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Patching Morton

Dust flies Thursday morning as Todd Nichols of Portland Street Department uses stone to fill in a spot on Morton Street just south of Votaw Street. Street department workers were patching Morton, Votaw and other streets in the area Thursday morning ahead of next week's Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show, which begins Wednesday.

Council looks at raise options

Most proposed increases range between 2% and 7%

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

County employees may be seeing another round of raises next year.

Jay County Council took a look at recommendations for its 2024 budget and made several other decisions during a nearly two-hour meeting Wednesday.

Wage increases recommended by Jay County Personnel Committee mostly range between 2% and 7%, with a few outliers. (Jay County Health Department's food inspector may get a 25% raise, council could see a 20% raise and Jay County Commissioners, the coroner and veterans affairs officer could all get a 10% raise. Each of those positions' pay is at least 20% or more — council is 44% — lower than the external midpoint rate for their positions, according to information compiled by consulting firm Waggoner Irwin and Scheele.) The wages plus two new health department jobs funded by the state would add approximately \$464,484.49 to the county's budget next year.

Council president Jeanne Houchins said the personnel committee had considered increasing the budget by nearly \$800,000 for wages in order for all positions to be paid at least the external midpoint rate for their occupation, but they chose to halve that amount in 2024.

Jay County auditor Emily Franks also proposed adjusting local income tax rates allocation categories by adding an emergency medical service rate of 0.15% and reducing the certified shares rate to 1.25%. (As of 2022, it's a new option for county fiscal bodies to impose.)

"Because of that, we can take all of the property tax money EMS is currently getting and put it back into county general to kind of help that fund," she explained.

She also shared that the county had about \$700,000 more for the current year's budget than she anticipated — that includes rollover from 2022, interest accrued and additional local income tax distributions.

Council members announced dates for upcoming budget-related meetings, with the first set for 6 p.m. Aug. 23 for council to discuss the budget. Other meetings are: budget review, 5:30 p.m. Sept. 6; budget first reading, 6 p.m. Sept. 27; and budget final reading, 6 p.m. Oct. 11. Council also meets at 6 p.m. Sept. 13 for its regular monthly meeting.

Council reviewed a capital improvement plan approved by Jay County Commissioners on Monday.

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Funds can't be used for reimbursement

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Work to update the airport capital improvement plan will begin next month.

It will require some changes because of rules regarding the 2021 federal infrastructure bill.

Jason Clearwaters of engineering firm Butler, Fairman & Seufert explained to Portland Board of Aviation during its meeting Wednesday that infrastructure bill rules limit use for reimbursement.

The aviation board had submitted a request to use a portion of the infrastructure bill funds — about \$110,000 annually over five years — to reimburse funds that were used to purchase land in 2015 for the runway extension project that was completed at Portland

Aviation board will adjust capital improvement plan based on infrastructure bill rules

Municipal Airport last year. Clearwaters informed the board Monday that the "fine print" of the bill only allows for reimbursement of expenditures incurred after the bill was passed in 2021. The board had hoped to utilize the reimbursed funds to construct a snow equipment removal building at the airport.

Board members will need to

reconsider how to utilize the infrastructure bill funds as part of updating their five-year capital improvement plan, which is due to the Federal Aviation Administration by Dec. 1. Clearwaters set out a timeline of discussing the plan at the September meeting, reviewing a first draft in October and approving a final version in November.

The current plan calls for construction of an apron expansion next year, completion of a wildlife hazard assessment and possible construction of a wildlife fence, and renovation of the existing apron in the future.

Board members Faron Parr, Clyde Bray, Caleb Lutes and John Ferguson also approved a grant payment request from the FAA of \$59,696.07 for the final stages of work by Milestone Contractors and Butler, Fairman and Seufert for the runway extension project. Clearwaters said he expects to have close-out paperwork for the second phase of the project. (Milestone will be at the airport next week to complete some final grading and reseeded related to the project.)

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Chambers set to run for governor

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Former Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers filed the paperwork Thursday to launch a political campaign to succeed Gov. Eric Holcomb in 2024, joining an increasingly crowded Republican primary field.

Chambers stepped down from his position with the state earlier this month, fueling speculation that he would join the race for the open seat. Holcomb is term-limited and cannot run in 2024.

"As Indiana's Secretary of Commerce, the last two years, I have witnessed firsthand how important leadership, vision, urgency and aspiration are to the future of Indiana," Chambers said in a release. "I am running for Governor because I want Hoosiers of today and Hoosiers of tomorrow to believe that Indiana offers an opportunity for an excellent life. I am ambitious in my vision for Indiana, and I look forward to talking with Hoosiers about the best way to continue making our state the envy of many."

During his departure, Chambers

touted the successes of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, the quasi-public economic development state agency he led with the state. Those wins include launching the LEAP Innovation district in Boone County and the distribution of hundreds of millions of state dollars in regional investments known as READI.

Chambers founded his real estate business, Buckingham Companies, as a student at Indiana University in 1984 and now commands a portfolio exceeding \$3 billion as the company's president and CEO. That leadership includes founding the philanthropic Buckingham Foundation, Inc., dedicated to causes such as childhood hunger and affordable housing.

Prior to his time leading the state's economic development efforts, he served as the chair of the Indiana State Fair Commission and sat on various boards, including Indianapolis Downtown Inc., National Multi-Housing Council, Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership and the Indianapolis Museum of Art and the Urban Land Institute of Indiana.



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Twirling to tempo

Jay County Marching Patriots color guard member Callie Houck twirls her flag while walking along High Street during the Redkey Gas Boom Days parade on Saturday.

Deaths

William McGraw, 68, Portland

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 77 degrees Wednesday. The low was 55.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 50. Expect sunny skies Saturday with a high of 79. Highs will climb into the upper 80s Sunday and low 90s Monday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

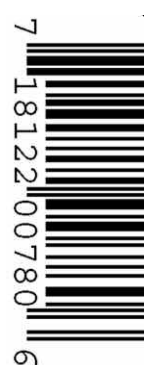
In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday across from Pennville Fire Station and 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at 220 Lincoln St., Portland.

Coming up

Saturday — Coverage of this week's Redkey Town Council meeting.

Tuesday — Results from Saturday's JCHS girls soccer game against Heritage.



Obituaries

William McGraw

Dec. 28, 1954-Aug. 15, 2023
William C. "Bill" McGraw, age 68, Portland, died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.
Born in Celina, Ohio, on Dec. 28, 1954, he moved to Jay County at a young age and was a resident of Portland for most of his life. Bill drove a truck for The Jay Garment Company, Portland, for several years and

worked at Strick Trailers in Monroe for a long time. He was a U.S. Army veteran and enjoyed working puzzles, playing cards and being with family, especially his granddaughters, and watching Westerns and M.A.S.H.
Survivors include sons: Matthew McGraw (wife: Christina), Albany, and Jonathon



McGraw

McGraw (fiancé: Vivian Colpaert), Berne; daughters Julie Hoover (husband: Joseph), Muncie, and Alicia McGraw, Rutherfordton, North Carolina; brothers Mike McGraw (wife: Deb), Portland, Robert Keller (wife: Benita), Portland, and Dave McGraw (wife: Cindy), Portland; and granddaughters Makayla McGraw and Megan McGraw.
He is preceded in death by parents Richard H. and Mary F. (Bentz) McGraw; brothers Don

McGraw, Marvin McGraw and Dan Keller; sisters Patricia Miller and Theresa Jones.
Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, at Meacham Funeral Service with burial following at Green Park Cemetery, Portland.
Visiting hours are Friday from 4 until 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.
Memorials may be sent to American Heart Association.
Condolences and other

expressions of sympathy may be expressed at MeachamFuneralService.com.
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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 8/19	Sunday 8/20	Monday 8/21	Tuesday 8/22	Wednesday 8/23
79/60	87/65	91/68	89/65	87/67
Saturday's forecast is sunny with a high of 79 degrees. Mostly clear late.	Another day of sunny skies is expected Sunday, when the high will be 87.	Sunny skies are expected Monday with a high in the low 90s.	Tuesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies and a high of 89 degrees.	Sunny skies are expected Wednesday. The high may hit 86 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball 9-11-17-19-55 Power Ball: 1 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$264 million	Daily Four: 6-5-2-5 Quick Draw: 3-4-8-10-17-20-22-23-24-27-30-36-52-53-57-59-60-69-70-71 Cash 5: 4-17-26-30-31 Estimated jackpot: \$90,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 1-5-1 Pick 4: 0-0-1-3 Pick 5: 1-0-5-7-3 Evening Pick 3: 0-1-7 Pick 4: 2-7-5-2 Pick 5: 7-0-8-3-2 Rolling Cash: 2-7-9-19-27 Estimated jackpot: \$178,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 1-3-0 Daily Four: 8-4-2-7 Quick Draw: 1-2-4-5-6-11-12-20-28-32-33-35-38-39-45-50-52-69-75-77 Evening Daily Three: 1-7-1	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.46 Oct. corn.....4.66 Wheat.....5.52	Aug. beans.....13.80 Wheat.....5.33
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.53 Sept. corn.....5.63 Mid Sept. corn.....5.36	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.29 Sept. corn.....5.09 Beans.....13.76 Sept. beans.....13.71 Wheat.....5.32
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....5.24 Sept. corn.....4.61 Beans.....13.80	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....5.03 Oct. corn.....4.41 Beans.....13.66 Oct. beans.....12.86 Wheat.....5.31

Today in history

In 1774, Meriwether Lewis, who teamed with William Clark to explore the North American continent to the Pacific Ocean, was born near Charlottesville, Virginia. Lewis and Clark's expedition — known as the Corps of Discovery — departed from Camp River Dubois on the Missouri River in May 1804 and traveled to the mouth of the Columbia River in what is now Washington, returning to St. Louis in September 1806.
In 1920, the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, went into effect after being ratified by Tennessee. The state approved the amendment by a single vote.
In 1972, John R. Ellis, 23 and Steven A. Smith, 21, both of Portland, died

after the car they were traveling in went out of control on a curve on Indiana 26 about a mile west of the Ohio state line. The car left the road, flipped multiple times and struck a utility pole. Ellis was pronounced dead at the scene while Smith was pronounced dead upon his arrival at Jay County Hospital.
In 1992, Larry Bird, who grew up in French Lick and played at Indiana State University, announced his retirement from the NBA. He won championships with the Boston Celtics in 1981, '84 and '86.
In 2022, Redkey Town Council rejected on a 3-2 vote a proposed ordinance that would have allowed residents to keep chickens on their land.
—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Thursday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Monday 11 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council joint	

Council ...

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Council member Cindy Bracy compared the plan to the five-year economic development income tax (EDIT) capital improvement plan rescinded in February, which included a list of broad categories for Jay County and each municipality to use the funding. The rescinded plan also detailed how EDIT funding would be distributed.

Commissioners' plan doesn't specifically relate to how EDIT funds are spent — those plans still need to be approved in the 2024 budget.

The plan approved Monday lists seven projects the county would like to work toward completing. On the list are creating an initial loop for broadband, or approximately 233 miles of fiber internet, for \$10 million with Mainstream Fiber (the county's match would be \$2 million); adding a new garage extension to Jay County Highway Department for \$2.2 million; building a new facility for Jay County Solid Waste Management District for \$1.6 million; constructing a public safety building for use by Jay Emergency Medical Service, Jay County Health Department and Jay County Coroner's Office for \$3 million; planning development of the 68 acres owned by the county within western Portland city limits along Indiana 67 for \$200,000; purchasing new body cameras for law enforcement for \$102,000; and investing in new radios for Jay Emergency Medical Service and Jay County Sheriff's Office for \$475,000. (Jay County Sheriff Ray Newton explained earlier in the meeting the radios are expected to cost anywhere from \$600,000 to \$900,000.)

Bracy and council member Matt Minnich expressed a desire to see more public input generated to create the plan, with commissioner Brian McGalliard noting the decision per state statute is up to commissioners. Council took no formal action on the matter.

Council members agreed to rescind the eliminating salary ordinance, also known as a hiring freeze. Rescinded Monday by commissioners, the ordinance was put

in place in December and required department heads to seek approval from council to fill positions when an employee retired or left the job. The process required Jay County Personnel Committee to meet with the department head and review the position before making a recommendation to council on whether to fill the open position.

Council also met Nate Kimball, the new community development coordinator for Jay County employed through East Central Indiana Regional Planning District. Per the contract signed by commissioners on Monday, Kimball will be working with local officials to seek information about the county's needs and look into grants. Kimball previously worked for Montpelier for about a year in a similar capacity.

Bracy questioned the need for a contract with East Central Indiana Regional Planning District to fill the community development coordinator role, which had previously been employed by Jay County Development Corporation. She asked about the two year contract's cost — it's about \$8,333 monthly for 24 months, or just short of \$200,000 — with commissioners explaining JCDC was not given its full funding for the second half of the year. Roughly \$64,000 was not granted because the organization has eliminated the community development coordinator position, explained commissioner president Chad Aker.

In other business, council members Harold Towell, Faron Parr, Randy May, Dave Haines, Houchins, Minnich and Bracy:

- Amended the strategic invest plan created through the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP), an Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs process to help communities plan how to use their

federal American Rescue Plan Act allocations. Commissioners and council added the \$1.1 million purchase of 68 acres in February, which now count as Jay County's required match for an additional \$1 million through HELP. (The program requires participants to allocate at least a third of their funds toward items in the plan.)

- Approved an ordinance establishing approved usage of jail commissary funds. County attorney Wes Schemenaur explained counties across Indiana have been encouraged to pass an ordinance that provides transparency with the state about the sheriff's approved avenues for the funding. It lists 19 possible options, including training, operating expenses, equipment, supplies, inmate transit costs and other needs relating to Jay County Jail.

- Heard about a request for \$250,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding from Jay County Baseball Club to convert its new building into a turf field.

- Made the following additional appropriations: \$21,000 for meals, \$6,000 for meat processing and \$4,000 for sewage fees at Jay County Country Living, \$5,000 for the location of cornerstones through the Jay County surveyor perpetuation fund; \$2,657.45 in donations for resident activities at Jay County Country Living; and \$50 for pauper counsel.

- Transferred \$597.27 and \$3,154.91 to close out the multi-hazard mitigation grant fund and coronavirus emergency funds, respectively, and \$198.80 in the county corrections fund from training to uniforms.

- Appointed Bracy and Towell to be council's representatives at the READI 2.0 regional workshops and Parr to Jay County Development Corporation's executive committee.

Funds ...

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In other business, the board:

- Approved a slight modification to a lease with Tavzel for the construction of a new hangar for Sunrise Aviation. The change, a shift of 18 feet, was needed to allow for more space for parking between the taxiway and the hangar.
- Heard from Tavzel that 10,798 gallons of fuel were sold at the airport in July for \$47,012.54. That's up

from 8,920.25 gallons in July 2022.

- OK'd a new policy for members of the public to be on the agenda to speak at an aviation board meeting. Those interested in presenting to the board will need to fill out a form in advance and turn it in to city hall. Presentations will be limited to three minutes.

- Approved and then rescinded the purchase of a new mower. The purchase was rescinded because of the need to obtain multiple quotes. The board plans to revisit the purchase at its next meeting.

- Was reminded that the airport's annual fly-in and pancake breakfast is scheduled for Aug. 26. Breakfast will be served from 6 to 10 a.m. at a cost of \$7. Plane rides will be available for \$20 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Portland American Legion Riders are organizing the breakfast, with proceeds to go toward the group's philanthropic giving.
- Learned from Clearwaters that the marker needed to identify true north for the airport's automated weather observing system has been installed.

SERVICES

Saturday
Williams, Haley: 2:30 p.m. MJS Mortuaries, Ritenour Cemetery, Ridgeville.
McGraw, William: 11 a.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany.

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Cincinnatus donation

Cincinnatus League recently gave \$500 to Jay County Historical Society for the Heritage festival. Pictured, from left, are Cincinnatus League president Drew Houck, Jay County Historical Society representative Bob Vance and Cincinnatus League member Julia Schwomeyer.

Mom in battle with child

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter (age 21) has made a series of bad choices and failed relationships since she was 16. She went to college and quit (twice), joined the Air Force and hated it, but managed to get a "general discharge." At age 19, she had a baby with a high school dropout and violent drug abuser. They've had an on/off relationship. He has pushed, shoved and outright hit her, destroyed two of her phones, hit her sister and smashed her phone. He took my daughter's car while fleeing the police, leaving her and the baby stranded. We have paid countless sums of money for an attorney and sent her more to get her car. She has lied and deceived us on her relationship status. We wanted to believe our daughter.

Now they are back together! We sent the police for a wellness check, and they say she is OK. As you can imagine, we are heartbroken. Our other children are doing well and keep me sane. When people ask about our kids, what do we say about her? I want something simple to end the questioning. "She's back with her loser boyfriend, and I don't know where or what she's doing"? Is there any hope to make

Dear Abby



peace in our family? — WEARY MOM IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR WEARY MOM: When asked about your daughter, either tell the questioner your daughter is back with her boyfriend (omitting the fact that he is a drug-abusing, violent loser) or be truthful and reveal that you are "estranged." You do not have to go into more detail than that. You may find, to your surprise, that the questioner has a similar family situation. As to whether there's hope that your daughter will finally reunite with the rest of the family, it may take a long time, but at some point, she may decide to do that. However, it may not happen until her boyfriend starts to abuse their child.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been retired for almost 10 years. We moved to a coastal resort area we

love. However, we have noticed that these retired couples/singles are extremely competitive and mostly a bunch of one-uppers. Is this common in all retirement communities? Does everyone need to have their last hurrah and wave the "I made it" flag? We have met only a handful of people who don't always talk about themselves and their achievements, recent purchases, upgrades to their property and genius children/grandchildren. We have never met so many narcissistic people in our lives. We have always thought that everyone puts their pants on the same way, so we just lay low and steer clear of these people. Any advice would be appreciated. — SURPRISED IN THE CAROLINAS

DEAR SURPRISED: Maintain your relationships with that handful of folks who can carry on a conversation without bragging. Be sociable with everyone, and see the braggarts less often. Most folks who behave this way do it out of insecurity. Enlarge your social circle. Cultivate relationships with people whose values more closely align with yours.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday

STITCH AND CHATTER QUILT CLUB — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center. Show and teal is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

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

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY —

Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet Thursday, Aug. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Jay County Historical Society. Kathy Selman will provide the meeting program. To ask questions, please call Regent Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Susan Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former

W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Aug. 18, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

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.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Sunday

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 Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., 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.

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.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury Unit-

ed 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

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

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

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.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland.

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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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Ghost guns aren't yet one of America's biggest threats to life and limb — handguns and especially illegal handguns are a bigger menace by far — but the country would be inviting bloodshed to wait until they climb the grim charts to try to contain their pernicious spread. This is why we've praised state Attorney General Tish James for doggedly pursuing those who illegally ship parts to build such firearms to New York, and why President Joe Biden was wise last year to direct the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to better police the ready-to-assemble weapons.

What makes legal firearms legal is that, even as plenty of

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pernicious loopholes undercut the government's best efforts, they're generally sold to individuals who've passed background checks. Under federal law, people are barred from purchasing or possessing guns if, among other things, they've been convicted of certain crimes or are subject to court orders related to domestic violence or a serious mental condition. States enforce their own restrictions, notwithstanding the horribly wrong Supreme Court ruling last sum-

mer in New York State Rifle & Pistol Association vs. Bruen.

Ghost guns, federal reports of which have increased 10-fold since 2016, take dead aim at that regime, promising to deliver the easy-to-assemble parts that, when quickly put together, can do just what a factory-made, legally bought firearm can do, only without a background check or a proper serial number that allows them to be traced. Biden's ATF aimed to change that, classifying "buy build shoot" kits as guns — which they are, every bit as much as flat-packed, assemble-at-home IKEA furniture is furniture. From that, it follows that those who make the kits are gun-makers, who must be federally licensed as such, and those who buy them are gun buyers.

Of course, the arm-everyone-

everywhere lobby challenged the ATF rules in court, and of course, a judge interpreting the Second Amendment as sloppily as the Supreme Court did in Bruen vacated the rules nationwide in June. Rightly arguing that Texas Federal Judge Reed O'Connor's ruling, which asserts that "a weapons part kit is not a firearm," risked "irreparably harming the public and the government by reopening the floodgates to the tide of untraceable ghost guns flowing into our Nation's communities," the U.S. solicitor general urged the high court to intervene and let the Biden rules stand for the time being.

The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 order on its so-called shadow docket, agreed. The case will still be heard on the merits by a feder-

al appeals court and perhaps ultimately by The Nine, but until then, the new rules remain.

Last year, the NYPD seized more than 430 ghost guns, 25 times more than it recovered in 2017. Earlier this year, a 16-month joint investigation yielded the takedown of a ghost gun and narcotics trafficking ring. Criminals hungry for hard-to-track weapons can try to get them from straw buyers, or shave the serial numbers off black-market guns, or go online and order components to their heart's content. No matter which path they choose, authorities charged with protecting the public should be trying to thwart them. More unlicensed guns in the hands of more people who treat the law with contempt means more chaos, more crime and more death.

Make a visit to the state fair

By NIKI KELLY

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I know it's the end of summer and kids are headed back to school. But if you have one more hurrah in you, I encourage you to head to the Indiana State Fair — especially if you live outside central Indiana.

I am spoiled, living with the state fair in my backyard. As I have talked with people in other parts of Indiana, I am always sad they have never enjoyed what I consider one of the best state experiences there is.

So, I'm making my case now that it's worth the gas. You will learn, laugh and eat, of course.

It runs through Aug. 20 and there are tons of discounts throughout the fair's run for tickets.

So why should you head to the fairgrounds?

First off, it's outdoors (aside from some inside moments to cool off in the air conditioning). Everyone says kids need to be more active and this is your chance.

But the fair is for everyone, not just kids.

My husband and I have set aside an afternoon for years now: usually AAA Day for the discount.

We enjoy being able to stop and have a nice glass of wine or taste Indiana craft beers. We pet cute piglets and goats, enjoy the butterfly garden, learn about soybeans in the glass barn and marvel at the 4-H projects that are made by some super-talented youth.

One of my husband's favorite spots is Pioneer Village on the backside of the track. It includes antique tractors, artisans, homemade ice cream and more.

And then there are the shows and activities. On top of free music concerts, my favorite part of the fair is watching the smaller shows. The lumberjack contests in past years have been a highlight, as well as last year's diving event. And pig races? Got those too.

Each year there is a theme, and fair officials do a great job with interactive exhibits. Last year it was Indiana's history with automobiles. There were some beautiful Duesenbergs on display and my husband beat me at changing a tire.

This year, the theme is basketball — with plenty

Niki Kelly



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of nods to Hoosier Hysteria. I am looking forward this year to learning more about shoe maven Chuck Taylor.

And there is a midway with lots of rides, too.

If you get tired, hop on the shuttle from the front to the back. Stop in at Hook's Drug Store Museum and see what an old-time pharmacy looked like, including a soda fountain.

You will work up an appetite, so be sure to have a plan. We are traditionalists and love going to the pork tent. But I also go out of my way each year to try one of the crazy food entrants. This year I am very intrigued by the Nutelaphant Ear and the Sweet Corn Pizza.

Hands down, though, the best stop is at the famed Dairy Barn. You won't find a better shake.

I could go on: there are cheer and band competitions, tractor pulling and an extreme pogo stunt team.

I am sure I have left out dozens of other fun things to do at the fair but hope this will entice some Hoosiers who have never been to check it out. Maybe I'll see you there.

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Kelly has covered the Indiana Statehouse since 1999 — including five governors.

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Housing is Fed's secret weapon

By KARL W. SMITH

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The consumer price index report for July showed the smallest back-to-back monthly increase in two years. This is welcome news in the battle to tame inflation, but the even better news was buried deep in the report. There, it was revealed that rising shelter costs accounted for a whopping 90% of the increase in the CPI. Why is that good? Because the category is notoriously out of date and most likely already in decline, making the moderate inflation data even more benign in reality.

Let's start with what shelter costs are and how they are measured. The Bureau of Labor Statistics calculates this metric — which accounts for about a third of CPI — by looking at changes in actual rents and something called owners' equivalent rent. That second part is essentially a survey-informed assessment of how much homeowners think they could get by renting their home.

What this all means is that a backward-looking metric is what's driving the CPI numbers. How so? We know that the rents landlords are asking for new leases are already in decline. It takes a while for the drop to impact the data as most tenants have one- or two-year leases. A recent report from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco suggests that shelter-cost inflation peaked around April at around 10% on a year-over-year basis. As more leases turn over that rate should continue to drop through the rest of this year and into 2024, reaching zero in May, according to the report. Indeed, more timely data from private sector sources such as Apartment List already show a year-over-year decrease in rents!

This is undeniably good news for the economy because it means the

Karl W. Smith



Federal Reserve may not need to raise interest rates again to get inflation back down to its 2% target, or about half of what it is currently. And no more rate increases boosts the odds that the economy avoids a damaging recession that puts millions of Americans out of a job. At the least, Bloomberg Economics says the Fed can avoid hiking rates when policymakers next meet in the second half of September.

There are two important caveats to consider. First, even though inflation has moderated, prices on goods from food to cars to housing remain elevated. The National Association of Realtors said Thursday that its quarterly Homebuyer Affordability Index fell to a record low in the period ended June 30. Second, the expectation that future rents will decline is driven in large part by more supply coming online. At just under a million units, multifamily housing starts are at a record high, having soared from around 600,000 units before the pandemic. But actual completions have lagged well behind, perhaps due to developers deciding borrowing costs are too steep to make finishing the projects profitable.

In that sense, perhaps the key to taming inflation would be lower rates — at least for developers — if it means more housing. Even then, economists have long known that sky-high rents in places such as New York and San Francisco were not just products of strong job markets but also of restrictive building

policies that make it difficult to add supply in the form of more affordable housing. Navigating the maze of required permits and approvals at various stages of a project doesn't make things any easier. As a result, the many obstacles that developers face often means that it only makes economic sense for them to build luxury apartments.

Perhaps the model for the way forward can be found in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. Bloomberg News reports that the Twin-Cities is the first major area to see its overall inflation rate drop below 2%. Minneapolis-St. Paul has been able to temper rent increases by fostering supply after effectively eliminated single-family zoning laws in 2019. The entire area became fair game for building duplexes and triplexes. As a result, Minneapolis rents have only grown by 1% since 2017, according to the Bloomberg News report.

So maybe the key to taming inflation isn't a recession and stifling interest rates, but smarter government and monetary policy. At the highest levels, the Fed should definitely slow or even end its rate increases and allow the declines in rents that are already happening make their way through the data instead of waiting to actually see it in the data before deciding not to act. And at the local level, governments should promote ways to increase the housing supply without upsetting the fabric of their communities. That one-two punch from above and below can give Americans the strong, low inflation economy they deserve.

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Purdue announces new USGS unit

By EMILY MATCHER
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A dream half a century in the making is finally a reality. Starting this year, Purdue will be home to the Indiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, a partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and the Wildlife Management Institute. It will be the 43rd USGS Cooperative Research Unit (CRU) in the country, and the first in Indiana.

"This is the fulfillment of a dream that spanned literally generations here at Purdue," says Robert Swihart, professor of Wildlife Ecology in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, who will be one of two Purdue liaisons to the program.

The program will fund the hiring of three federal scientists to work alongside faculty in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. Unlike most faculty members, though, these scientists will focus almost entirely on research, rather than undergraduate teaching or administration. Their work will focus on fisheries, wildlife, and natural resources in Indiana and beyond. They'll bring in research money, graduate students, and postdocs, greatly expanding the department's capacity.

"We look forward to the tremendous opportunity that collaboration with the Indiana CRU will bring to our state and Purdue University," says Karen Plaut, executive vice president of research at Purdue University. "It will have a direct impact on graduate education as well as research productivity and innovation."

The researchers will be hired in the coming months. There will be one unit leader and two assistant unit leaders, all PhD level scientists who will



Photo provided

Science produced by the new Indiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit will address fish, wildlife and other natural resources, including the connection between the health of wildlife and the health of people.

teach graduate courses and supervise graduate students and postdocs, in addition to their research.

"[The CRU] builds on existing strengths and leverages the resources and expertise that we have to more effectively address critical questions in fish and wildlife conservation," Swihart says.

The new unit will fill a hole in the map of CRUs in the country. While there's a unit in Michigan, there's nothing in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, or Kentucky. This leaves empty a part of the country with an abundance of natural resources and many urgent ecological questions.

"Indiana is a state with a diverse set of ecosystems," Swihart says. "We are at the confluence of the east-

ern hardwood forest and tallgrass prairies ecosystems; we've got the southern Great Lakes, the central hardwood forest region in the south. And Indiana is a huge state in terms of modified landscapes. Agriculture reigns supreme – and rightfully so – but that has implications for wildlife. Urban and suburban expansion has lasting impacts on wildlife...understanding those human-made stressors on ecosystems is important."

Tomas Höök, Professor of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, and Swihart's co-liaison, emphasizes Indiana's aquatic riches.

"You don't think of Indi-

ana as an aquatically diverse state, but it is," he says. "Places like Minnesota are known for lakes, but those lakes go as far south as northern Indiana. Those systems potentially are really important because they experience warmer temperatures than northern lakes, so maybe they can act a bit as canaries in the coal mine for northern lakes."

Rivers like the Ohio and the Wabash, the latter of which has the largest undammed stretch east of the Mississippi, are also hugely important ecosystems, Höök says, as are the state's huge reservoirs.

"I'm just excited to get new fisheries and wildlife colleagues and faculty into our department," he says.

"There are so many poten-

tial research questions we'd like to ask."

The increased capacity will allow for more research into any number of critical topics: invasive species, animal disease dynamics, public attitudes towards wildlife conservation. The specifics will depend on the new hires' areas of expertise; priorities will be decided in coming months.

The CRU program began in 1935 with a unit at Iowa State University. Its mission is to "work with university students to develop the conservation workforce, help decision-makers make complex conservation decisions, and to provide technical assistance between natural resource agencies and universities." There are now

43 units in 41 states, almost all based out of land-grant universities like Purdue. Nationwide, these CRUs produce an immense amount of research: last year, CRU scientists and students published 416 journal articles in 175 peer-reviewed journals.

As Indiana's land-grant university, not to mention home to one of the nation's top Forestry and Natural Resources departments, Purdue was the natural choice to host Indiana's new CRU.

"What the co-op does in supporting a combination of applied and basic research is really right in Purdue's wheelhouse," Höök says.

The recognition of the need for a CRU at Purdue goes back some 50 years, to Durward Allen, a professor in Forestry and Natural Resources and a nationally known figure in wildlife conservation research during the mid-20th century.

"He initiated conversations about the need for a co-op unit in the state," Swihart says. "I've been involved in these conversations over my 30-plus-year career; to finally see it as this point is really gratifying."

"This is a very wonderful culmination of many years of effort to secure this cooperative research unit for Purdue as a land-grant institution, and more broadly for the state of Indiana," says Jessica Gurevitch, department head of Forestry and Natural Resources.

In addition to the department's academic and scientific record, Gurevitch emphasizes its extension program, with deep connections to the broader Indiana community. The research done at the CRU stands to benefit all sorts of stakeholders, from fishermen and hunters to farmers and landowners.

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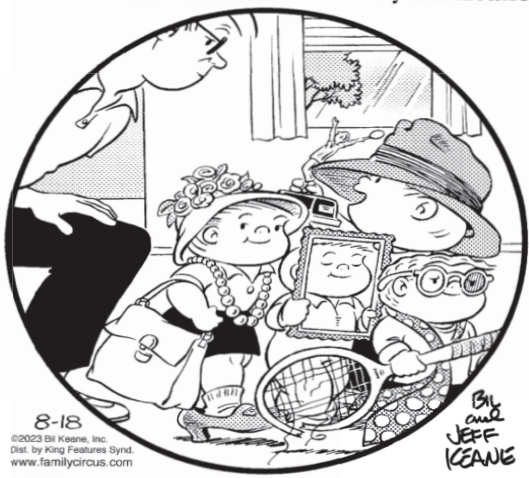




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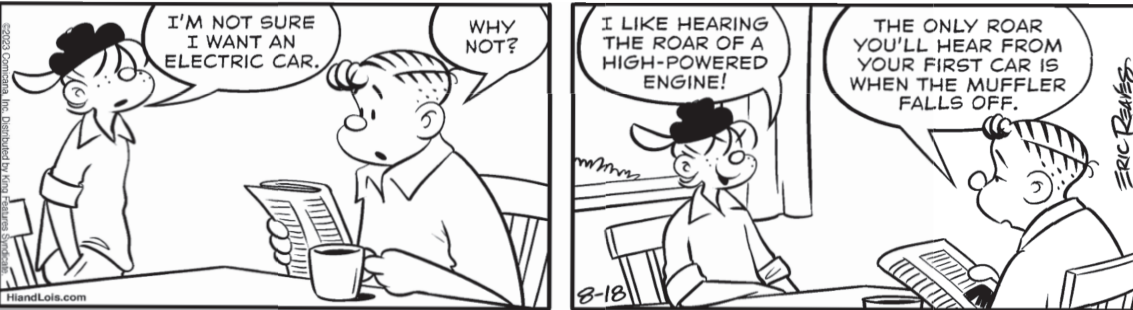
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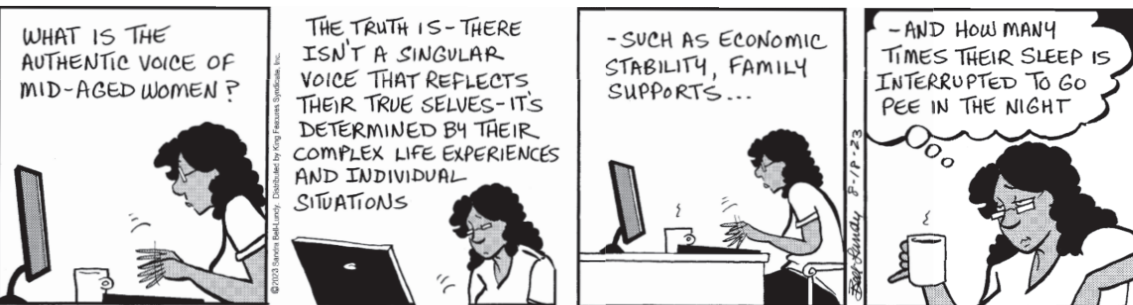
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

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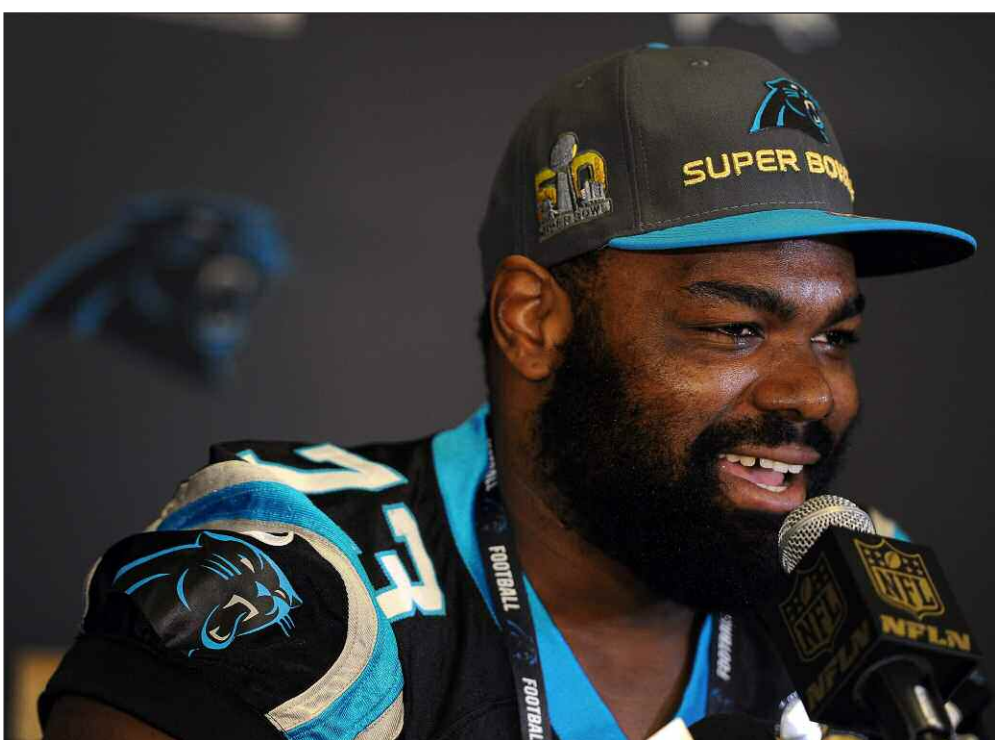
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Singer patently refuted those claims.

“In reality, the Tuohys opened their home to Mr. Oher, offered him structure, support and, most of all, unconditional love,” Singer’s statement said. “They have consistently treated him like a son and one of their three children. His response was to threaten them, including saying that he would plant a negative story about them in the press unless they paid him \$15 million.”

Singer said that when “The Blind Side” author Michael Lewis, a childhood friend of Sean Tuohy, was approached about turning his 2006 book about the family into a movie, Lewis’ agents negotiated a deal “where they received a small advance from the production company and a tiny percentage of net profits.”

“They insisted that any money received be divided equally. And they have made good on that pledge,” Singer said.



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Carolina Panthers left tackle Michael Oher during a news conference Feb. 2, 2016, at the San Jose Convention Center in San Jose, California.

“The evidence — documented in profit participation checks and studio accounting statements — is clear: Over the years, the Tuohys have given

Mr. Oher an equal cut of every penny received from “The Blind Side.” Tuohy told the Daily Memphian that Lewis gave the family “half of

his share” and “everybody in the family got an equal share, including Michael [Oher].” He estimated that the shares were “about \$14,000,

each.” (Oher has been public for years about his distaste for the film.)

Singer’s statement said that Oher allegedly threatened the couple over “an eight-figure windfall” and allegedly refused to cash small profit checks from the Tuohys as “part of that shakedown effort.” However, he said, the Tuohys still deposited Oher’s equal share into a trust account they set up for his son.

“The Tuohys have always been upfront about how a conservatorship (from which not one penny was received) was established to assist with Mr. Oher’s needs, ranging from getting him health insurance and obtaining a driver’s license to helping with college admissions,” he said. “Should Mr. Oher wish to terminate the conservatorship, either now or at anytime in the future, the Tuohys will never oppose it in any way.”

Singer added that Oher “attempted to run this play several times

before,” alleging that numerous lawyers stopped representing him “once they saw the evidence and learned the truth.”

“Sadly, Mr. Oher has finally found a willing enabler and filed this ludicrous lawsuit as a cynical attempt to drum up attention in the middle of his latest book tour,” he added.

Actor Quinton Aaron, who played Oher in the “The Blind Side,” entered the discourse Wednesday to defend the Tuohy family, whom he said he didn’t believe had a questionable relationship with Oher.

“I got a good sense from all of them,” he told TMZ, adding: “They were real cool to me.”

He also rejected calls online for Bullock to give up her Oscar.

“To make a statement like that doesn’t make any sense. Sandra Bullock didn’t have anything to do with the real story that we’re reading as of right now,” Aaron said.

Fate ...

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There were no major personnel additions, but Indianapolis believes detail-oriented offensive line coach Tony Sparano Jr. can make an immediate difference.

Better health — both physical and mental — also would be a bonus across the line, along with a Year 2 jump from left tackle Bernhard Raimann.

4. IF RUSH ARRIVES ...

This one is mainly down to health.

Kwity Paye, Dayo Odeyingbo and Tyquan Lewis each have shown promise over the past two seasons.

But they’ve missed a combined total of 31 games during that span.

Each of Lewis’ last two seasons has ended with a torn ACL. Paye has battled a number of nagging ailments and Odeyingbo only began to look fully recovered from a 2020 torn Achilles’ tendon in the second half of last season.

Defensive tackles DeForest

Buckner and Grover Stewart form one of the NFL’s best interior duos, but they need more help from the edge.

Last year’s leading sack artist Yannick Ngakoue (9.5) is now with the Chicago Bears, and new addition Samson Ebukam never has recorded more than five sacks during six professional seasons.

5. IF THE YOUNG CORNERS MATURE ...

A heavy pass rush is all the

more necessary given the inexperience in the defensive secondary.

All-Pro Stephon Gilmore was traded to the Dallas Cowboys in March, and part-time starter Brandon Facyson returned to the Las Vegas Raiders in free agency.

When Isaiah Rodgers was suspended for a minimum of one year for violating the league’s gambling policy and subsequently released, all three regular starters on the outside from last

season were voided from the roster.

The replacements include second-year undrafted free agents Darrell Baker Jr. and Dallis Flowers and a trio of rookies — second-rounder JuJu Brents, fifth-rounder Darius Rush and seventh-rounder Jaylon Jones.

All five have the size, athleticism and physicality preferred in defensive coordinator Gus Bradley’s scheme, but that little experience rarely is a recipe for success in the pass-happy NFL.

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10 p.m. — WNBA: Minnesota Lynx at Seattle Storm (ION)

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4 a.m. — Women’s World Cup: Australia vs. Sweden (FOX)
12:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Go Bowling at The Glen (USA)
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Shriners Children’s 200 (USA)
1 p.m. — NFL: Jacksonville Jaguars

at Detroit Lions (FOX)
1 p.m. — MLB: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees (FS1)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: BMW Championship (CBS)
4 p.m. — NFL: Miami Dolphins at Houston Texans (ABC)
6:30 p.m. — NFL: Buffalo Bills at Pittsburgh Steelers (ABC)
6:30 p.m. — MLB: Toronto Blue Jays at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — NFL: Chicago Bears at Indianapolis Colts (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — NFL: Tampa Bay Buccaneers at New York Jets (CBS)
8 p.m. — UFC: UFC 292 (ESPN)
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Local notes

Adams Memorial Hospital 5K
The Worthman Fitness Center and the Diabetes Education Team of Adams Memorial Hospital will host the “Catch Your Breath ... while you Dash for Diabetes 5K Run/Walk” on Sept. 9 in cooperation with Adams County Parks and Recreation.
Pre-registration is open for \$20 through Friday, Sept. 1 at which point the entry fee will be raised to \$25.
Participants may also sign up at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 9 at the Adams Memorial Hospital under the Cancer Institute terrace.
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Hunt applications

Beginning Aug. 20, hunters can apply for a variety of reserved hunts by visiting on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.
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school’s office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that the City of Portland, Board of Public Works and Safety, will receive sealed bids beginning August 14th until 4:00 p.m. on September 6th, 2023 at City Hall located at 321 North Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana 47371. Bids will be received for the demolition of following buildings: Location: Building located at 201, 203 and 205 West Main Street, Portland, IN 47371 Parcel Identification No: 38-07-20-104-126.000-034, 38-07-20-104-126.002-034 and 38-07-20-104-126.001-034 Bid specifications for this demolition project are available at City Hall, (Water Office) located at 321 North Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana 47371. Bids will be opened September 7th, 2023 by the Board of Public Works and Safety at 4:00 p.m. in the Mayor’s Office.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE JAY SCHOOL CORPORATION
JAY COUNTY, INDIANA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of School Trustees of The Jay School Corporation (the “Owner”) will receive sealed bids for the Jay County Jr./Sr. High School Cleat House & Synthetic Turf.
Bids will be accepted at The Jay County School Corporation Administration Office, 414 East Floral Avenue, Portland, Indiana, until 10:00 a.m. (local time), on September 6, 2023. Bids will be opened and tabulated at that time in the Board Room. A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Jay County Jr./Sr. High School. Report to the main entrance.
All bidding and construction shall be in accordance with construction documents prepared by Barton-Coe-Vilamaa, Architect and Engineers, Inc., which can be obtained from the office of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa. Call 260/489-9079 (office of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa) to request an invitation to receive digital access to the bidding documents.
Bidders will be required to file, with their bids, a certified check made payable to The Jay School Corporation or a Bid Bond for an amount not less than five percent (5%) of their maximum bid or bids. Should a successful bidder withdraw its bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, The Jay School Corporation may then declare the bid deposit or bid bond to be forfeited as liquidated damages.
Each successful bidder shall be required to furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond which cover faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder. A Maintenance Bond shall also be required. Said bonds shall remain in full force and effect for twelve months from the substantial completion of the Work.
The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder complying with the conditions for bidding, provided the bid is reasonable and it is to the best interest of the Owner to accept it. The Owner reserves the right to reject the bid of any or all bidder in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12.
Bids not reaching said office by 10:00 a.m., on September 6, 2023 will not be opened and will be returned unopened to the original bidder.
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Sports

Questions will determine fate

By GEORGE BREMER
The Herald Bulletin (Anderson) Tribune News Service
WESTFIELD — Count the ifs.

It's a time-honored football coaching tradition for assessing a team's chances for the upcoming season. The more ifs remain unanswered, the less confidence in a good result.

So, with the Indianapolis Colts coming off a disastrous 4-12-1 season and first-year head coach Shane Steichen attempting to lay the foundation for his program, let's count the ifs:

1. IF JONATHAN TAYLOR PLAYS ...

The team's best offensive player has been in a standoff with the Colts since players reported to Westfield's Grand Park for training camp July 25.

Taylor was placed on the physically unable to perform list that evening and officially has been rehabbing the ankle injury that cost him six games last season. He's also unhappy with Indianapolis' insistence he play out the final year of his rookie contract without an extension.

The running back's trade request became public July 29, but Colts owner Jim Irsay has declined to fulfill it.

Indianapolis' hope is Taylor relents and forms a potentially dynamic duo with rookie quarterback Anthony Richardson before contract talks resume after the season.

But, thus far, there's been little indication Tay-

lor's agreeable to such an arrangement.

2. IF RICHARDSON DEVELOPS ...

This is at least partly tied to No. 1.

The fourth overall pick will have an easier time reading defenses if Taylor lines up alongside him in the backfield. And a combo of Richardson and Taylor could create extreme conflict in defenders attempting to stop what amounts to an old-fashioned option attack.

But there are many questions surrounding Richardson's overall game. Can he improve his accuracy and consistently put the ball in the right places? Will his work ethic and maturity translate into immediate on-field success? Or will patience be required as a player with just 13 starts in college polishes his game?

The answers will determine not just the Colts' ability to be a surprise contender this fall but much of the franchise's fortunes for the immediate future.

3. IF THE OFFENSIVE LINE IMPROVES ...

As important as No. 1 and No. 2 are, neither will make much impact if the line can't recover from an awful season.

Indianapolis averaged just 4.3 yards per carry and surrendered 60 sacks in 2022. If an offense that averaged just 17 points hopes to improve this fall, both numbers will need to be significantly better.

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The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Keep away

Oskar Alart Mateo (5), an exchange student from Spain, uses his body to shield the ball from Muncie Central's Brady McNabb (12) during the Jay County High School boys soccer team's match on Tuesday. The Patriots lost the game 5-2, scoring both of their goals in the second half.



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Michael Oher accused of \$15 million 'shakedown'

By NARDINE SAAD
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service
LOS ANGELES — Michael Oher, the NFL veteran whose life inspired the movie "The Blind Side" and who is suing his conservators Sean and Leigh Anne Tuohy, is now being accused of repeatedly attempting to shake down the couple for \$15 million.

The couple's attorney, Martin D. Singer, released a scathing statement about Oher's petition, which the football star filed Monday in Tennessee probate court alleging that the couple had tricked him into a conservatorship and withheld revenue from the 2009 film that earned Sandra Bullock a best actress Oscar.

Singer asserted that the Tuohys would be willing to terminate their "upfront" conservatorship if Oher desired, but also "will not hesitate to defend their good names, stand up to this shakedown and defeat this offensive lawsuit."

The former Baltimore Ravens and Carolina Panthers tackle alleged in his filing that he gave the rights to his life story away to 20th Century Fox in 2007 "without any payment whatsoever" and that he was missing profits from John Lee Hancock's 2009 film, which grossed \$309 million at the worldwide box office. (Meanwhile, some people have called on Bullock, whose spiffy turn as Leigh Anne Tuohy in the film earned her an Academy Award, to give back her Oscar.)

"Anyone with a modicum of common sense can see that the outlandish claims made by Michael Oher about the Tuohy family are hurtful and absurd," Singer said Wednesday in a statement to The Los Angeles Times.

"The idea that the Tuohys have ever sought to profit off Mr. Oher is not only offensive, it is transparently ridiculous," he continued. "Through hard work and good fortune, Sean and Leigh Anne have made an extraordinary amount of money in the restaurant business. The notion that a couple worth hundreds of millions of dollars would connive to withhold a few thousand dollars in profit participation payments from anyone — let alone from someone they loved as a son — defies belief."

Attorneys for Oher did not immediately respond Wednesday to The Times' requests for comment.

Singer's statement aligns with an interview Sean Tuohy gave the Daily Memphian this week. Tuohy, a Memphis Grizzlies sports commentator said he was devastated by Oher's lawsuit and noted that he didn't need money, given the \$200 million sale of his fast-food franchises. He also defended the family's use of the legal guardianship instead of adopting Oher. Tuohy explained that he couldn't legally adopt someone who was over 18 and also — because he and his wife were Ole Miss boosters — needed to show a familial tie with the athlete to avoid possible trouble with the NCAA after Oher chose to attend the school.

In his petition, the 37-year-old former football star alleged that he didn't learn the nature of the 2004 conservatorship petition until February of this year and that it ultimately "provided him no familial relationship with the Tuohys."

However, in his 2011 book, "I Beat the Odds," Oher wrote that he knew the Tuohys had been named his legal conservators and that he had been told that "it means pretty

much the exact same thing as 'adoptive parents,' but that the laws were just written in a way that took my age into account."

"Honestly, I didn't care what it was called. I was just happy that no one could argue that we weren't legally what we already knew was real: We were a family," he wrote, adding that his mother attended the hearing to agree that she supported the decision to have the Tuohys "listed as my next of kin and legal conservators." (Tuohy told the Daily Memphian they did so to ensure that the arrangement was "on the up-and-up.")

But Oher was far more combative in his Monday petition. The retired offensive lineman accused the couple of having "falsely and publicly represented themselves" as his adoptive parents to benefit their own interests. He not only asked the Tennessee probate court to end the conservatorship, but also to issue an injunction barring the Tuohys from using his name, image and likeness, as well as "continuing false claims" that they adopted him.

Oher alleged that he was presented with the conservatorship papers "almost immediately" after he moved in with the Tuohys as a teen and was tricked into signing the documents, a step he believed at the time was necessary in his adoption process. His attorneys accused the Tuohys of viewing Oher as "a gullible young man whose athletic talent could be exploited for their own benefit" and who "enriched themselves at the expense of their Ward," specifically through contract deals they made on his behalf.

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