

Supporting heroes

Redkey will purchase hardware for veteran banners

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Another community has joined the Hometown Heroes Project.

Redkey Town Council agreed Tuesday to contribute \$1,152 toward hardware needed to install banners honoring local veterans downtown.

Krista and Troy Muhlenkamp launched the Jay County Hometown Heroes Project more than three years ago in honor of their late son, Jake, who died at the age of 15 in October 2020 after an off-road vehicle he was driving hit a utility pole.

Banners can be made for any veteran who was honorably discharged and who at any time has lived in Jay County. A different veteran will be placed on each side of the banner.

In June 2022, Krista Muhlenkamp approached Redkey Town Council requesting it pay for the hardware to hang the banners in the downtown area. The board at that time verbally agreed to factor in the cost to the next year's budget, but action was never taken on the matter.

Redkey resident Bill Hall shared the project Tuesday with council members, none of whom were in office when Muhlenkamp first gave a presentation to Redkey.

Hall explained towns involved typically pay for the brackets, which cost about \$48 apiece. Two brackets are needed to hang a double-sided banner on each light pole. He suggested allocating funds to hang banners on a dozen poles for \$1,152. That would allow for displaying 24 veterans.

Banners are \$45 and are typically paid for by veterans' family members.

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A Jay County Hometown Heroes banner is hung in Portland in 2023. Redkey Town Council on Tuesday approved funding to purchase brackets for banners as the organization expands to the town. The initial purchase will accommodate banners displaying 24 veterans. Jay County Hometown Heroes currently has banners in Portland and Dunkirk.

Indiana unveils plan for rural health

State is seeking \$1 billion to reshape services

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Indiana's application for a share of the federal government's \$50 billion Rural Health Transformation Program lays out a sweeping, multi-year plan to stabilize struggling hospitals, expand essential local services and overhaul primary care in health systems across the state's 64 rural counties.

The 167-page submission — obtained by the Indiana Capital Chronicle — details the state's strategy, branded "GROW: Cultivating Hoosier Health."

The plan is described as a "collaborative effort" to be jointly led by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration and the Indiana Department of Health.

It outlines 12 major initiatives, including a statewide patient-transfer coordination hub, significant upgrades to Indiana's health information exchange, and large new regional grants intended to reshape how rural care is delivered.

The proposal was submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Nov. 4, one day before the deadline for all 50 states, as required under the law creating the program. Awards must be issued to states by Dec. 31.

The Rural Health Transformation Program is a five-year federal initiative, with states receiving annual allocations of both formula and competitive funding throughout that period.

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Negotiators sent to Ukraine

By DARYNA KRASNOLUTSKA, ALEX WICKHAM and KATE SULLIVAN
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

President Donald Trump dispatched top negotiators for additional high-level meetings with both Russia and Ukraine but said he would only be willing to meet the leaders of those countries if talks yielded a so-far elusive pact to end the war.

"The original 28-Point Peace Plan, which was drafted by the United States, has been finetuned, with additional input from both sides, and there are only a few remaining points of disagreement" with "tremendous progress" made over the past week, Trump said in a social media post Tuesday, referring to a proposal last week that drew the ire of Ukrainians and Europeans.

Trump said Special Envoy Steve Witkoff would meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow likely next week, and may be joined by his son-in-law, Jared Kushner. Army Secretary Dan Driscoll — who has been meeting with the

President says he looks forward to ending war

Russians in Abu Dhabi — was directed to talk with the Ukrainians. Trump told reporters he had no deadline for an agreement.

"I look forward to hopefully meeting with President Zelenskyy and President Putin soon, but ONLY when the deal to end this War is FINAL or, in its final stages," Trump said in his social media post.

Trump's push comes amid White House optimism but international doubts about whether it would yield a deal, and despite reports earlier suggesting a deal was close.

But little suggested that the progress made between the U.S. and Ukraine would necessarily avoid the same pitfall as

previous rounds: What satisfies Ukraine is likely a deal-breaker for Russia, and vice versa.

Trump, speaking aboard Air Force One later Tuesday, sought to downplay concerns that his plan too generously favored Moscow by asking Ukraine to give up territory they currently held.

"Eventually, that's land that, over the next couple of months, might be gotten by Russia anyway," Trump said. "So do you want to fight and lose another 50, 60,000 people? Or do you want to do something now?"

He also suggested the Kremlin was making concessions: "They stop fighting and they don't take any more land."

Those comments could initiate more heartburn in Kyiv and European capitals, where fears are high that Trump and Witkoff have accommodated Putin's wishes through the negotiations. That worry may only be compounded by Trump's contention that Europe would be "largely involved" with providing security guarantees.



Tribune News Service/NJ Advance/Phil McAuliffe

Thank you dinner

Camden County Sheriff Chuck Billingham greets Jackie Davis, who is staffing the giveaway table at the Camden Thanksgiving dinner on Monday. For 26 years, the free Thanksgiving dinner at the Camden County Council on Economic Opportunity on Broadway has been organized to honor the workers and bring community members together.

Deaths

Linda Kennedy	84,
Portland Miriam DeBolt	93,
Huntington Patricia Smith	89,
Portland	

Details on page 2.

Weather

The temperature in Jay County on Tuesday hovered between 50 and 57 degrees.

Tonight's low will be around 20. Expect cloudy skies Saturday with a 50% chance of snow and a high in the mid 30s. More snow is possible Sunday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the parking lot at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

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

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS boys basketball game against Richmond.

Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Portland City Council meetings.

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Obituaries

Linda Kennedy
May 14, 1941-Nov. 16, 2025
Linda Louise Kennedy, 84, Portland, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 16, at her home.
Linda was born May 14, 1941, to William Guthrie and Nancy F. (Downs) Howard in Bardstown, Kentucky. She moved to Portland in June 1946 and lived with her father and stepmother, Clara (Steiner) Howard. Linda married Thomas C. Kennedy on Nov. 28, 1959. They had three daughters, Charlene Theurer (husband: Roger), rural Jay County, Carol Kennedy, Portland, and Christina Kennedy-Nixon, rural Jay County.
Linda retired from the Jay



Kennedy

School Corporation, Crossroads Financial Credit Union and as clerk-treasurer for the City of Portland. She also worked at Jay Randolph Developmental Services, which she always considered a blessing. Throughout her life, she served her community in many ways, including membership in Zion Lutheran Church, Kiwanis Club of Portland, The Women's Giving Circle and Gamma Nu Sorority. She volunteered for Jay County Hospital Auxiliary.
She is survived by her husband and daughters and two sisters, Nancy Daughtery (husband: Bob), Louisville, Kentucky, Phyllis De-Smet Howard (husband: Willy), Portland; and one brother, Bill Howard, Louisville, Kentucky. She is also survived by six granddaughters, one grandson, four great-granddaughters and a great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a granddaughter, Mandy Theurer.
Memorials may be made to the Mandy Theurer Memorial Endowment Fund at the Portland Foundation.
Graveside services will be held at a later date in Green Park Cemetery in Portland.
Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Miriam DeBolt

July 20, 1932-Nov. 19, 2025
Miriam E. "Midge" DeBolt, 93, Huntington, died Nov. 19, 2025.
She was a former resident of Decatur, born July 20, 1932, in Jay County, and a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.
Midge worked for the U.S. government in Panama during the Korean War when her husband,

Marion, was stationed there. She also worked as a secretary for the Jay County School Corporation for 11 years while raising her family.
She is survived by her sister, Margaret Reef, Geneva; three sons, Joseph (Gina) Algonquin, Illinois, Robert (Brenda) Sanibel, Florida, and Philip (Lois) Roanoke, Indiana; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion; and two siblings, James Weaver and Betty King.
A funeral service will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home at 11 a.m., with visitation starting at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Cov-



DeBolt

ington Memorial Gardens immediately following the service.
Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or donor's choice.
Visit klaehnfahlmeltonfunerals.com to leave condolences.

Patricia Smith, Portland, March 9, 1936-Nov. 24, 2025. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

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

CR almanac

Saturday 11/29	Sunday 11/30	Monday 12/1	Tuesday 12/2	Wednesday 12/3
32/29	33/18	25/14	29/18	35/24
There's a 60% chance of snow on Saturday. The low may hit just under 30.	Chilly temperatures on Sunday with a 50% chance of snow.	Monday's weather looks to be cloudy with a low around 14 degrees.	Mostly cloudy skies on Tuesday when the low will reach around 18 degrees.	Wednesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with the low around 24.

Lotteries

Powerball 8-16-26-30-58 Power Ball: 14 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$681 million	Daily Four: 2-8-6-8 Quick Draw: 5-14-15-19-20-21-23-24-26-34-39-41-42-52-55-56-60-65-67-78 Cash 5: 7-29-39-43-44 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$80 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 8-3-0 Pick 4: 4-0-6-0 Pick 5: 5-7-4-0-1 Evening Pick 3: 5-7-6 Pick 4: 6-8-1-2 Pick 5: 1-1-6-9-6 Rolling Cash: 15-19-32-36-38 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 3-6-0 Daily Four: 6-4-8-6 Quick Draw: 9-10-14-17-22-23-28-29-30-32-40-46-53-58-62-68-70-73-78-79 Evening Daily Three: 0-5-0	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.55 Jan. corn4.54	Wheat 4.99
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.61 Jan. corn4.51 Feb. corn4.51	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.42 Dec. corn4.42 Beans11.18 Dec. beans11.22 Wheat5.03
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Today in history

In 1520, three ships commanded by Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan sailed into "The Sea of the South," having come from the Atlantic Ocean through what is now known as the Strait of Magellan.
In 2012, "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," a movie directed by Peter Jackson and based on the novel by J.R.R. Tolkien, premiered in New Zealand.
In 2014, Jay County High School's girls basketball team defeated Woodlan 54-34, keeping a double-digit lead after the first quarter. It was the first Allen County Athletic Conference victory for the Patriots.
— The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.
Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.	Thursday 5:15 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Felony arrests

Drug possession

Two Dunkirk residents were arrested Tuesday for drug-related charges.
Brian D. Sargent, 33, 603 W. Lincoln St., was preliminarily charged with a Level

6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was being held on a

\$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Kristina L. Sargent, 53, 603 W. Lincoln St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a

Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She was released from Jay County Jail on a \$4,500 bond.

Supporting ...

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Hall shared plans to post applications around town. Heather Grady of Redkey Community Development Corporation said her organization would help with coordinating efforts.

"I love these, they put these up in other towns," said council president Brenda Beaty.
Portland, Dunkirk, Pennville and Bryant also participate in the Hometown Heroes program. Krista Muhlenkamp said via text Tuesday that adding Redkey to the list is a win.

Council member "Watermellon" Jim Phillips pointed to various veterans' photos he already owns. He said he would like to hang them at Redkey Town Hall at no cost. He also questioned whether the banners would survive the winter outdoors, with Hall pointing out the banners are displayed during warmer months and are made to withstand the elements.

Council agreed to pay for the brackets, with Phillips dissenting.
Also Tuesday, town marshal Alex Heath informed the public about a state investigation into issues with the evidence room at Redkey Town Hall.

Heath had been attending Indiana Law Enforcement Academy until recently. He worked weekends in Redkey when he wasn't in training.

"When I came back, I did an initial inventory of the evidence room, and there is some discrepancies," he said. "I'm not going to point any fingers at all, I just want the board and the townspeople to know that state police is investigating it, and that will come through."

Heath said he would be open to discussing the issue in more detail with council in an executive session with the town attorney present, who he said is aware of the incident.

Relatedly, council tabled a decision on purchasing evidence software for the room to keep it secure moving forward.

Heath received a \$3,450 quote from PMI Evidence Tracker, saying its product could help secure the room. He said that cost would be a one-time fee to install the software.

Marshal called for state investigation regarding evidence room

"It holds all the officers responsible," he said.

Council members decided to hold off on the purchase until they're able to look into the town's available finances. They plan to revisit the topic next month.

Relatedly, council also OK'd spending up to \$1,000 for uniforms and equipment to send officer Jonathan Filameno to Indiana Law Enforcement Academy from Jan. 5 through March 9.

Also Tuesday, council introduced an ordinance that would allow the town to fine those who are found in Redkey Morgan Park after posted hours. Fines would be given in \$50 increments, with the cost not to exceed \$500. Beaty explained the ordinance aims to address loiterers and issues with vandalism. The town is working to install new signs around the park listing its regular hours.

Council also introduced next year's salary ordinance. Clerk-treasurer Gloria May said 3% raises were incorporated into the budget. Beaty cautioned council, suggesting the town hold off on raises in light of the impending tax effects of Senate Enrolled Act 1. Council member Byron Daugherty said he would like more time to look into whether the town could make cuts to give employees raises, and he dissented.

Council will consider adopting both ordinances at its next meeting.

In other business, council members Jenny Staver, Byron Daugherty, Floyd Life, Phillips and Beaty:

•Expressed support for starting in-fill housing efforts in Redkey.
Jay County Development Corporation executive director Ceann

Health ...

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Half of the annual \$10 billion in federal funding will be divided evenly among states with approved plans. The rest will be awarded competitively based on need, program design and federal scoring criteria.

Indiana has 52 rural hospitals, 25% of which have already cut services, according to the Centers for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform. Rural Hoosiers experience higher rates of chronic disease, fewer local specialists and repeated closures of maternity and emergency services.

The state also conducted a large rural health survey — drawing more than 2,100 responses — to assess local challenges

around access, provider shortages, technology gaps, food insecurity and transportation barriers.

Respondents cited long travel times to care, lack of specialty access, difficulty managing chronic conditions and limited behavioral health services as top concerns.

Indiana's proposal is

organized around 12 multi-year initiatives aimed at expanding care access, modernizing technology, improving outcomes for chronic disease, strengthening emergency and maternity care, supporting behavioral health workforce development and distributing large regional grants.

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SERVICES

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

Tuesday, Dec. 2
Smith, Patricia: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday, Dec. 6
DeBolt, Miriam: 11 a.m., Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne.

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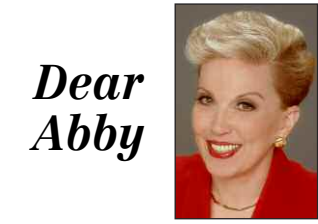
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Man wonders why his marriage continues

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 38 years. We have three adult children and four grandchildren. I have always wondered whether I have stayed in the marriage out of obligation and/or because I got a young woman pregnant. I have on many occasions asked myself if I should have ended it and continued on with my life after the first child was born. I have tolerated the lifestyle I created and would like some advice from someone who has heard about a lot of circumstances. — UNSETTLED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR UNSETTLED: A divorce at this point will disrupt the family



unit you created and have nurtured all these years. Would it be worth the pain and expense involved? Once you have your “freedom,” what do you plan to do with it? Some discussions with a licensed counselor may help you gain perspective. Compiling a list of reasons why you should stay married and all of your reasons for wanting out would be helpful, too. Set it

aside for a few days, review it and it may give you some insights. No one's life is perfect, but if you are truly unhappy, it should never be too late to make a change. DEAR ABBY: I hope you can shed some light on my problem. I swear — a lot. It's been this way off and on most of my life. I was raised in a household in which swearing was common. Through the years, I managed to curb myself around children, but I find as I age that it's getting worse. I conditioned myself to use other words in the past, but now that I'm in a new community, it has

returned full blast. What, if anything, can be done to eliminate this from my speech? Hypnosis? I'm willing to learn anything that would help. — CURSED IN MICHIGAN DEAR CURSED: It might help if you try to zero in on the underlying conditions that have made your old habit return. Could the move to the new community with all the adjustments involved be the cause? People sometimes swear when they are upset or in a situation that makes them nervous. If that's true in your case, learning to lower your stress level could help you manage your problem.

..... DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with my boyfriend for almost four months. Recently, we have been talking about trying to tell my mom about it. The problem is, back when we were in grade school, he said something hurtful to me and she found out. Because of it, she started to hate him. My friends and I have all seen that he's changed and that he is trying. What should I do? — MORE GROWN UP IN MISSOURI DEAR MORE GROWN UP: What you should do is take it slowly. Do not suddenly announce to your mother that this boy is your boyfriend. Start by casually men-

tioning the difference you and your friends have noticed in him, that he seems to be trying to be a better person and how much he has changed for the better. Because people usually socialize in groups, it shouldn't surprise her that he has become part of the group. Save the announcement about a relationship for a month or two, and it may be less of a shock for her. Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeane Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Sorority news

Eta Chi Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority met Nov. 18 for the December business meeting at Mt. Tabor Hall in Dunkirk.

Kris Cook opened the meeting with pledge. Julie Terrell read the minutes of the November meeting and the correspondence. Shari Van Nuland gave the treasurer's report. Stephanie Faulkner announced

that we made \$551.25 on the apple dumpling sales. The chapter delivered 20 fruit baskets to people in Dunkirk who don't get out much or are ill.

The 25 Christmas fruit baskets will be delivered to the Carefree Apartments and other Dunkirk citizens at 10 a.m. Dec. 20. Treats were taken to the Waters Rehabilitation Center for Halloween and will also be

taken Dec. 20 after fruit baskets are delivered. Eta Chi will take pictures at the Glass Capital Chrysler of children with Santa from 5:30 Dec. 2 during the Feel the Warmth celebration in Dunkirk. The price will be \$2 for each picture, and the pictures can be picked up at Rose Morgan's Accounting office the following week.

The following donations will

be made by the chapter: \$25 to the Dunkirk History Museum, \$50 to Jay County Secret Families, \$100 to Mt. Tabor Church, \$25 to the National Kidney Foundation in memory of Virginia Phillips, \$25 to the Little Red Door in memory of Lydia Irelan, \$25 to Multiple Sclerosis Society in memory of Jeweldine Cheek, \$25 to the American Heart Association in memory of

Mary Waggaman, \$25 to the Blood Cancer United in memory of Felita Dayton and \$50 to the Jay County Cancer Society in memory of Margaret Maurer and Catherine Landon.

The meeting was closed with a prayer. The next meeting will be Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. for our Christmas party. Each member is to bring something for the Dunkirk Food Pantry.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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

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

THE LIFE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy, as well as help with the needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more informa-

tion or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

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

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

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 the club. It 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.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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.

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Level: Advanced

Wednesday's Solution

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

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Learning is the most important skill

By MORTON J. MARCUS

There are two major types of job gurus: the alarmists and the forecasters.

I like the alarmists, which include some of my friends. They tell us job markets are changing, and we better be ready for the changes. This is good advice.

The forecasters are risk takers and inevitably are undermined by unforeseeable events and undetected trends.

Let's look at what has happened in the Indiana labor market over the past 10 years (2014 to 2024). The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) gives us data on more than 800 occupations organized into 22 civilian categories. We'll focus on the latter.

The great increase in the number of jobs went to those in

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Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (109,250), a 44% increase. The biggest percentage increase was in Healthcare Support, a 64% increase based on 51,760 more jobs.

What did the forecasters miss? Covid! Suddenly, we all wanted our groceries, shoes and electronics delivered to our homes in hours. Shopping became an activity done in our slippers. The great warehouse

boom began and the streets were filled with Amazon trucks.

The biggest decline in jobs were in Office and Administrative Support, down by 47,580 jobs (a 12% decline) as we no longer talked to anyone at the office we called. We learned to leave messages and pray for a response. In percentage terms, the biggest decline was in Personal Care and Service. That's barbers and hair stylists, morticians and embalmers, coat room attendants and ushers, where there was a 27% decrease in jobs (a loss of 20,120 jobs).

Business and Financial Operations added 44,500 jobs (up 41%) compared with Computer and Mathematical jobs (up 33%). In terms of the median pay for these jobs, it also looks

like the Business School grads (up 31%) did better than the Computer Science and Math students (up 23%).

Two occupations deserve notice for going nowhere in numbers. Education and Library jobs rose by just 200 (0.1%) to 159,800. Those workers engaged in Farming, Fishing and Forestry declined by 300 (8%) to a mere 3,250, the smallest occupation in the state.

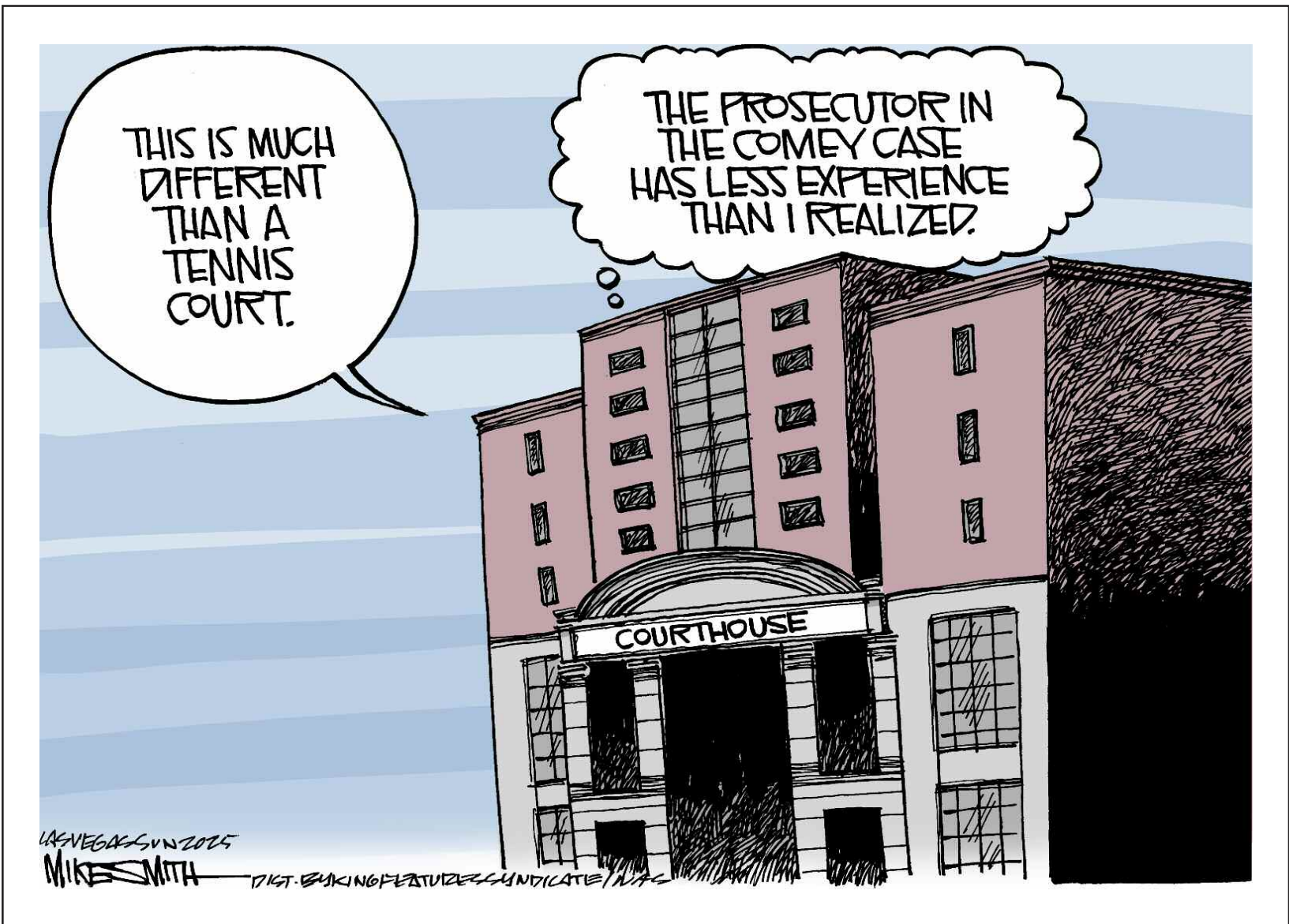
Management remained the highest paid occupation with a median annual wage of \$104,370, up 31%, but less than the 44% advance realized by all workers. These dollar figures are not adjusted for inflation.

The biggest dollar pay increase went to the Legal occupations where the median wage

jumped by \$27,800 (49%). However, the second biggest percentage gain (59%) was realized, most justly, by Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance workers. Only those ever-struggling farm workers did better over the decade with an increase of 66% in their median wages.

As investment firms remind us, past performance is not necessarily an indicator of future returns. I would suggest learning to read intelligently, and to apply or ignore what has been read, is still the most useful skill taught in schools.

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The Hoosier heritage is still plenty strong

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

If you lived in Indiana as late as 1990, you have met, spoken with or smiled at a former member of the Ku Klux Klan.

After all, only a half-century earlier, 1 in 3 Protestant Hoosier men were members. These former Klansmen could've been the kindly old man shaking your hand as you entered church or waving from a Memorial Day parade.

Most of these men were ashamed by their youthful idiocies. After all, the 1920s Indiana Klan was an anti-immigrant grift. A number of these men were duped out of hard-earned money for the ugliest of causes.

They were right to be ashamed. The movement dampened growth across Indiana, hurting primarily small, rural counties. In the places where the Klan operated most openly, populations crashed for a half-century or longer as immigrants left or stayed away. Each KKK member in the 1920s cost their county 10 residents by 1970.

The anti-immigrant racket is back. There's a new organization called Save Heritage Indiana that aims to stop immigration.

Never mind that immigration trends in the U.S. have already reversed or that we've shut off the 249-year magnet of talent and opportunity. There's fundraising to be done.

In that way, it is a worthy successor to the 1920s Indiana KKK.

Save Heritage Indiana is confused about the heritage we Hoosiers inherited. This land we

Michael J. Hicks



call Indiana has been a rich immigrant destination since its founding. It's written in our names — Terre Haute, Vincennes, Versailles from the French. The Revolutionary War veterans gave us the names of heroes — Pulaski and Kosciuszko, as well as Adams, Hamilton, Marion and Jefferson.

In the early 1800s, the Germans came, Protestant and Catholic, settling farms and setting up shops. They came here to escape wars, persecution and, of course, seek economic opportunities. Then came the Irish, Italians, Jews, Poles and other Eastern Europeans. They came for the same reasons, to escape persecution and to become Americans.

And, of course, Muncie, Delaware, Kankakee, Maumee and Kokomo come from Native American tribes who gave our state its name.

The 19th- and early 20th-century migrations caused some backlash in Indiana. The anti-immigrant Know Nothing party was a serious contender to the GOP in the 1850s (Abraham Lincoln won). They hated Catholics of all stripes and immigrants from anywhere. The 1920s Klan picked up the mantle of the Know-Nothings

and became a full-throated GOP institution — a “fever in the heartland,” as Timothy Egan put it in his 2023 book.

The Hoosier GOP cast aside the Klan as our nation opened its doors after World War II. Still, Indiana has not benefited quite as fully from immigration as other states. Blame the KKK residuals.

We've suffered a half-century of brain drain and now have immigrants locating here at a fraction of the national rate.

One of the most vocal spokesmen of this new anti-immigration group, Brandon Harnish, a Wells County Council member, lives in a county where about 1 in 100 residents was born overseas, and 99.4% are citizens. Harnish claims to have “seen firsthand how the costs of mass migration fall on local governments and taxpayers.” That is a lie.

It's worth noting that about 20% of Wells County's physicians are immigrants.

Wells County is poor, with per capita income at about 80% of the national rate. It has about half the share of college graduates as the average U.S. county. From 2010 to 2020, net migration cost Wells County 1,390 residents, or roughly 5% of its population. The long-term economic prospects are no better than frail. If Wells County suffers an immigrant problem, it is that it has far too few.

The U.S. desperately needs an honest national debate on immigration. Almost any legislated policy would be better than the

one we've had for the past two decades.

Save Heritage Indiana wants to end immigration altogether, couching its concerns within the broader policy debate, but any honest appraisal demands that we call out its racism.

This new anti-immigration group is selective in its targets. It claims that Indiana's heritage is at risk from newer immigrants, such as Haitians, Guatemalans or Indians. It is easy to expose them for what they are — old-school bigots.

Just ask Save Heritage Indiana if they are worried about the nearly 70,000 Amish who live among us, yet have kept their German language alive for more than 150 years, will not marry outside their faith and will not serve in our armed forces.

I value the Amish in Indiana, as well as the Haitians. Haitians are assimilating a lot faster. It seems there's something different about Haitians that angers these folks. I just cannot put my finger on it.

Save Heritage Indiana's website is a polished-up version of The Fiery Cross, the Hoosier KKK newspaper of the 1920s. It borrows the same tropes from the Know Nothings in the 1850s and the KKK in 1925. Same lies, same ugliness.

Still, there's also a personal angle that many Hoosiers share. My wife and I are descended from families who walked to Indiana before 1805, staking Revolutionary War veteran land claims.

Our people cleared the lands and farmed them, built churches, fought across our nation's battles, ran for office and welcomed waves of immigrants. We married some immigrants — Swiss, German Catholics, Guatemalans, Welsh, Japanese and even a Kentuckian.

Those immigrants farmed, worked the assembly lines, buried children, fought our wars — and fight them still. Their descendants are teachers, soldiers, nurses, business owners, politicians, scientists, plumbers and electricians.

These once-hated immigrants celebrate our holidays, march in Veterans Day parades, roast turkeys on Thanksgiving and shoot fireworks on Independence Day. They are us.

Those Revolutionary War veterans who walked to Indiana crafted a culture and heritage that didn't just attract, but absorbed, the best of those who came after it. My heritage, the Spirit of 1776, decisively won the culture wars.

That proud Hoosier heritage is powerful and has no need for a bunch of ideologically limp, resentment-filled, grifter lads to form a nonprofit to protect it.

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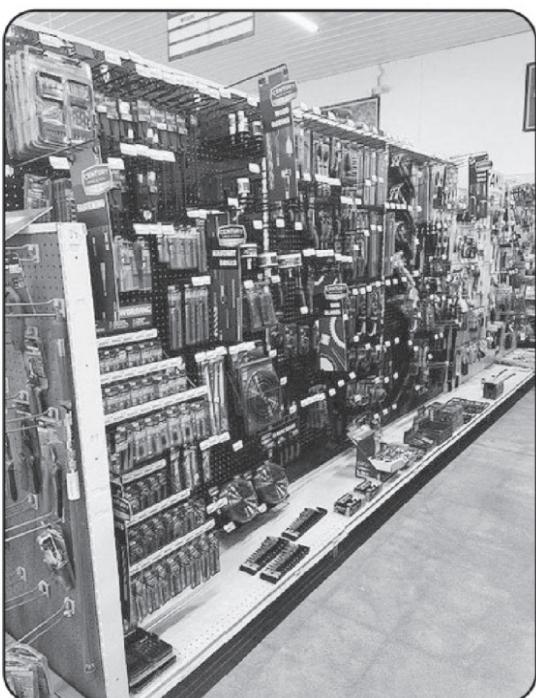
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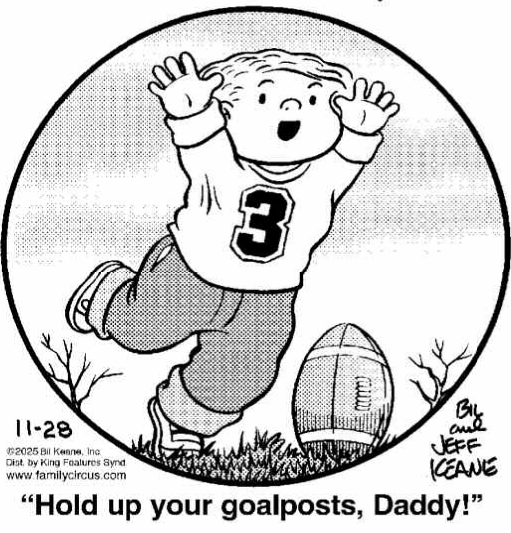
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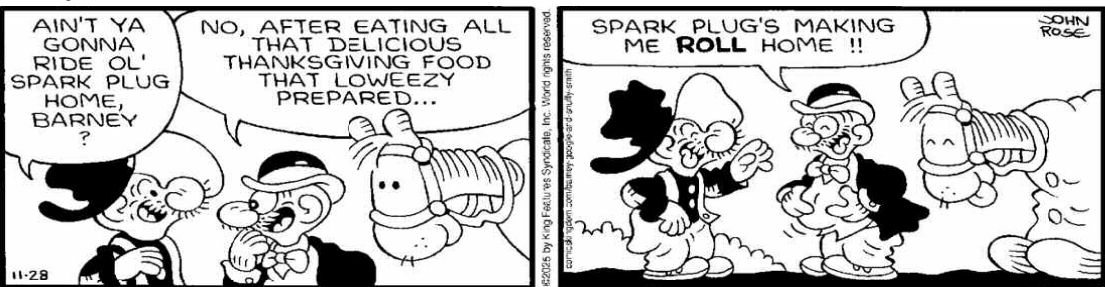
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts. North leads the king of diamonds and shifts to a trump. South following suit. How would you play the hand?

West: ♠ Q 8 4 2, ♥ A K Q 5, ♦ Q, ♣ A 8 6 4. East: ♠ 7 3, ♥ J 10 9 8 7, ♦ J 10 6 2, ♣ K 10.

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump. North leads the jack of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

West: ♠ 4 2, ♥ J 9 6 4, ♦ A 8 2, ♣ A Q J 6. East: ♠ K J 10 9 8, ♥ A K 2, ♦ K, ♣ K 10 7 3.

1. Win the trump in dummy, ruff a diamond, cash the K-A of clubs and ruff a club. Then ruff a diamond, a club and another diamond, at which point you are out of diamonds and clubs in both hands. Having successfully cross-ruffed the hand, you wind up losing only three tricks — a diamond and two spades.

You proceed as though you were declarer with the East cards and West were the dummy. It would be natural, if you were East, to ruff your diamond losers in dummy — and almost any East who got to

four hearts would automatically do so. The line of play should not change merely because West is declarer but should be the same regardless of where the declarer happens to be physically located.

2. You start with eight tricks and should look for the best way to acquire a ninth. There are two possible lines of play. One is to cross to your hand with a club and lead a spade toward dummy. If North follows low, you must guess whether to play the jack or the king. Mathematically, you have a 50% chance of guessing right.

The alternate approach is to attack hearts instead of spades by cashing dummy's A-K. If the ten or queen appears, you can clinch the contract by leading another heart. If neither of them appears, you continue with a third heart and make three notrump unless North started with four hearts headed by the Q-10.

The second line of play is far better than the first. You have about an 85% chance of developing a third heart trick by playing as described. Indeed, even if neither the queen or ten appears when you cash the A-K, you are still about a 4-1 favorite to make a third heart trick by leading another heart from dummy.

Tomorrow: The pressure principle.
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7 Utter fool

8 Jackson family member

9 Dutch export

10 Unfeeling

11 Dead ends?

16 Even

19 Tiny amounts

20 Zilch

21 Algerian port

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26 It includes knights and bishops

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South Side (1-0)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Jordan	9-16	4-7	24	
Irby	8-15	6-8	23	
Wallace	1-5	3-4	6	
Sandoval	1-10	2-3	4	
Winn	1-1	0-0	3	
Charlton	1-3	0-0	2	
Alexander	1-1	0-2	2	
Norman	0-2	0-0	0	
Marrow	0-0	0-0	0	
Sylvain	0-0	0-0	0	
Totals	22-53	15-24	64	
	.415	.625		
Def. Rebound percentage:	.733			

Jay County (0-1)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Comer	4-9	5-7	17	
Swoveland	5-9	5-8	15	
Forthofer	5-5	1-1	11	
Barnett	3-4	0-0	8	
Wasson	1-3	4-4	6	
Sommers	0-1	0-0	0	
Petro	0-0	0-0	0	
Phillips	0-0	0-0	0	
Wiggins	0-0	0-0	0	
Totals	18-31	15-20	57	
	.581	.750		
Def. Rebound percentage:	.769			

Score by quarters:				
S. Side	10	21	17	16 — 64
Jay Co.	12	21	12	12 — 57

3-point shooting: South Side 5-23 (Jordan 2-6, Wallace 1-4, Irby 1-2, Winn 1-1, Sandoval 0-8, Norman 0-2). Jay County 6-11 (Comer 4-5, Barnett 2-2, Swoveland 0-3, Wasson 0-1).

Rebounds: South Side 18 (Jordan 6, Irby 4, Wallace 4, Alexander 3, Winn 1). Jay County 25 (Swoveland 7, Forthofer 7, Phillips 5, Wasson 3, Barnett 2, Comer 1).

Blocks: South Side 0. Jay County 1.

Personal fouls: South Side 19 (Alexander 4, Wallace 4, Irby 3, Jordan 2, Sylvain 2, Charlton 1, Sandoval 1, Norman 1, Winn 1). Jay County 19 (Comer 4, Barnett 4, Forthofer 3, Swoveland 3, Wasson 2, Sommers 2, Wiggins 1).



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Cole Forthofer of Jay County puts up a shot over South Side's Corte Wallace during Tuesday's season opener. Forthofer had 11 points and seven rebounds for the Patriots.

Opener ...

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The senior was true to his word. Save for a late miss from three, Swoveland hit on all four of his shots in the second half — three of which were driving layups — to finish the game with 15 points after heading to the locker room with just four.

Though the Patriot duo also received support from Cole Forthofer (11 points on 5-for-5 shooting), Benson Barnett (eight points on 2-for-2 from 3) and Brock Wasson (six points), it wasn't enough to secure the victory, in large part due to the Archers' offensive exploits. Terrance Jordan topped all scorers with 24 points, including 13 in the second quarter to go toe to toe with Comer.

"He's pretty shifty, he's pretty versatile," Rigby said. "I mean, he can hit a shot and he can get to the rim, so it's kind of a hard thing — which one do you take away? We knew he was a good player coming in. ... Good players are hard to stop. You've just got to make them take tough shots, and we didn't make him take enough tough shots tonight."

When the Archers did need a tough shot, they often turned to Jayvon Irby, who finished just behind Jordan with 23 points. Irby helped seal the contest with an acrobatic reverse layup with roughly two minutes to go, extending South Side's tenuous two-point lead to four and forcing Jay County to play the foul game in the final moments.

While the Patriots couldn't

'There's undoubtedly things we need to work on. There always is to start the season, so we're going to work hard and we're going to bounce back.'
—Gradin Swoveland

overcome South Side's blend of scoring and relentlessness, they'll seek to remain confident and reset on Saturday night when they host the Richmond Red Devils, a team that beat them 43-36 last season.

"I don't think there's anything to worry about," Swoveland said. "Obviously, a loss should never sit right with anybody. There's undoubtedly things we need to work on. There always is to start the season, so we're going to work hard and we're going to bounce back."

Local schedule

Today
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Mississinawa Valley — 6 p.m.

Saturday, November 29
Jay County — Girls basketball at Woodlan — 12 p.m.; Boys basketball vs. Richmond — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. Richmond — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys bowling vs. Mississinawa Valley at Union City — 10 a.m.; Girls bowling vs. Mississinawa Valley at Union City — 10 a.m.; Boys basketball at Jefferson — 5 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball vs. Mississinawa Valley — 9 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Freshman boys basketball vs. Fort Recovery — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Driver — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Driver — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Freshman boys basketball at Jay County — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at St. John's — 5:30p.m.

TV schedule

Today
12 p.m. — College basketball: Eastern Illinois vs. Purdue (BTN)
12 p.m. — College football: Iowa at Nebraska

(CBS); Utah at Kansas (ESPN); Ole Miss at Mississippi State (ABC)
12 p.m. — Horse racing: America's Day at the Races (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — College basketball: UConn vs. Illinois (FOX)
1 p.m. — NHL: New York Rangers at Boston Bruins (TNT)
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3:30 p.m. — College football: Georgia at Georgia Tech (ABC); Temple at North Texas (ESPN)

4 p.m. — College football: Boise State at Utah State (CBS)
4 p.m. — NHL: Philadelphia Flyers at New York Islanders (NBC); Los Angeles Kings at Anaheim Ducks (FOX)
5 p.m. — College basketball: Texas A&M vs. Florida State (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Penn State at Nebraska (BTN)
7 p.m. — College basketball: Ohio State vs. Pitt (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Texas A&M at Texas (ABC); Indiana at Purdue (NBC)
7:30 p.m. — NBA In-Season Tournament: Washington Wizards at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana)

9 p.m. — College football: Arizona at Arizona State (FOX)
9 p.m. — College volleyball: Wisconsin at Nebraska (BTN)

7:30 p.m. — College basketball: St. Mary's vs. Wichita State (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NBA In-Season Tournament: Memphis Grizzlies at New Orleans Pelicans (NBC)
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LEGAL NOTICE
The Jay County Property Assessment Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Jay County Commissioner's Room, Second Floor Jay County Courthouse, 120 North Court Street, Portland, Indiana. The board will consider appeals of property tax assessments for assessment year 2025, review the Land Order for the next cyclical reassessment and any other business properly brought before the board.

Robin Alberson
Jay County Assessor
CR 11-28-2025- HSPAXLP

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Thursday Evening
DECEMBER 4, 2025
6:00 P.M.

REAL ESTATE - PIKE TOWNSHIP, JAY COUNTY INDIANA

TRACT 1 - 31.48 acres of land located in Section 30 of Pike Township. 28.92 acres of tillable land and the balance in non tillable land and roadway. This parcel of land has road frontage on CR 175W and CR 800 S.

TRACT 2 - 43 +/- acres of land with approxi-

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Date & Time of Sale: Decemeber 18, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at 120 N Court Street, Suite 305. Portland. IN 47371
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$43,603.71 as of October 30, 2025.
Cause No: 38D01-2505-MF-000010

Plaintiff: First Merchants Bank
Defendant(s): Esther M. Aker a/k/a Esther M. Shaneyfel
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the date, time, and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana as follows:

LOT NUMBER FOURTEEN (14) IN BLOCK NUMBER TWO (2) IN THE TOWN OF LANCASTER, NOW SALAMONIA, JAY COUNTY, INDIANA.

Commonly Known as: 5910 E 400 S, Salamonia, IN 47381
Parcel No.: 38-12-05-404-049.000-027
Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as cause #38D01-2505-MF-000010 in the Superior Court of the County of Jay, Indiana.

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.

Larry Ray Newton, Jr., Sheriff of Jay County
Plaintiff's Attorneys
Matthew L. Kelsey, Atty. #29313-49 DEFUR VORAN LLP
400 S Walnut Street, Suite 200 Muncie, IN 47305
(T) 765-216-0181

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the commonly known address published herein. It is the buyer's responsibility to research the legal description and associated legal filings.
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mately 42 acres of tillable land and the balance in roadway and utility transmission towers.

This parcel of land has road frontage on CR 175W.

TRACT 3 - 74.48 +/- acres of land, which is the combination of Tract 1 and Tract 2.

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE
NAME CHANGE OF:
BRYSON J. GAHRET,
A Minor Child
KELLY J. CASSEL,
Petitioner
and
BRANDON J. GAHRET,
Respondent
CAUSE NO.
38C01-2511-MI-000031
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE is hereby given that Kelly J. Cassel, the next friend of the minor child, Bryson J. Gahret, filed a VERIFIED PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR CHILD on November 5, 2025 to change the name of Bryson J. Gahret to Bryson J. Cassel. The VERIFIED PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR CHILD is scheduled for hearing in the Jay Circuit Court, Courthouse – Third Floor, 120 North Court Street, Portland, IN 47371, on January 26, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., which is scheduled to be more than thirty days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file a written objection on or before the hearing date.

Dated this: 11-17-2025.
Missy Elliott
Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court
Courthouse – Second Floor
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Portland, IN 47371
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NOTICE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
Notice is given (pursuant to IC 6-1.1-25-4.5) to Sharon L. Crawford, Helen L. Bailey, any unknown heirs and any person who has a substantial interest in the following described real property located in Jay County, Indiana that it was sold at the Jay County Tax Sale on September 12, 2025 pursuant to judicial order for non-payment of property taxes and assessments:
"U" PT E 1/2 SE 1/4 109' S20 T23 R14 30 A
Address: 328 Jaqua Ave., Portland, IN 47371
Parcel No.: 38-07-20-401-098.000-034
Tax ID Number: 382500091

The name of the purchaser is Brayden Collins. A petition for tax deed will be filed on or after September 14, 2026. The purchaser is entitled to receive a tax deed for the real property if it is not redeemed before September 14, 2026. The owner or person with a substantial interest of public record or any person is entitled to redeem the real property. The real property has not been redeemed. The amount required to redeem the real property includes delinquent taxes, title search costs, attorney fees and interest and the total shall be determined by the Jay County Auditor. The purchaser is entitled to reimbursement for additional taxes or special assessments on the real property paid subsequent to the tax sale and before redemption and any additional costs incurred.

The date of expiration of the period of redemption is September 14, 2026 and if the real property is not redeemed by that date then the owner of record at the time of the tax deed is issued may have a right to any tax sale surplus. The attorney representing the purchaser is Joshua A. Atkinson, 940 N. Meridian Street, Portland, IN 47371.
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Jay County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of Jay County Council at the Jay County Court House, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., on the 10th day of December, 2025 will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

Amount Approved COUNTY GENERAL		
1000.12200.00000.0005	Sheriff- Wages	\$46,754.41
	Other Compensation	\$35,000.00
1000.11300.00000.0006	Surveyor- Wages	
	Second Deputy	\$9.41
1000.16300.00000.0161	Courthouse- Wages	
	Part Time Custodian	\$5,000.00
1000.14502.00000.0622	Retirement Center- Incentive Pay	\$6,745.00
LIT- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		\$17,000.00
1112.32310.00000.0000	West Jay Community Center	\$17,000.00
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT- MVH		\$22,000.00
1176.14900.00000.0533	Employer- Group Health Insurance	\$22,000.00
OPIOID UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		\$25,000.00
1238.31970.00000.0000	Brianna's Hope	\$25,000.00
FIREARMS FUND		\$2,000.00
4906.21800.00000.0000	Ammunition, Flares	\$2,000.00
Hazard Materials Grant		\$18,100.00
8116.32800.00000.0000	Training	\$18,100.00
Multi Hazard Mitigation Grant		\$4,860.00
8118.32700.00000.0000	Trianing	\$4,860.00
Owner Occupied Rehab Grant		\$12,380.19
8127.31480.00000.0000	Professional Services	\$12,380.19
ARP-2021 CLFRF		\$79,300.00
8950.31480.00000.0000	Professional Services- Ritter	\$9,300.00
8950.42000.00000.0000	Financial Software	\$70,000.00
2025 Community Crossings Grant		\$768,750.00
9119.43200.00000.0000	Bridge Repair	\$768,750.00
Total		\$996,144.60

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriation as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action time.

Emily Franks
Jay County Auditor
CR November 28, 2025
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Overcome in opener

Jay County commits 22 turnovers in defeat



The Commercial Review/Ethan Oskroba

Gradin Swoveland of Jay County High School drives to the rim in the second half of the Patriots’ season-opening 64-57 loss to Fort Wayne South Side on Tuesday. Swoveland was one of three JCHS players to score in double figures, finishing with 15 points.

By **ETHAN OSKROBA**

The Commercial Review

As the Patriots took the court on Tuesday, they hadn’t lost a season opener played at home since 2000.

The relentless pressure and effective scoring of the Fort Wayne South Side Archers were enough to overcome the quarter-century-old precedent and hand the Jay County High School boys basketball team a 64-57 loss.

“I knew we were going to see some pressure,” said Tyler Rigby, the first-year coach of the Patriots. “We had kind of talked about it all along, worked on it a little bit, but it’s hard to simulate that in a game-like situation. We didn’t handle the pressure well. ... You’re not going to win many games turning it over that (many) times. I don’t care who you’re playing.”

Jay County (0-1) coughed up 22 turnovers, including 14 in the first half, as South Side utilized pressure across the length of the floor. The Patriot miscues enabled the Archers (1-0) to get ahead of the defense and earn a myriad of close-range looks, with 16 of the 22 South Side baskets (73%) coming via layups.

“We’ve just got to be more confident with the ball, stronger with the ball,” Rigby said. “I tell them all the time, ‘You’re in control. You have the ball. You’re in control. It’s your space, own the space.’ We just get a little sped up and want to go too quickly sometimes, and we’ll get better at it, but we didn’t do what we needed to do tonight.”

When they did maintain possession, the Patriots were prolific on the offensive end, with

their efficiency helping them keep pace despite benefiting from just five Archer turnovers. Though Jay County attempted 22 fewer shots than its opponent, it shot 58% from the field and 55% from downtown, with the accuracy helping them keep the game within two points as late as the 1:48 mark in the fourth quarter.

“We’re going to be really good offensively,” Rigby said. “We’re only going to get better. We’re really versatile. ... Offensively, I don’t have any worries.”

The Patriot attack was buoyed by the duo of guard Jayden Comer and forward Gradin Swoveland.

Early in the contest, it was Comer who had the hot hand, drilling all four of the 3-pointers he attempted in the second quarter and helping the Patriots stay in front in a chaotic half that saw nine lead changes. The junior’s brightest moment came with 2:37 remaining in the half, when he nailed a triple through contact and completed the four-point play as the Patriot faithful chanted his name.

“It felt great,” Comer said. “I’m just glad my teammates could kick the ball out and give me that open shot.”

Though Comer was unable to carry the momentum from his scorching second quarter past halftime, nothing just two of his team-high 17 points after the intermission, Swoveland filled the void with his aggression at the rack.

“I realized I was just settling too much for jumpers in the first half, so I just needed to attack the rim, and I did that,” Swoveland said.

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Hoosiers beat K-State

Victory improves Indiana men’s hoops to 6-0

By **KELLIS ROBINET**

The Wichita Eagle
Tribune News Service

Jerome Tang wanted to challenge the Kansas State men’s basketball team in its first true road game of the season, so he scheduled a trip to historic Assembly Hall for a matchup with Indiana.

A challenge is exactly what the Wildcats got on Tuesday in Bloomington.

Indiana played at a higher level than any other opponent K-State has seen thus far, and the Hoosiers won easily 86-69.

The Hoosiers (6-0) held the Wildcats (5-2) to their lowest scoring output of the season by a wide margin. Heading into the week, K-State was averaging 92.8 points per game. It had scored at least 84 in every outing. But Indiana played strong defense and K-State didn’t know how to handle it in a loud road environment.

PJ Haggerty led the Wildcats with 16 points, but he was held well below his average of 28. CJ Jones came off the bench to score 15 and Nate Johnson added 13.

K-State needed more to keep up with Indiana on a night when Reed Bailey scored 21 points and Tayton Conerway had 19.

As a team, Indiana made 17 of 24 shots from within the arc. It also went 22-for-29 from the free-throw line. The Hoosiers got easy buckets, and that was the difference.

K-State will next be in action Monday against Bowling Green at Bramlage Coliseum.

Until then, here are takeaways from Tuesday’s action: Worst game of the season for PJ Haggerty

For the first time in a K-State basketball uniform, PJ Haggerty failed to score 20 points in a game.

Haggerty entered the week as the nation’s leading scorer, as he averaged 28 points in his first six outings with the Wildcats. He scored a season-high 37 points last week against Mississippi State.

But he wasn’t nearly as efficient against Indiana.

Haggerty was limited to 16 points on a night when he went 7-for-17 from the field and didn’t make a single 3-pointer. The Memphis transfer is usually able to create off the dribble and get to the foul line. Instead, he committed four fouls and only attempted three free throws against Indiana.

He also turned the ball over six times.

The Hoosiers played strong defense against him. That is why he finished with his worst stat line of the season — 16 points, three rebounds and two assists.

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