react and zipped a pass to a trailing Miles McBride, whose trailing 3 splashed through to put New York up six and tilt the momentum firmly their

Atkinson stormed off the sideline, barking for a timeout — the universal signal of a coach fed up with his team's effort. Two minutes later, he was pacing again, helplessly signaling for another timeout as the Knicks' lead grew to 11.

Both teams entered Wednesday's season opener banged up. The Knicks were without Mitchell Robinson (ankle, load man-



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Al Bello

agement) and Josh Hart Mitchell to stay within (lumbar spasms). The Cavaliers were missing starting point guard Darius Garland, sixth man De'Andre Hunter and forward Max Strus.

Yet it was the Knicks reshaped identity and a retooled offense — who looked like the team with continuity. The Cavaliers, by contrast, played disjointed, relying almost exclusively on a 21-point thirdstriking distance.

New York, however, never flinched.

The Knicks closed strong for a 119–111 win over the same Cavaliers team that NBA general managers with a new head coach, a overwhelmingly picked to win the Eastern Conference in this year's preseason poll. Only a third of those same GMs tabbed the Knicks.

It was a striking reversal from a year ago, when the quarter explosion from Boston Celtics ran the

Knicks off the floor in a blowout season opener — a reality check for a team with championship aspirations. Those Knicks were still finding chemistry after blockbuster trades for Towns and Mikal Bridges.

These Knicks, under Mike Brown, looked connected from the jump.

Brown wasn't sure how his group would respond in 64-win opponent, but he was clear about what mattered: sacrifice, connection, each other accountable.

competitive spirit and belief — in each other and in the process.

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Knicks' Jalen Brunson

(11) shoots against the

Donovan Mitchell (45)

Garden on Wednesday in

Madison Square

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Cavaliers'

'I want them to continue to believe no matter what happens, as long as we're doing those things, because it's our standard," Brown said before tipoff. "I want them to continue to believe in the process and each other as we go along, and if somebody goes a little too its first true test against a far left or a little too far right, including me, we expect everybody to hold

"That's our standard. That's what I want to see, and if we do that while we're learning with the understanding that this is gonna be a process, then I'm OK with it.'

The Knicks followed his script to perfection.

Mitchell finished with a game-high 31 points but was held to just two in the final quarter after scorching New York for 29 through 3. Brunson captained the Knicks with 23 points, four rebounds and five assists, while all four starters not named Ariel Hukporti — who filled in admirably at center for the injured Robinson — scored in double figures.

OG Anunoby put up 24 points and 14 rebounds, Bridges poured in 16, and Towns posted 19 points and 11 rebounds.

For a team still adjusting to a new system and missing key contributors, it was the kind of opening statement that resonates long past one night in Octo-

The Knicks have their next test on Friday against the Boston Celtics, who, like the Cavs and Knicks, have their own fair share of injuries with Jayson Tatum out for an extended period of time.

If the season opener was any indication, the Knicks are up to the challenge.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Jay County — Football sectional quarterfinal at

Bellmont - 7 p.m. Fort Recovery — Football vs. Minster – 7 p.m.

Saturday

Jay County — Cross country regional at Hunting-

ton North – 10:30 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country regional at Troy -10 a.m.; Volleyball district championship vs. Houston at Fairmount – 10 a.m.; JV football at Minster –

TV schedule

5 a.m. — Amateur golf: Asia-Pacific Amateur

3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Leeds United at West Ham United (USA) 6 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Slim

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— MLB World Series: Los Angeles 8 p.m. Dodgers at Tornoto Blue Jays (FOX)

8 p.m. - NBA: San Antonio Spurs at New Orleans Pelicans (CBS)

8 p.m. — MLS: Inter Miami at Nashville SC (FS1) 8:30 p.m. — NBA: Washington Wizards at Dallas Mayericks (ABC)

10:30 p.m. College football: Montana at Sacramento State (ESPN2)

Saturday

3 a.m. — MotoGP: Malaysia Grand Prix (FS1) 4 a.m. — Amateur golf: Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship (ESPN2)

10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Newcastle United at Fullham (USA)

12 p.m. — College football: Ole Miss at Oklahoma (ABC); Northwestern at Nebraska (FS1); Rutgers at Purdue (BTN); UCLA at Indiana (FOX); Syracuse at Georgia Tech (ESPN); Kansas State at Kansas (TNT); South Florida at

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7:30 p.m. — College football: Texas A&M at LSU (ABC); Michigan at Michigan State (NBC) 8 p.m. — MLB World Series: Los Angeles

Dodgers at Toronto Blue Jays (FOX) 8 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Memphis Grizzlies (FDSN Indiana)

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COUNTY OF JAY, SS:

 $2025\,\mathrm{TERM}$

Cause Number:

38C01-2510-PL-000008

DAVID WILHELM

Plaintiff.

KELLY JONES

Defendant.
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

This summons is to the Defendant

above named and to any other

persons who may be concerned

You are notified that you have

been sued in the Jay Circuit Court,

Jay County, Indiana, in the case

set forth in the caption above, by

the person named above as Plain-

tiff. This summons by publication

is specifically directed to the De-

fendant named above and all oth-

ers who may claim any lien on or

interest in the Real Estate de-

The named Plaintiff is repre-

sented by Joshua A. Atkinson and

Natalie P. Williamson, 940 N.

Meridian St., Portland, IN 47371.

The nature of this suit against you

is to quiet title in Plaintiff to the

Real Estate described below

against the named Defendants

and the world and the Real Estate

is located in Jay County Indiana:

Lot numbered Seventy-four (74)

in South Portland Addition to the

Town, now City of Portland, Indi-

An answer or other response in

writing to the complaint must be

filed either by you or your attor-

ney within thirty (30) days after

the last notice is published and if

you fail to do so, judgment by de-

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for the relief demanded by the

If you have a claim for relief

against the Plaintiff arising from

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rence, you must assert it in your

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Dated: October 14, 2025.

Melissa Elitott

Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court

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Plaintiff.

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Local notes

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Cooper Farms will host its 18th Annual Turkey Trot 5K benefitting EverHeart Hospice on

Harvesting Plant at 1 Cooper Farms Drive, St. Henry, OH. Registration is at 9 a.m. with the

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

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LARRY MOSER **ONLINE ONLY**

PERSONAL PROPER-TY ESTATE AUCTION Melsmitleyauctions.com Bidding Opens: October 13, 2025

Ends: October 26, 2025 with a soft close at 6:00 PM

Location: 7851 W. 400 N., Pennville, IN 47369 Preview dates: Oct. 22. 2025 - 4:00-7:00 PM, &

Oct. 25, 2025 - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM or by appointment. TRUCK-TRACTOR-SKID LOADER-EQUIP-

MENT-TRAILERS 2022 Dodge Ram 2500 Laramie (4x4, Diesel: 10,3xx mi, 1 owner); 2015 Sure-Trac Tilt Trailer; 2018 Force 6.5x12 Utility Trailer w/ramp; JD 709 rotary cutter, 7'; 2011 JD 318D Skid

loader, (3) hay wagons, (1 w/hoist); JD 5115M Tractor w/H310 loader FIREARMS-AMMO J Stevens Shot 22 cal; Sears Roebuck/ Ted Williams Model 340

Lever Action 22 Cal; Ardesa 54 Cal. Muzzle loader; Winchester Model 1890 22 cal (reconditioned); Ardesa

Spain 50 Cal Black Powder Muzzleloading Pistol; Various ammo and more not listed. HOUSEHOLD-TOOLS-

COLLECTIBLES Toy farm equip.; Rocker; Dresser: Gun Cabinet: Collectibles; Primitives; Crocks; Arrowheads; Stereoscope w/ cards; Pins/Award Geneva: Vint. Scout Patches: Portland & Geneva Yearbooks; Lg. Trading Post Sign; Older Baseball Cards; Adv. Cans; Deer Horns; (3) Lg portable barn fans; Saddles (1-Oliver); Horse equip: Ladders: Old Comics, and much more not listed!

Larry Moser, Deceased (Jennifer Gray, Representative) Mel Smitley's Real Estate & Auctioneering 119 E Main St. Portland,

Laci Smitley -AU10600051 260-729-2281 - Cell Rvan Davidson AU10600063 260-726-5076

90 SALE CALENDAR **PUBLIC AUCTION**

Located: 2773 W 75 S, Portland, IN Saturday Morning NOVEMBER 1, 2025 10:00 A.M.

GUNS Cascade .300 PRC bolt action rifle with scope; Weatherby 30.06 bolt action rifle with scope; KelTec Sub 2000 - 22 mag; MAC 12 gauge semi-automatic shotgun; Savage Model 340 -30/30 bolt action rifle; Hi-Point Model 1095 -10 mm semi-automatic

rifle; H & R 1871 - 12 gauge pump shotgun; Glock .40 caliber semiautomatic pistol; Hi-Point Model C9 - 9mm luger semi-automatic

TION OF AMMO TO INCLUDE: 5.56, .22, .22 MAG. 9mm. .45 12 gauge and slugs; pocket knives; and other items

pistol, LARGE SELEC-

not listed. TOOLS - OLD ITEMS Stihl RB830 power washer: Delco tool cart on wheels; Dewalt metal saw; Bosch wood saw; Polaris 330 Magnum 4 x 4 (non-running); saw horses; furniture clamps; augers; pulleys; grinder; U Haul metal sign; Miller

Beer sign; ox yoke; Daisy butter churns; fishing poles; wood tote; oil cans; corn jobber; and many other items

not listed. OWNER: DAVID GLAS-GOW Loy Auction

AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131

Aaron Loy AU11200112 Kaden Khayyata AU12400069 **PUBLIC AUCTION**

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down day of auction and balance due at closing. Seller to provide Title Insurance and Warranty Seller to pay Deed. the November 2025 tax installment and Buyer to assume taxes due and payable of May 2026 and thereafter. Any

take precedence over previously written or oral matter. Seller confirmation day of sale. For more information contact Gary Loy Auc-

statements day of sale

tioneer 260-726-5160 or Kim Loy, Real Estate Broker (260) 726-2700 RKM LLC Loy Auction

AC#31600027 Auctioneers

Gary Loy AU01031608 **PUBLIC AUCTION** Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806

W Votaw St., Portland, IN Saturday Morning OCTOBER 25, 2025 9:30 A.M. ANTIQUES - OLD & **COLLECTORS ITEMS-**MODERN HOUSEHOLD

GOODS Oak dry sink; Oak pie safe with screen doors; railroad cart coffee table: The Smithsonian Collection by Lexington Casual wicker sofa, chair and

ottoman; Chief Paints double sided sign; Pennzoil double sided sign;; Pan American World Airways toy plane; old ball gloves: Ansel Toney kite, never flown; Model T jack; Sterling Silver necklaces and rings; LARGE ASSORT-MENT OF COSTUME JEWELRY TO INCLUDE

RINGS, BRACELETS, NECKLACES, AND EARRINGS; ; Pete Brewster cards and pictures, autographed by Pete; and other items note listed.

TOOLS UC Body Co tool cabinet; Shop Series 10î table saw; Craftsman 4 drawer tool box; 2 pc. metal tool chest: : Snap On wrenches; channel locks; Craftsman router; machinist cabinet; machinists tools; metal shelves; propane tanks; and other items not list-

ed.

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AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Many of these items have been stored in totes so pictures will be uploaded to Auction Zip by 10/22. Please note that we will be running 2

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EDITH DICKEY JOHNSON FAMILY Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 **Travis Theurer** AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112

AU12400069 **PUBLIC AUCTION** LOCATION: 4372 W 500 N Portland IN 47371

Kaden Khayyata

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 2025 9:00 AM PICKUP TRUCK-TRAILERS- TRACTOR-MINI EXCAVATOR 2004 Dodge Ram 3500 4wd, 4 Door, Dually, Long Bed, 167,000 Miles: 2024 (24') Interstate Cargo Trailer: Kubota KX71-3 Mini Excavator 4000 Hrs.: Club Car Electric Golf Cart: King Kutter 6'Tiller:

Assorted Excavator Buckets 12" Bucket, (2) 24" Buckets, 36" Bucket: 1972 custom Chevy Pickup Truck No Title:. Jeep 4x4 Suv.

CONSTRUCTION-SHOP-MISC. ITEMS (5) Sets of X Brace Heavy Duty Scaffolding: (3) Sets of 5' Scaffolding: (11) Pcs. Scaffolding with Walking Plank: (2) 40' FiberglassExt. Ladders: 28' Alum. Ext. Ladder: Champion Blower & Forge Co. Forge: N.C. Anvil: Craftsman 2700 Psi Pressure Washer: Makita Battery Operated

Dump Bed: Kolbalt Tile Saw: Air Framing Guns: Assorted Hand Tools. HOUSEHOLD Speed Queen Washer: Amana Drver: (2) Wardrobes: Misc. Household Items **OWNERS: LEVI &**

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COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT $2025\,\mathrm{TERM}$ Cause Number: 38C01-2508-JP-11 38C01-2508-JP-12

TYLER MORRIS and JAXSON MORRIS BRADLEY MORRIS Petitioner, And

EILEEN THOMPSON Respondent. NOTICE OF PATERNITY BY PUBLICATION

Eileen Thompson is notified that a petition to establish paternity, custody, parenting time, and child support of two (2) minor children, named, Tyler Morris (DOB: 09/26/2020) and Jaxson Morris (DOB: 04/11/2018) was filed in the office of the clerk of Jay County Circuit Court, lo cated at 120 N. Court St. Port land, IN 47371, and reachable at (260) 726-4951. Father filed his petition seeking custody in accordance with IC 31-14 and IC 31-17-2-8. Pursuant to Ind. Trial Rule 4.13, publication is required as Father has made all diligent efforts to locate Eileen

If Ms. Thompson intends to contest the petition to establish paternity, custody, parenting time, and child support, then Ms Thompson must file a motion to contest the petition in accordance with Ind. Trial Rule 4.14(B)(6) in the above-named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

Thompson and has been unable

to do so.

If Ms. Thompson does not file a motion to contest the petition within thirty (30) days after service of this notice the abovementioned court will hear and determine the petition for paternity, custody, parenting time, and child support without Ms. Thompson to enter orders in accordance with the motion requested.

No oral statement made to Eileen Thompson relieves Eileen Thompson of her obligations under this notice.

This notice complies with IC 31-14 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana paternity statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana paternity statutes.

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Sports

JCHS opens sectional today against Bellmont, see Sports on tap

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2025 boys soccer

All-GPC team

Graphic Printing Company Player of the Year Maddox Huffman

Delta High School senior

Maddox Huffman was selected as the Oak Hill, securing DHS its third boys 2025 Graphic Printing Company Player of the Year for boys soccer.

"It means a lot," Huffman said. "My sophomore year I didn't even get a start, so it feels great to get the honor of

While Huffman didn't get a single start in his sophomore season, he set the school record of 26 goals in a single year as a junior.

While he only scored 20 times during his senior campaign — Huffman also had two assists — he helped the team to a more successful season. The Eagles earned their highest finish in the Hoosier Heritage Conference as a 5-2 record put them second. He also headed in the go-ahead goal to lift Delta over

soccer sectional crown.

"It's been special because last year I broke the record, but we still fell short of a sectional," Huffman said. "So I was trying to go for that. We made a really strong argument in the conference. Didn't quite get there but it really pushed us towards a sectional, being able to work as a team and get that win.'

Huffman's offensive output has led Delta to a 25-10 record over the past two seasons.

"He's been tremendous," said DHS coach Tony Pierce. "He's had 50 plus goals for us and we wouldn't be where we were without all those goals. We wouldn't have won the games that we've won. He's hit clutch goals for us at key times, so that's well deserved for him.



 $\textbf{Eduin Garcia Velasquez} \; (\textbf{Union City sophomore}) \; --43 \; \textbf{goals}, \; \textbf{15 assists}$ Jacoby Penrod (Jay County freshman) —17 goals, eight assists

Midfielders

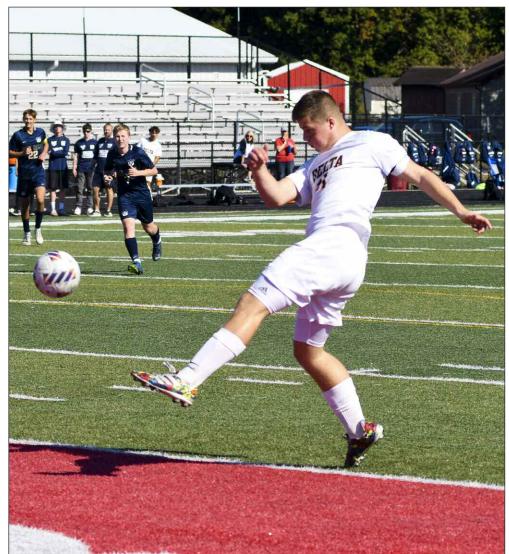
Elias Mueller (Jay County junior) — seven goals, two assists Cooper Pierce (Delta junior) — 14 goals, 13 assists Gabe Peters (Wapahani junior) — 15 goals, four assists **Senad Selimovic** (Delta junior) — 11 goals, 17 assists

Defenders

Keller Bartlett (Delta sophomore) — two goals, one assist Fernando Rafael Jose (Union City senior) — nine goals, 10 assists Waylen Stewart (Delta senior) — three goals, two assists

Goalkeeper

Elijah Bell (Delta senior) — 126 saves, 15 goals allowed



Honorable mention

Maverick McDaniel, senior, Blackford Jed Vanator, junior, Delta Blake Collins, junior, Jay County Jeferson Solorzano, freshman, Union City Kaleb Keihn, senior, Wapahani

NFL owners put to rest concerns over Tom Brady's role with Fox and Raiders

By VINCENT BONSIGNORE

Las Vegas Review-Journal Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — The concern over Tom Brady's roles as the lead analyst on Fox's NFL coverage and a Raiders minority owner seems to have dissipated.

At least to those who matter most - NFL owners. It was a non-topic at their fall meetings this week.

"You guys have written about that already," Jets owner Woody Johnson

When asked about the potential conflict of interest of someone holding an ownership stake in a team and being a game analyst — in which access to players and coaches and information are core parts of the role

Johnson brushed it off. "I don't have any concerns," he said. "I want to win next week. That's what I'm really focused on.'

That sentiment is shared by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, who has pointed to the restrictions for Brady that guard against potential

For instance, unlike other broadcasters, Brady is not allowed to step foot in team facilities or attend practices. The access he gets to players and coaches is limited to virtual meetings as opposed to the face-toface meetings other analysts are allowed.

Owners put those guardrails in place when Brady was approved as a Raiders minority owner in October 2024. He was in his first season as

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— Ben Johnson, Chicago Bears coach

Fox's lead analyst, and there was concern within the league that he could use information he gleaned during his preparation to help the Raiders.

With the protections in place, Goodell said there shouldn't be any

"Where's the conflict?" Goodell told Alex Sherman of CNBC.com in September: "He's not hanging around in the facilities. We don't allow that."

Information underload Raiders owner Mark Davis said he understood why fellow owners would put restrictions on Brady. But at this

point, he thinks it's a nonissue. As Davis pointed out this week, the information that coaches and players share in production meetings isn't exactly the type that would harm a team. They are typically guarded in those settings.

"Is the information even real?" Davis said. "It's cat and mouse. It's smoke and mirrors.'

That was backed up this season by

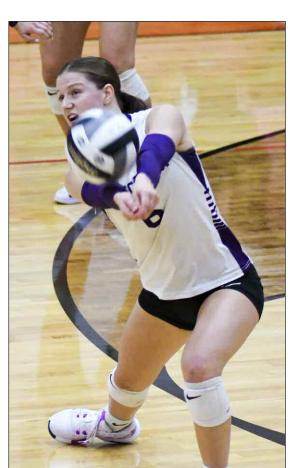
Bears coach Ben Johnson when he dealt with Brady before his team played the Cowboys. The game preceded by one week the Bears' game against the Raiders.

Johnson said he wasn't worried because he controlled what he revealed.

"I've been careful with everything I've said since the season started," he said. "I've been in pure 'coachspeak' mode since this season has started. It's just business as usual. I like Tom, and we have a really good relationship.'

Davis also pointed out that plenty of game analysts have ties with other teams. For instance, former Cowboys quarterbacks Troy Aikman (ABC, ESPN) and Tony Romo (CBS) also are lead analysts.

"Anybody can sit there and call up their friend on the teams and ask what's going on," Davis said. "And there's so much disinformation that teams give to the announcers.'



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