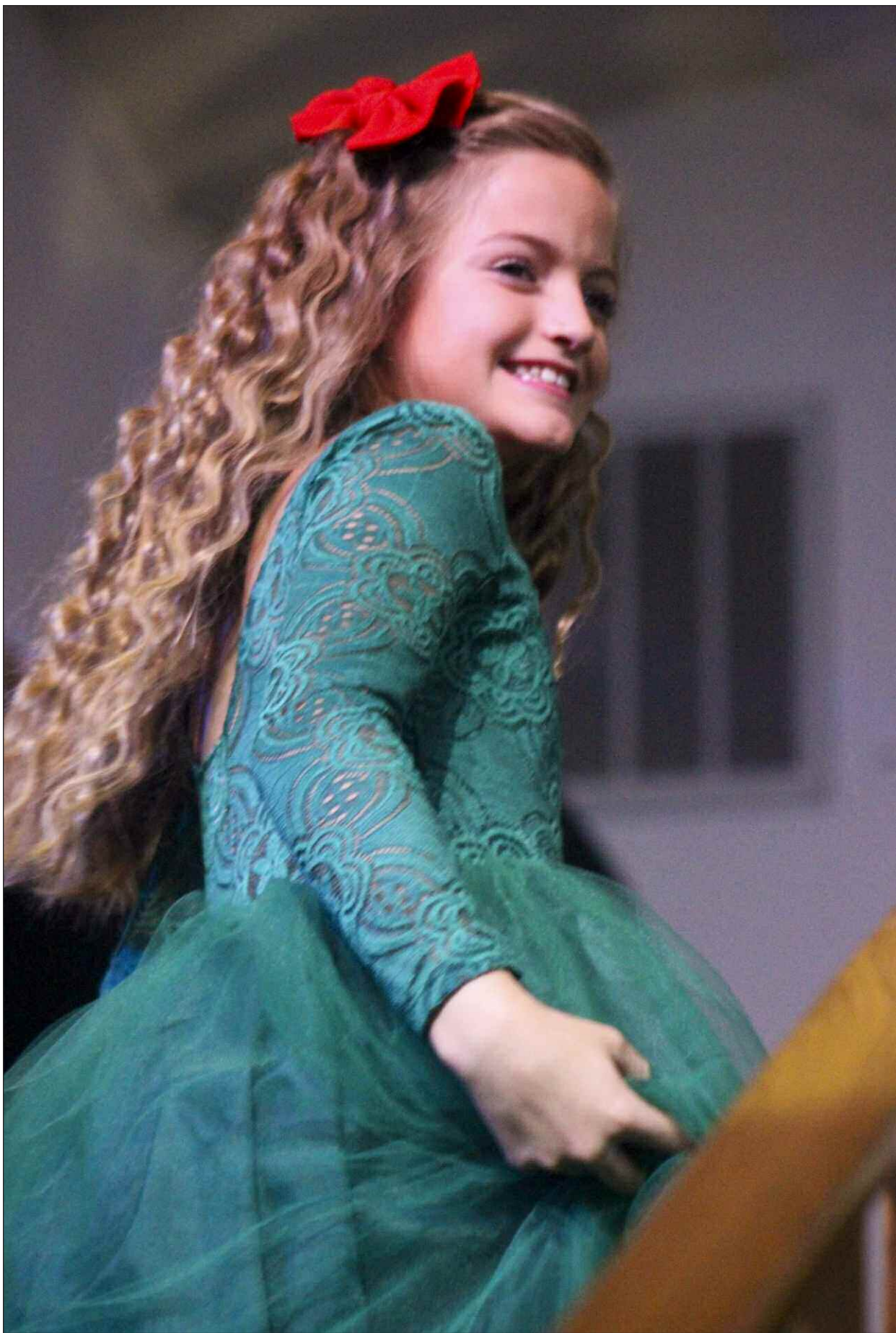




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## Little Miss and music

Addilyn McClain (above) walks up some steps at Fellowship Baptist Church as she heads onto the stage during Saturday's Little Miss Winterfest Pageant. The event was part of Jay County Chamber of Commerce's Winterfest activities that kicked off with Christmas at the Courthouse on Friday night — pictured below, members of the Jay County High School show choirs sing on the courthouse steps — and continued with the Parade of Lights on Saturday evening. For a photo of McClain and her court, see page 5.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

# No request

*Commissioners vote 2-1 against asking for funds for 68-acre project*

**By BAILEY CLINE**  
The Commercial Review

County officials have been coordinating efforts for an infrastructure project along Indiana 67 for years.

Without a local financial commitment, that project may no longer happen.

Jay County Commissioners decided not to make a formal financial request Monday to Jay County Redevelopment Commission for the 68-acre infrastructure project.

They also voted 2-1 to seek farming bids for the property for next year.

Cecil Penland of design firm Rundell, Ernstberger and Associates estimated the project at roughly \$2.654 million Monday. That amount covers the cost of the first part of the project's first phase, which includes water main, sanitary wastewater and lift station work along with Indiana Department of Transportation right-of-way permit requirements. He noted water work comes to \$826,210 of that estimate, adding that if it were removed from the project, the total could be decreased to just under \$1.64 million.

Jay County Council and commissioners agreed in November 2024 to enter into an inter-local agreement with the redevelopment commission for the county's remaining American Rescue Plan Act dollars to go toward the 68-acre project. Those federal dol-

lars had to be allocated by the end 2024. Per guidelines, they're also supposed to be spent by Dec. 31, 2026.

Jay County also applied for Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0 funds with hopes of receiving money for the 68-acre project. Officials say the state has indicated plans to grant \$1.21 million, although a formal announcement awarding the dollars to Jay County has not been made to date.

Portland City Council agreed Oct. 6 to commit \$400,000 toward the project, with its motion contingent on the county redevelopment commission contributing the remaining dollars needed. Earlier this month, the redevelopment commission questioned how much their contribution would be.

Commissioners president Chad Aker indicated at Portland City Council's meeting in October that redevelopment commission would be asked to fund the remaining \$235,000 for the project. That amount has since changed to allow for contingencies in the project, with Aker saying the request would be for the redevelopment commission to fund up to \$400,000. In response, redevelopment commission requested that commissioners make a formal funding request for the project.

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# Airstrike kills Hezbollah chief

*Israel, Lebanon ceasefire wavers*

**By DAN WILLIAMS and SHERIF TAREK**  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

Israel said it killed Hezbollah's military chief in a rare airstrike on Beirut as an almost year-old ceasefire deal with the Lebanese government wavers.

The Israeli army said the attack on Dahieh, on the southern outskirts of the capital, killed Hezbollah staff Abu Ali Al-Tabtabai, the militant group's No. 2 after Secretary-General Naim Qassem.

He was "part of Hezbollah's senior leadership and, due to his connections and abilities, served as a significant source of knowledge and influence within Hezbollah," the

Israel Defense Forces said in a statement.

The daylight attack on Dahieh, on the southern outskirts of the capital, was the first of its kind in months and left five people dead and 28 injured, according to Lebanon's health ministry. It was ordered, according to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office, to thwart the commander's efforts to build up the Iran-backed faction's capabilities.

Hezbollah confirmed in a statement Al-Tabtabai was killed in an Israeli attack and said his death will strengthen jihadists. Lebanese President Joseph Aoun earlier said the strike was more evidence that Israel doesn't heed "recurring calls to halt its assaults on Lebanon."

The Nov. 27, 2024, ceasefire deal, mediated by Washington, required that Lebanon's government and its army remove Hezbollah from southern areas near the Israeli border, and strip it of weaponry. The deal calmed what had been the second front to a regional conflict sparked by Hamas' October 2023 attack on Israel from Gaza.

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Coming up

Wednesday's newspaper will be our annual expanded Thanksgiving edition. It will feature a story about Secret Families Christmas Charity of Jay County, team previews, a feature on a new local eatery and a column about shared human experience. We will not publish Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 55 degrees Sunday. The low was 34.

There is a 50% chance of rain tonight and a low in the mid 30s. Skies will be partly cloudy Wednesday with a high in the mid 40s with winds gusting to 35 mph.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Friends of the Jay County Public Library is accepting donations of items to help local teachers restock their classrooms. The library is accepting donations during regular hours through Saturday, Nov. 29. Items of need include facial tissue, notebook paper, cleaning wipes, folders, crayons, markers and pencils.

Coming up

**Wednesday** — Coverage of next week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

**Friday** — Results from the JCHS boys basketball season opener against South Side.

**Saturday** — Details from the FRHS girls basketball game against Mississinawa Valley.



No ...

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Aker brought up the discussion Monday with his fellow commissioners, suggesting they make a formal request to the redevelopment commission. He said the project would help to address a housing need in the community. He also pointed to other factors, including that the area is within Portland's tax increment financing (TIF) district and would capture additional tax dollars for the city's redevelopment commission, and said the project could have a return on investment up to \$60 million. Penland later noted that estimate could be higher now that the county is planning to build a proposed public safety building in a different location. Commissioner Doug Horn questioned if the county would be liable for additional infrastructure costs in the future. Penland noted it would depend on agreements made with devel-

opers. (No proposals were submitted for the project following a request from the county. Per Indiana law, because there were no proposals, county officials may begin negotiating with individual firms. Aker indicated Monday there is a developer interested in the project.)  
Commissioner Duane Monroe said he would not vote in favor of the project, saying he won't ask the redevelopment commission to contribute up to \$400,000 toward it.  
"The developers, they never came," he said. "It sounds like a great idea, but if you don't have someone to build it, you don't have anything."  
He also argued the American Rescue Plan Act dollars and READI money could have been utilized for other projects.  
Horn said he's been back and forth on the matter, pointing out that the county has made it this far with the project. He pointed

to concerns about whether the county will need to take out more from its coffers to pay for constructing roads through the property in the future.  
Aker argued in favor of the project, noting that additional housing has been identified as a major issue across the state and country. Addressing Horn's concerns, he pointed out the county can't know at this point whether it will or won't receive additional grant dollars or if a developer will contribute further infrastructure costs.  
"We don't have a crystal ball to tell us this, but one thing we don't need a crystal ball for is if we don't do something, we're going to continue to die," he said. "You look all around us, you look down in Randolph County, they're putting in developments everywhere. You look down in Delaware County, they're growing everywhere. We're the only place that's not

growing because we're not investing in our community."  
He said there aren't other ongoing housing developments in the county, with Monroe pointing to efforts in Dunkirk. Aker noted housing projects start with an investment. He argued \$400,000 is a small price to pay compared to the return on investment, and he said he felt it would be foolish not to act on the project at this stage.  
Redevelopment commission president Carl Walker pointed out the county's contribution also includes past costs, including the initial land purchase at \$1.16 million and the \$395,000 cost for the design contract with Rundell, Ernstberger and Associates. Aker noted those dollars came from American Rescue Plan Act dollars.  
There were also concerns Monday about whether the county's American Rescue Plan Act dollars will still be viable

for the project. (Per federal guidelines, they are supposed to be spent by end of next year.)  
County attorney Wes Schemenaur said he wouldn't feel comfortable giving legal advice on the matter. He indicated consulting firm Baker Tilly has suggested a process that would involve designating the funds as revenue replacement and backdating them to "reimburse" the county.  
Horn also pointed to the fact that the county hasn't received a formal award letter from the state for READI 2.0 funds, with Aker saying representatives have assured county officials they have received as much of a "yes" for the project as they can give at this point.  
"It's not that I don't want to see progress, but it's like we jumped in with everybody's borrowed money, and that still wasn't enough," he said.  
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| Wednesday<br>11/26                                                                 | Thursday<br>11/27                                                                     | Friday<br>11/28                                                                        | Saturday<br>11/29                                                                        | Sunday<br>11/30                                                                     |
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| <b>43/24</b>                                                                       | <b>32/21</b>                                                                          | <b>32/21</b>                                                                           | <b>33/29</b>                                                                             | <b>43/36</b>                                                                        |
| Wind gusts could reach more than 40 mph on Wednesday under mostly cloudy skies.    | Thursday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with the low reaching around 21 degrees. | Another day of mostly sunny skies with temperatures dipping into the low 20s at night. | There's an approximately 50% chance of snow on Saturday when the high will be around 33. | Another 50% chance of snow on Sunday, with rain also possible.                      |

| Lotteries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Powerball</b><br>Estimated jackpot: \$570 million                                                                                                                                                                                      | 13-25-26-27-33-35-39-46-52-53-58-63-68-70-73-75-78<br>Cash 5: 1-5-29-33-37<br>Estimated jackpot: \$90,000                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Mega Millions</b><br>Estimated jackpot: \$50 million                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Hoosier</b><br>Sunday<br>Midday<br>Daily Three: 9-3-9<br>Daily Four: 3-0-0-6<br>Quick Draw: 4-22-31-33-34-35-39-41-43-44-45-46-54-55-63-64-66-68-73-74<br>Evening<br>Daily Three: 4-6-7<br>Daily Four: 3-9-8-5<br>Quick Draw: 7-11-12- | <b>Ohio</b><br>Sunday<br>Midday<br>Pick 3: 4-9-1<br>Pick 4: 2-5-7-5<br>Pick 5: 1-4-7-0-2<br>Evening<br>Pick 3: 5-0-9<br>Pick 4: 3-8-9-8<br>Pick 5: 9-7-8-3-6<br>Rolling Cash 5: 6-19-29-36-37<br>Estimated jackpot: \$100,000 |

| Markets                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b><br>Corn.....4.49<br>Jan. corn .....4.45<br>Feb. corn .....4.47    | Dec. beans .....11.16<br>Wheat .....4.90                                                                                            |
| <b>POET Biorefining Portland</b><br>Corn.....4.52<br>Jan. corn .....4.42<br>Feb. corn .....4.42     | <b>ADM Montpelier</b><br>Corn.....4.32<br>Dec. corn .....4.33<br>Beans.....11.12<br>Dec. beans .....11.16<br>Wheat .....4.87        |
| <b>The Andersons Richland Township</b><br>Corn .....4.39<br>Dec. corn .....4.39<br>Beans .....11.11 | <b>Heartland St. Anthony</b><br>Corn.....4.39<br>Dec. corn .....4.39<br>Beans.....10.86<br>Dec. beans .....10.86<br>Wheat .....4.72 |

| Today in history                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
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| <p>In 1914, Joe DiMaggio was born in Martinez, California. He played 13 seasons for the New York Yankees — interrupted by three years of service in World War II — and won batting titles in 1939 and 1940. He holds the Major League Baseball record with a 56-game hitting streak.</p> <p>In 2002, the Agatha Christie play “The Mousetrap” was thrown a royal gala to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its opening.</p> <p>In 2013, the Jay County High School girls swim team rolled to a 135-45 destruction of Adams Central. Winning events for the Patriots were Caitlin Mark, Jamie Valentine, Katy Smeltzer, Anne Vormohr, Sophie Bader, Ashley Mark, Taylor Campbell and Sydney Mathias.</p> <p>In 2019, Jay County Commissioners decided to ask Jay County Plan Commission to significantly scale back proposed setbacks for solar arrays and make a change in the setbacks for new wind farms.</p> <p>—The CR</p> |  |

| Citizen's calendar                                                                                                                     |  |
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| <b>Today</b><br>6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.<br>6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 Mooney St. |  |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7 a.m. — Portland Fire Department Pension Board, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.                                |  |

Hoosiers warned about scam letter

Documents purport to be from comptroller

By DAN CARDEN  
The Times (Munster)  
Tribune News Service  
State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla is urging Hoosiers to closely inspect any letters they receive that are purportedly sent by her office, especially if the letter requests the recipient send money or take other immediate action.  
Nieshalla said a number of false letters with logos that appear to be from the comptroller's office recently have been

sent to individuals and businesses across Indiana.  
"An entity posing as the state comptroller's office is dishonest and violates the public's trust," she said. "I want to ensure all Hoosiers are aware of these attempts and how to recognize a legitimate communication from our office to best protect themselves."  
Nieshalla said the comptroller's office never will request personal payments by mail. Legitimate correspondence will also include Indiana's state seal, a return address of 200 W. Washington St. in Indianapolis and contact information for verification.  
Individuals can confirm the validity of a mailing by contacting the comptroller's office at (317) 232-3300.

Airstrike ...

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Though Hezbollah ceased its missile attacks, it refused to freely give up its arsenal. Israel, citing a self-defense provision in the ceasefire agreement, has waged a campaign of lethal air strikes against what it describes as Hezbollah's efforts to rearm and regroup. Those attacks have surged recently to an almost daily pace.  
"We will continue to do everything necessary to prevent Hezbollah from reestablishing its threat capability against us," Netanyahu told his cabinet in broadcast remarks on Sunday, hours before the Beirut attack.  
In August, the Lebanese government instructed its army to draw up a plan for disarming Hezbollah and other militias. The first phase focuses on south Lebanon and should be finalized by the end of the month, Prime Minister Nawaf Salam said in a Bloomberg interview on Nov. 20. Beirut and the Bekaa Valley are

encompassed in later stages.  
However, both Israel and the U.S. have voiced doubts about Beirut's ability to deliver. Lebanese leaders have in turn warned that Israel's actions are undermining the truce.  
Though required by the ceasefire to withdraw from Lebanon, Israel maintains five army outposts in vantage points across the border. It's offered to remove those in return for Lebanese Armed Forces action to disarm Hezbollah, which the U.S. designates as a terrorist group. Israel and Lebanon are technically in a state of war.  
Israel in July 2024 killed Fuad Shukur, who at the time was Hezbollah's military chief, in an airstrike on Beirut.  
Al-Tabtabai was designated in 2016 as a global terrorist by the U.S. State Department for his activities in Syria and Yemen. The U.S., on its "Rewards for Justice" website, offers as much as \$5 million for information on his whereabouts.



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### SERVICES

**Wednesday, Nov. 25**  
**Shively,** Geraldine: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Saturday, Nov. 29**  
**Moore,** Stephen: 2 p.m., Redkey Church of the Nazarene, 801 W. High St., Redkey.

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## Cincinnatus League

The Cincinnatus League recently made donations to area organizations. Pictured from left are Julia Schwomeyer of Cincinnatus League, Rusty Inman of John Jay Learning for Center, Kyle Cook of Jay Community Center, Carol Smith of Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Traci Gross of United Way of Jay County and Jay-Randolph Developmental Services, and Drew Houck of Cincinnatus League.

# Anonymous message stirs up painful memories

DEAR ABBY: I've been married to my husband for two months. I haven't told anyone I'm married except my close friends and family. Someone recently messaged me about my husband, stating that he has Asperger's. They know my name and have my phone number. I don't know who this person is or why they would tell me this now.

I already suspected my husband has Asperger's, so I'm not shocked, but this is eating me up inside. I can't sleep. I can't think. I recently lost my mom to cancer. Now I'm facing this. I previously dated a narcissist who used to lie regularly. But after all that heart-break and torment, I'm now with someone who lies to me again? I'm so confused and upset. I really do want to ask my husband to get assessed. I don't think I can

## Dear Abby



trust him anymore. Do you have advice for me? — LOSING AGAIN IN CANADA

DEAR LOSING: Let me point out that individuals who write anonymous letters usually are not trying to be helpful and instead may be trying to cause trouble in your marriage. Before asking your husband to be assessed for Asperger's, go online and read as much information about it as you can. You might also consider con-

tacting the Association for Autism and Neurodiversity (aane.org), which has been mentioned in my column before.

If what you learn from reliable resources indicates that it could be your husband's problem, then by all means suggest he be assessed. He may not necessarily be "lying" to you as much as being in denial. This does not have to destroy a marriage. Many successful people are on the spectrum.

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DEAR ABBY: My best friend and co-worker is 57. I'm 32. Her husband died two years ago, leaving her and her 22-year-old son alone. We've been best friends and co-workers for the last six years, but over the last few months, I've been realizing she's

a lot more to me than just a friend.

I am nervous about trying to make advances because I don't know if the feelings are mutual or how she views our age difference. I don't want to risk ruining our friendship. I just know that my heart skips a few beats when our eyes meet or our fingers accidentally touch. I've realized these last few months that I'm falling hard for her, and I'm afraid to let her know. If I don't, however, my feelings are going to eat me alive. What should I do? — FALLING FOR HER IN KANSAS

DEAR FALLING: Ask your best friend (and co-worker) to join you for a casual lunch or dinner. Keep it light but tell her how much you enjoy her company and ask if the age difference between you both-

ers her. If the answer is no, explain that you care very much for her and wonder if she'd be open to the idea of dating you.

If she says yes, and there are rules at your job that discourage "fraternizing," you may have to find another place to work. If she responds that dating would be awkward, let her know you will always be her friend because you think she is special.

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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 DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@theccr.com](mailto:news@theccr.com).

**Today**

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

**Wednesday**

WEDNESDAY MORNING 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 REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for 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) 726-8229.

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

**Friday**

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL MUSEUM — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Friday and Saturday of each month at Webster Depot, 132 W. Railroad St.

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. Please come early for a meal. To learn more information, call (260) 766-2006.

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Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

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# Band boosters say thank you

To the editor:  
In this time of blessing and thanks, the Jay Patriot Band Boosters would like to extend a thank you to The Portland Foundation and the Jay School Corporation.

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots were awarded a grant to aid in the purchase of new music stands and carts. These new music stands replaced the ones that were several years old. The new music stands are a wonderful improvement for our students, and the carts allow ease in moving the stands where they are needed.

We are grateful for this financial opportunity from the foundation and matching funds from the Jay School Corporation and extend our sincere thanks to all involved.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank the

## Letters to the Editor

many patrons of the football concession stand over the past few months. Without the revenue generated at the concession stand, we would not be able to provide this award-winning band program in our community. We hope to see many of you at the upcoming basketball games and help support this amazing music program.

We are blessed to live in a community that provides such great support both financially and otherwise and we thank you all.

Go Patriots.  
Sincerely,  
Rachel Benirschke  
Jay Patriot Band Boosters



# AI will delete some jobs

By **SHELDON H. JACOBSON**  
Tribune News Service

Artificial intelligence has become a societal disruptor. Generative AI tools like ChatGPT have reached across society, giving everyone with a smartphone the opportunity to interact with AI in new ways. With such capabilities now in the mainstream, though, the tasks that AI systems can deliver means that the list of jobs at risk for elimination is long and growing. AI systems are poised to transform and subsume jobs that involve repetitive tasks that can be learned.

Here is a list of four such tasks that place their associated jobs at risk.

### Translation

When people from different countries interact, language can be a barrier. Many countries around the world teach English as a second language, but when groups with different languages must interact, speaking in your native voice is nearly always preferred. AI systems like Google Translate and DeepL seamlessly provide real-time translation between a multitude of languages. This facilitates more fluid communication, effectively widening the footprint for global economics and education.

While most human translators have a limited set of languages that they can translate from and into, AI translator systems can work across as many as 200 languages, providing an efficient vehicle to bridge people and eliminate language barriers.

### Courtroom recording

Every courtroom has a person busily typing on what looks like a miniature typewriter. They are responsible for recording every word spoken during the proceeding. Their skills are immense, given the speed at which they must work and the accuracy demanded of them. An AI system can be designed to record the information being discussed and communicated during such proceedings. Court reporter roles are likely to be transformed by AI, with a new generation of court reporters used to vet and ensure the integrity of the court proceedings produced by AI systems. Because

*Sheldon H. Jacobson*



multiple AI systems can simultaneously transcribe court proceedings, such duplication can cost-effectively provide the necessary accuracy demanded by the legal system.

### Copy editing

Newspapers and publishers use copy editors to edit articles and books. AI systems are well-suited for this task; learning grammar and tapping into a nearly unlimited number of words allows AI systems to polish the roughest first drafts of any manuscript. Moreover, revisions by AI could be done nearly instantaneously. Every newspaper and publisher can benefit from such a product. Instead of having a group of copy editors on staff, a single IT person can manage the flow of manuscripts being edited by AI systems.

### Legal support

Every law firm uses junior lawyers, often directly out of law school, to do numerous tasks, including case research, preparing briefings and supporting expert witness declarations. Because the format and style of many of the resulting documents are similar, AI systems are well suited to create them. This would reduce the number of junior lawyers required to handle cases, and thus the cost of legal services for clients. It would also create a new breed of paralegals, with significant IT skills to oversee AI systems that produce all such documents.

Before permitting AI systems to generate pink slips for these workers, though, one must look at the entire gestalt of their jobs.

Translator and court reporter tasks can certainly be done by AI systems, significantly reducing the number of people in these jobs and saving organizations both time and money. Yet the human element of capturing how people interact would be

missed by such a system; the same words when spoken together can mean different things, for example, based on the tone or context in which it is spoken. This is certain to create misunderstandings.

Some of the jobs at risk of elimination also provide training, serving as stepping stones for higher positions that could not be replaced by AI systems. Editors and managing editors may begin their careers as copy editors. The same holds true with lawyers, who must go through perfunctory roles as junior lawyers before assuming the responsibilities of overseeing large and complex cases.

AI systems will continue to push into new domains and transform how work is executed. Much like when U.S. companies move their manufacturing operations overseas to take advantage of lower labor costs, replacing people by AI systems can also save money. However, the price paid for indiscriminately reducing workforces to save money will have unintended downstream consequences.

Instead of fearing what AI will take away, embrace the new opportunities that AI will provide. Training people to be part of AI systems has already become a growth industry. The challenge is how to include a larger footprint of the workforce and give them the skills to be part of this burgeoning new economy.

Change is never easy. With each new job impacted by AI systems, new opportunities are certain to emerge. But simply replacing people with AI systems to save money today will create human capital talent voids in the future that AI systems may be unable to fill. Indeed, a penny saved by AI today may end up costing many dollars in lost human capital talent in the future.

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# It's time to show the map

By **NIKI KELLY**  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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Show me the map!  
Just like Jerry Maguire said way back in 1996, there's an obvious conclusion brewing in Indiana's redistricting fight: let's stop trying to pin lawmakers down to vote for a fictitious map. Let's put one on the table for everyone to see and debate.

This discussion has been going on for three months. At least 21 Republicans in the Indiana House and Senate have committed to voting yes on a map they either haven't seen or is locked behind closed political doors. Others have come out against the very idea of redistricting mid-cycle, which would be unprecedented in Indiana.

But the majority are in the middle — taking the absolutely reasonable approach that they aren't going to promise to vote for or against something they haven't seen.

And for that reasonable approach, they are being attacked by President Donald Trump, who apparently has nothing better to do than threaten fellow Republicans in a fly-over state with primary challenges.

"To this day, we have not seen a map we are being pressured to support. It's probably in the desk drawer of some Washington, D.C. consultant," said Sen. Sue Glick, R-LaGrange, this week.

The national context is Trump is worried about the midterm elections, which historically result in big losses for the party in power. So, he is pushing Republican states to gerrymander their congressional maps to ensure the GOP picks up more seats.

So much for running on your accomplishments and letting voters judge you for your actions.

The Republican line of argument is that Democrats have gerrymandered current maps so badly it's time for Republicans to do the same. If your son or daughter came to you and said kids in their class were cheating on tests and impacting the curve, would you tell them also to cheat?

It's important to note that the maps in question — drawn by all 50 states after the 2020 census — have led to Republican majorities in the U.S. House in both 2022 and 2024.

Both sides lack integrity on

*Niki Kelly*



the issue. Both sides should stick to their morals and values instead of abandoning them when power is at stake. And this also applies to Democrat-led states that have championed nonpartisan map-making only to reject that now. I'm talking to you, California.

Indiana lawmakers loved our 2021 maps. In fact, some of those now wanting a rewrite voted for them, or even helped create them. I have asked several legislators what is wrong with Indiana's maps — and the answer is never about Indiana but other states.

The fight over redistricting is showing the best and worst of Hoosiers, depending on where you sit. It is tearing the Republican Party apart and could lead to a separation of powers fight as Gov. Mike Braun promises to find ways to "compel" senators to abide by his special session call.

Of course, he can't "compel" them to vote the way he wants, but I do agree that the Senate has taken a dreadful approach by ignoring the governor's constitutional right to call a special session. It's a smack in the face of the highest order and I think is beneath what is supposed to be the more senior and respectful chamber of the General Assembly.

Whether you are for or against redistricting, showing up matters.

House Speaker Todd Huston says his caucus has the 51 votes necessary to move forward, and to keep the first two weeks of December clear — a wait-and-see approach. He could move the discussion forward by filing a proposed bill and map, holding hearings and voting.

Show me the map!  
Kelly, editor-in-chief of Indiana Capital Chronicle, has covered the Indiana Statehouse since 1999.

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## Winterfest winners

Jay County Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Little Miss Winterfest and inaugural Golden Miss Winterfest contest Saturday. Pictured above are (from left) Little Miss Winterfest second runner-up Edén Lee, Little Miss Winterfest Addilyn McClain and first runner-up Kennedy Newell. Pictured at right is Jay County’s first Golden Miss Winterfest Naomi Betts.



## No ...

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“Now I’m going to have to maybe make people pay more to make it happen when we could have used that money to actually make something happen, and, there’s just so many dang things we don’t know ...”

Aker again argued for the need for housing, saying the project makes an effort to create growth in the county. He also pointed out the project has made it this far.

“Schools are closing up. We’re losing students, we’re losing population,” he said. “We need places to live. And this is what we’re trying to do. There’s nothing else on the board, anyone trying to do this ...”

“We’ve got the engineer-

ing done, mostly done, we’ve got the property bought, I don’t know what else you want to do. If someone else has a better idea, I’d love to hear it, because we haven’t been approached by anything. I’ll leave it at that,” he continued.

Aker opened the floor for a motion to request up to \$400,000 from the redevelopment commission, but no motion followed.

Monroe then made a motion to seek farm bids for the property for next year. Horn and Monroe voted in favor, with Aker dissenting.

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*For more news from the commissioners’ meeting, see Wednesday’s newspaper.*

# HEALTHCARE

## Food choices that can increase type 2 diabetes risk

A healthy diet has been linked to a host of benefits that affect people every day. When people eat healthy, they can lower their risk for disease, maintain a healthy weight and benefit from improved energy levels that can help them get the recommended amounts of physical activity each day.

As beneficial as a healthy diet can be, a poor diet can have just as big an impact in the opposite direction. Poor diet is linked to a host of negative outcomes, including a greater risk for conditions like overweight and obesity that increase the chances a person develops type 2 diabetes. People concerned by the effects their dietary decisions may have on their risk for diabetes can take note of various items that can make a type 2 diabetes diagnosis more likely.



### Sugary drinks

The United Kingdom-based Diabetes UK notes that sugary drinks, which include beverages like soft drinks and sweetened tea, can increase a person’s risk for type 2 diabetes. In fact, a 2019 study from researchers at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health found that increasing intake of sugar-sweetened beverages and 100 percent fruit juices by more than four ounces per day over a four-year period was associated with a 16 percent higher risk of diabetes. Studies have found that sugary drinks can quickly increase blood sugar levels, a spike that can lead to insulin resistance and the accumulation of fat in the liver, both of which are risk factors for type 2 diabetes.

### Sweets

“Sweets” is a broad and not easily defined term, but those concerned about food choices and diabetes should know that this category generally refers to candy, deep-fried desserts, cookies, and various baked goods. These foods tend to be high in sugar, and sugar consumption leads to the production of insulin. While that’s not necessarily bad, University Hospitals notes that if the pancreas is continually producing insulin, the body may eventually become insulin-resistant. Insulin resistance can interrupt normal body system responses and contribute to nerve damage. Excess sugar not used as energy also is stored as fat, which can lead to weight gain, a known risk factor for type 2 diabetes.

### Refined carbohydrates

Diabetes UK notes that refined carbohydrates like white bread, white rice and sugar-heavy breakfast cereals also can elevate a person’s risk for type 2 diabetes. These foods are digested rapidly, which can cause blood sugar levels to rise as the pancreas secretes insulin more quickly. When choosing carbs, individuals are urged to pick whole grains and fruits and vegetables, which take longer to digest and retain fiber and nutrients that are lost during the processing necessary to produce refined carbohydrates.

Diet can be a useful tool in the fight against type 2 diabetes when individuals make healthy choices regarding the foods and beverages they consume.

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## A cartoon by Speed Bump. It depicts two men in a workshop. The man on the left is wearing a cap and briefs, holding a wrench. The man on the right is wearing a cap, a uniform with a 'Globe' logo, and carrying a toolbox. A speech bubble from the man in briefs reads: "NO, JIMMY, I DEFINITELY DID NOT SAY 'TIGHTY WHITIES, LEFTY LOOSEY.'" The cartoon is signed "SPEED BUMP" in the bottom right corner.

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Opening lead — jack of clubs.

**There is no denying that** in some deals, declarer must guess what to do because he doesn't know how the adverse cards are divided. Any clues might be disturbingly sparse, or the defense might be exceptionally sharp.

**Fortunately, such deals** are rare. On most occasions, declarer can find a way to improve his chances of guessing correctly, or can avoid guessing altogether.

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## CRYPTOQUIP

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JOHN ROSE

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Spares

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Outside of Williams, Claire Gaerke shot a 126 in her individual game. She also had the best fill percentage of the new Indians at 44.4% (8-for-18).

Elizabeth Kahlig and Malia Grisez both struggled in the individual games with scores of 78 and 58 pins.

Fort Recovery failed to make up any ground in the baker games. The Cougars shot better in four games and both teams knocked over 145 pins in the second. The Tribe shot scores of 126, 145, 125, 155 and 119, respectively.

Picking up spares continued to be a problem for the Indians as they only filled 18-of-41 spare attempts (43.9%) resulting in 23 open frames (54% fill percentage).

“It’s just pin count,” Stone said of what the team needs to work on. “Instead of throwing two or three gutters in a row, we need to just get some pins. ... We’ve got some practices coming up then Thanksgiving so they’ll get a break. But other than that, I think we’re doing fine.”

Bears get eighth win in nine games

**By SEAN HAMMOND**  
Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — The Pittsburgh Steelers had one last chance Sunday, taking over at their 20-yard line with 1:29 remaining.

Needing a field goal to tie, quarterback Mason Rudolph marched the Pittsburgh offense to midfield, but his fourth-down pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage by Chicago Bears safety Jaquan Brisker and fell incomplete.

The Bears held on for a 31-28 victory in front of 59,658 fans at Soldier Field — their eighth win in nine games and fourth in a row — to remain atop the NFC North standings at 8-3.

On a day when the Steelers were playing without quarterback Aaron Rodgers, the Bears defense forced two key turnovers that the offense turned into points. That proved to be the difference.

A pivotal one came in the third quarter when Bears defensive end Montez Sweat stripped

Rudolph, the Steelers backup who started in place of Rodgers. The ball bounced around on the ground for several seconds before Sweat jumped on it for a fumble recovery. It was Sweat’s second sack of the game.

The Bears turned it into a touchdown a short while later when running back Kyle Monangai punched in a 2-yard score. That put the Bears ahead 31-21 early in the fourth quarter. Then the defense came up with a pair of key late stops to hold on for the win.

In the first half, Bears cornerback Nahshon Wright picked off Rudolph’s first pass of the day. Rudolph targeted top receiver DK Metcalf on a deep ball to his left, but the ball was underthrown and Wright made a wild, one-handed catch for his fifth interception this season.

The Bears turned the takeaway into a touchdown when Williams connected with DJ Moore on a 5-yard pass.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

**Today**

Jay County — Boys basketball vs. South Side – 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. South Side – 6 p.m.

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**Friday**

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6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Mount St. Mary’s at Ohio State (BTN)

7:30 p.m. — College football: Western Michigan at Eastern Michigan (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — NBA In-Season Tournament: Orlando Magic at Philadelphia 76ers (NBC)

8 p.m. — College basketball: Kansas State vs. Indiana (FS1)

8:30 p.m. — College basketball: Winthrop at Nebraska (BTN); Michigan vs. Auburn (TNT)

10 p.m. — College basketball: UCLA vs. Cal (ESPN)

11 p.m. — NBA In-Season Tournament: Los Angeles Clippers at Los Angeles Lakers (NBC)

11 p.m. — College basketball: San Diego State vs. Oregon (TNT)

**Wednesday**

12 p.m. — College basketball: Vanderbilt vs. Western Kentucky (ESPN)

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5 p.m. — NBA In-Season Tournament: Detroit Pistons at Boston Celtics (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — NBA In-Season Tournament: Minnesota Timberwolves at Oklahoma City Thunder

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7:30 p.m. — College basketball: St. Mary’s vs. Wichita State (ESPN2)

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STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:  
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT  
CAUSE NO. 38C01-2511-EU-000031  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF John T. Loper, Sr., Deceased

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that John T. Loper, Jr., was, on November 13, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of John T. Loper, Sr., deceased, who died on November 2, 2025, and was authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent’s death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Portland, Indiana, this November 14, 2025.

Melissa Elliot  
Clerk, Jay Circuit Court  
Timothy K. Babcock  
Attorney No. 21526-90  
DALE, HUFFMAN & BABCOCK  
30 Premier Avenue  
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CAUSE NO. 38C01-2510-PL-000010  
MICHELLE RAY Plaintiff vs. ALL LIVING HEIRS OF REX A. EDMUNDSON, SR, and All Others Who May Claim Any Lien on or Interest in the Real Estate Described Herein, Defendants

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

This summons is to the Defendants 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 Plaintiff. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the Defendants named above and all others who may claim any lien on or interest in the Real Estate described below.

The named Plaintiff is represented by Joshua A. Atkinson, 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:

In-Lot 44 and the West Half of In-Lot 43 in A. Grissell’s Third Addition to the Town of Pennville, Indiana.

An answer or other response in writing to the complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the last notice is published and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.

Dated: 10-22-2025  
Melissa Elliott  
Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court  
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CITY OF PORTLAND ZONING ADMINISTRATION  
PORTLAND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: Randy Hopkins, 863 S 100 E, Portland, IN, has filed with the City of Portland Board of Zoning Appeals a petition, #Var2025-11-17, requesting a Use Variance to the zoning regulations, to wit:

Parcel ID: 38-07-22-300-015.002-033  
Location: 863 S 100 E, Portland, Wayne Township, Section 22, within the 2-mile jurisdictional area of Portland.

Property is Zoned: Rural Residential (RR)

Action: Requesting approval to sell cars at the residential address listed. The zoning of Rural Residential (RR) does not allow for this type of business, therefore the request requires Use Variance approval from the Portland Board of Zoning Appeals.

A public hearing will be held by said Board on December 9, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Community Resource Center, 118 S Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana. At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petition. The petition and file on this matter is available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 S Meridian Street / Ste E, Portland, Indiana 47371. If unable to attend the meeting, the Department will accept letters from the public prior to the meeting date.

Questions may be directed to the office at 260-726-6904.

Portland Board of Zoning Appeals  
John Hemmelgarn  
Zoning Administrator/Director  
Date: 11/18/25

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Public Notice

JAY COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATION  
JAY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: Tristen Harmon, 445 S Broadway Street, Pennville, IN, had filed with the Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals a petition, #Var2025-11-10, requesting a Use Variance to the zoning regulations, to wit:

Parcel ID: 38-01-34-104-044.000-011  
Location: 445 S Broadway Street, Pennville, IN, Penn Township, Section 34

Action Requested: Requesting Use Variance approval to operate a small scale low impact Cerakoting and powder coating business out of a detached building on said property.

A public hearing will be held by said Board on December 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Community Resource Center, 118 S Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana.

At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petition. The petition and file on this matter is available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 S Meridian Street / Ste E, Portland, Indiana 47371. If unable to attend the meeting, the Department will accept letters from the public prior to the meeting date.

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Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals  
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COUNTY OF JAY, SS:  
IN THE JAY SUPERIOR COURT  
2025 TERM  
CAUSE NO: 38D01-2511-MI-000032

HOME FREE ENTERPRISES – INDIANA 2024, LLC Plaintiff and THE HIGHEST RANKING OFFICER OF GREAT FUTURE, LLC DEBORAH A. ELMORE THE HIGHEST RANKING OFFICER OF INDIANA DEPT. OF REVENUE THE HIGHEST RANKING OFFICER OF INDIANA DEPT. OF REVENUE COY BURKS and THE UNKNOWN HUSBAND, WIFE, WIDOW, WIDOWER, CHILD, CHILDREN, DESCENDANTS, HEIRS, SURVIVING SPOUSES, CREDITORS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE ESTATE; DEVEISEES, LEGATEES, TRUSTEES, EXECUTORS OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENTS; SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND ASSIGNS, RESPECTFULLY, OF EACH OF THE FORGOING PERSONS, ALL OF WHOM ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; ALL OF THE WOMEN ONCE KNOWN BY ANY OF THE NAMES AND DESIGNATIONS ABOVE STATED WHOSE NAMES MAY HAVE BEEN CHANGED AND WHO ARE NOW KNOWN BY OTHER NAMES; THE NAMES OF ALL WHOM ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFF, AS THE SPOUSES OF EACH OF THE PERSONS NAMED ABOVE, OR DESCRIBED AND DESIGNATED AS DEFENDANTS IN THIS ACTION WHO ARE MARRIED; THE NAMES OF ALL OF WHOM ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; ALL PERSONS AND CORPORATIONS WHO ASSERT OR MIGHT ASSERT ANY TITLE, CLAIM OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON THE REAL ESTATE AND INTEREST THEREIN DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT IN THIS ACTION BY, UNDER OR THROUGH ANY OF THE DEFENDANTS IN THIS ACTION NAMED, DESCRIBED OR DESIGNATED IN THIS COMPLAINT AND ABOVE NAMED; ALL OF WHOM ARE UNKNOWN TO THIS PLAINTIFF.

Defendant(s)  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

Notice is hereby given to the following named persons who may claim some interest in the following described real estate and whose whereabouts are unknown or some or all of whom are unknown to the Plaintiff, to wit:

“SEE DEFENDANTS LISTED ABOVE”

You have been sued in the above entitled action to Quiet Title to the following described real estate located in Jay County, Indiana, to wit:

A.  
Parcel ID No: 38-09-08-101-085.000-014  
Legal: 45° W PT LOT 7 BLK 32 O P  
Common Address: 210 W. North St., Dunkirk IN 47336 B.  
Parcel ID No: 38-09-14-403-011.000-031  
Legal: 75° X 335° PT SE ¼ S14 T22 R12 55 A  
Common Address: 80 N. Sycamore St., Redkey IN 47373

That unless you appear in person or by counsel and respond to the allegations of said complaint within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Clerk of Jay County, Indiana  
JON D. MADISON (26466-33)  
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400 S. Walnut Street, Ste. 200  
Muncie IN 47305  
765- 288-3651  
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# Struggles with spares

## Tribe only fills 54.7% of frames in loss to Van Wert

By **ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

CELINA, Ohio — The Indians are coming off the best season in program history but have some question marks after graduating three starters.

A strong pack of Cougars showed them that they will have some work to do to remain competitive.

Fort Recovery High School’s girls bowling team fell to the Van Wert Cougars 2,284-2,093 on Saturday at Plaza.

“We have work to do,” said FRHS coach Doug Stone. “I mean, we stayed up with them. ... We were throwing the ball well, but we’ve got to just keep picking up our spares. Those are big.”

The Tribe (1-1) didn’t do the best at keeping frames clean as the team only had a combined fill percentage of 54.7% (82-for-150), while Van Wert sat at 61.3% (92-for-150).

Fort Recovery’s top three bowlers all filled over 60% of their frames, including Lilah Thien, who had a match-high 83.3%.

Thien, Deanna Brown and Jadyn Wyerick, the three returners from last year’s team that competed at state, all finished in the top four from the individual games. Brown had the best series of 351 pins, beating out Van Wert’s Reagan Horine – she competed at state in Division I as an individual – who shot a 348. A match-high 211 pins in her first game gave Wyerick the third best series at 346, while Thien had a 329. (Van Wert’s Aydreigh Hanicq was the only other bowler to break the 300 mark with a 324 series, and Horine followed Wyerick’s game high with a 210.)



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jadyn Wyerick of the Fort Recovery High School girls bowling team follows through while rolling her Storm Tropical Surge during Saturday’s 2,284-2,093 loss to Van Wert at Plaza Lanes in Celina. Wyerick rolled the high game of the match at 211 pins en route to the third-best series of 346.

Despite the top three Indians being in the top four bowlers from the individual games, FRHS entered the baker games trailing Van Wert (1-0) by 72 pins.

“I want to give all the girls an opportunity,” Stone said. “That’s hard to do because I’ve got four new bowlers, so we just have to work together as a team to be more consistent.”

The top score from the first-year bowlers came from Liliana Williams as she rolled a 135. The lone freshman on the Tribe didn’t have the best start in her individual game as she left the first two frames open by coming up light on the 1 and 2 pins and then chopped the one on a 1-2-7 leave.

Williams recovered with back-to-back strikes. She mentally redeemed herself in the fifth frame by picking up the 1-2-7 that she chopped in the second.

The success during the individual game also earned her a spot in the lineup for four out of the five baker games.

“I kind of just told myself I can do it and get those strikes,” Williams said. “It makes me feel pretty good to know that I’m able to bowl more than one baker game, because usually I only bowl one or two and today I got four.”

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# Tribe takes two

## Local Roundup

CELINA, Ohio — In the second match of the day, the Indians didn't have the prettiest baker scores, but individual efforts were more than enough to push them to a sweep.

The Fort Recovery High School boys bowling team picked up a pair of wins at Plaza Lanes on Saturday, beating St. Henry in a nonconference match 2,478-2,438 and Van Wert 2,261-2,172.

While the Tribe (3-0) only totaled 691 pins in the five baker games, Anthony Roessner, Troy Post and Garrett Diller put up strong performances in the individual games. The trio had series of 388, 334 and 298 pins, respectively.

Also rolling one individual game each were Gabe Acheson (179), A.J. Siefring (156), Leland Wilson (112) and Zach Ervin (103).

Siefring led the Indians in the opening match against St. Henry with games of 225 and 191 for a 416 series. Roessner followed with a 371 series.

Bowling in just one individual game each were Wilson (183), Acheson (175), Riley Stammen (149) and Troy Post (129).

**Laux leads**

WESTFIELD — Jay County High School’s girls swim team opened its season on Saturday at the Kristin Rice Invitational hosted by Westfield.

Freshman Maria Laux posted the best finish for the Patriots by posting a time of 59.62 seconds in the 100-yard freestyle for third place.

The Patriots also had a third-place finish in the 200 freestyle relay in 1 minute, 51.38 seconds. Laux led off the relay with Elly Byrum, Brooklynn Byrum and Lauren Fisher following.

Jay County had five other top-five finishes. Brooklynn Byrum finished fourth in the 200 freestyle, while Gillian Keller matched in the 1-meter diving. The 400 freestyle relay team also placed fourth.

Fifth-place finishes belonged to Kali Newell (diving) and the 200 individual medley relay.

**Jay takes three**

MOORESVILLE — The Jay County High School girls wrestling team went 3-2 at the Mooresville Duals on Saturday.

The Patriots (5-3) beat Jennings County 72-12 and Terre Haute North Vigo 47-33 in pool play while falling to Perry Meridian 69-12. Then in crossover play, Jay County beat Greenwood 48-30, but lost to Mt. Vernon 46-36.

Katie Rowles, the fourth-ranked wrestler in the 100-pound weight class, had the best day with four victories and one loss. Her sole loss came to No. 6 Aniah Delgado of Perry Meridian via fall in 5 minutes, 23 seconds. She bounced back to tech fall No. 5 Emma Ellis of North Vigo 16-0.

No. 13 Maleah Parsons (140 pound weight class) won three matches. Her highlight was pinning No. 16 Molly Wathen of Jennings County in the 135 match.

No. 7 Amara Crawford also won three matches for the Patriots.

JCHS will have 10 days off before hosting Center-ville on Dec. 2.

**Referendum passed**

The OHSAA passed an emergency bylaw referendum to allow high school athletes to sign and benefit from contracts surrounding name, image and likeness (NIL).

The new bylaw allows high school student athletes to receive compensation from businesses in return for use of their name, image and likeness for services such as endorsements, social media, public appearances and licensing, based solely on the athlete’s athletic notoriety.

The bylaw specifically prohibits pay-to-play or the idea of paying athletes simply for the sake of competing. It also does not allow for the forming of collectives, or groups of alumni who pool donations and fundraising through NIL for student athletes.

For more information on the decision, visit [ohsaa.org/Eligibility/NIL](https://ohsaa.org/Eligibility/NIL) L-resource-center.

**Girls power**

CONVERSE — The Jay County winter swim team competed at the Oak Hill Eagle Invitational on Saturday.

The Jay County girls topped the entire field, while the boys and girls combined finished just behind host Oak Hill.

Brea Steiner, Maddy Timmerman and Emalee Aker all earned divisional cuts in the 100-yard freestyle.

Four Jay County girls finished as the high point winners as well.

Hayden Guggenbiller dominated the 8-and-younger division, while Isla Kaiser took care of the other end of the age groups by topping the 13-and-older girls.

In between, Jaley Knapschafer controlled the 9-10-year-old division, while Carsyn Guggenbiller earned the top spot of the 11-12-year-old girls.