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## Inaugural collectibles



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### Show set for Saturday at fairgrounds

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Calling all collectors ... In the continued effort to keep the fairgrounds busy, another new event is scheduled for this weekend. Jay County Fair Board will host its inaugural Cards, Comics, Coins & Collectibles Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Bubp Building at Jay County Fairgrounds. Admission to the event is free. Jason McGraw, a member of the fair board, explained that he

recently got back into collecting sports cards, a hobby he had enjoyed as a youngster and teenager. "It's kind of brought me back to my childhood," he said. "When I was a kid, collecting in the late '80s, early '90s, I was like, 'Man, if I hold onto these cards, I'm going to be rich one day.'" It turned out that wasn't the case, as cards were mass-produced during that era, diminishing their value. But nostalgia and the art of the find have drawn him back in, and he and

some friends subsequently turned their reinvigorated interest into a side business. Having attended a few card shows, he felt the fairgrounds would make a perfect site for a similar event, particularly during the off-peak late fall through early spring months. "So that's what we did," said McGraw of Saturday's event, which will serve as a fundraiser for the fair board's planned grandstand infield renovation project. (Plans call for widening the demolition derby track,

installing a barrier between the track and infield fan seating and replacing the judge's tower.) He presented the idea to the fair board in May and has been working on Saturday's show since then. About 20 individuals and/or vendors with 30-plus tables of items have committed to being in attendance Saturday. (Anyone interested in displaying items can still do so by contacting McGraw at (260) 251-0414 or jrmcgraw120@yahoo.com. The fee is \$35 per table.) See **Collectibles** page 2

## U.S. boosts aid to Israel

*Package includes interceptors, ammunition*

By JORDAN FABIAN and JUSTIN SINK

Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service  
WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden said the United States is speeding military assistance to Israel following Hamas' surprise assault, and will stand by the Jewish state as it strikes back against the Palestinian militant group. Biden said Tuesday at the White House that the aid includes ammunition and interceptors to replenish Israel's "Iron Dome" anti-missile systems. He said he would ask Congress to urgently fund the national security requirements of critical U.S. partners, a group that includes Ukraine. "We're going to make sure that Israel does not run out of these critical assets to defend its cities and its citizens," Biden said. "In this moment, we must be crystal clear: We stand with Israel." Biden delivered his most extensive and emotional comments to date on the war between Israel and Hamas, which broke out Saturday when militants raided southern Israel and fired a barrage of rockets at cities across the country, killing mostly civilians, including the elderly and children and more than a dozen Americans. He grew angry at times denouncing the violence as "abhorrent." See **Boosts** page 2

## Pushing for better data

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana lawmakers on Tuesday reviewed the results of a "first-of-its-kind" request of higher education cost and debt data — and found it lacking. The data was riddled with holes from institutions unable to submit the desired data in the correct format or within the narrow timeframe allowed, and peppered with limitations. "I think we don't have the data to say anything at this point," said Rep. Jeff Thompson, R-Lizton, at the interim study committee on fiscal policy's sole meeting Tuesday. He is vice-chair. Policymakers should reframe their requests and allot more time for data collection, said the nonpartisan agency tasked with conducting the analysis. Legislators also critiqued the universities for declining to present before the committee, pointing to the institutional representatives observing silently from the back row of the room. The interim committee asked more than a half-dozen public higher education institutions for student loan debts, alumni salaries, staff salaries, program provision cost and more.

### Lawmakers want more information about higher education costs and debt

It made its initial request in August and gave the institutions — including Ivy Tech Community College, Ball State University and multiple Purdue University campuses — less than six weeks to hand over data in mid-September. But they worked up to Monday night on some elements, Indiana Legislative Services Agency Fiscal Analyst Austin Spears told lawmakers. Spears cautioned multiple times that the institutions often defined and recorded metrics differently, complicating his agency's attempts to compare data across institutions. Small program sizes at given degree levels also meant small — and volatile — sample sizes, he said. Still the agency found that the average Hoosier higher education student owed less in debt in

2022 compared to a decade prior, even without accounting for inflation. Those who obtained short-term certificates from Ivy Tech in 2012 owed more than \$8,000 on average, but 2022 graduates owed less than \$1,000 on average, according to Spears' slides. Vincennes University reported a drop from about \$11,000 in loan debt to \$8,000 during that time period. Students who obtained long-term certificates and associate degrees in 2022 also owed less debt on average compared to 2012, also in non-inflation-adjusted dollars — except at Ball State University. Spears noted smaller loan debt declines for bachelor's degrees, and a "mixed bag" for master's and doctoral degrees. See **Data** page 2



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### Solo Aurelio

Aurelio Juarez sings a solo during the junior high portion of the Jay County Junior/Senior High School choral department's fall choral concert Sunday afternoon.

#### In review

Jay School Board has scheduled an executive session for 4 p.m. Monday. Its 5 p.m. regular meeting will follow and include discussion of the school corporation's tentative agreement with Jay Classroom Teachers Association.

#### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 61 degrees Tuesday. The low was 36. Tonight's low will be in the lower 50s with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour after midnight. Skies will be mostly cloudy Friday with a chance of afternoon showers and a high in the mid 70s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will host its annual Tox Away Day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot between the softball and baseball fields at Jay County Junior/Senior High School. Jay County residents can dispose of various hazardous items for free. For a complete list, visit jaycosolidwaste.com.

#### Coming up

**Friday** — Coverage of this week's Jay County Council meeting.  
**Saturday** — Results from the JCHS football game against Heritage.



# Collectibles ...

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While McGraw's passion is in the area of sports cards — he's enjoyed finding cards featuring Portland native and former NFL wide receiver Pete Brewster as well as Indiana high school basketball players like Bonzi Wells and Dick Van Arsdale who went on to careers in the NBA — Saturday's show will go well beyond football, basketball and baseball.

"It's not just strictly cards," said McGraw. "They should expect to see a lot of different variety of things here."  
Signed up to attend the event are exhibitors that will also display Pokémon, Magic: The Gathering and Yu-Gi-Oh! cards, coins, Coca-Cola items, NASCAR memorabilia, Funko Pop! items, comic books and vintage toys. Among the

exhibitors that will be in attendance Saturday are Muncie's All Star Sports Cards and Hartford City's Magic Corner, which sells toys, magic tricks, crafts and other items.  
McGraw already has another collectibles show planned for Nov. 11. (Exhibitors at Saturday's show will receive a discounted fee to sign up.) He is hoping to make the shows a

once-a-month regular event through the early spring.  
"Obviously we are in a building process for this show," he added. "It's going to take a few shows to really build it to what I envision it being."  
He's hopeful that the event will grow, with more vendors and exhibitors being added as it gains a foothold in the collecting community.

And, ultimately, he hopes it becomes a regular fairgrounds feature and an opportunity for others to join him in enjoying the nostalgia of their youth.  
"It's just been a lot of fun to bond with friends over something like this and to just kind of relive a hobby I forgot I had so much passion for when I was younger," he said. "It's just been a lot of fun."

## CR almanac

Friday 10/13	Saturday 10/14	Sunday 10/15	Monday 10/16	Tuesday 10/17
<b>74/53</b>	<b>60/44</b>	<b>54/40</b>	<b>53/40</b>	<b>54/42</b>
Friday has a 30% chance of rain in the afternoon or evening. The low at night may hit 53.	Rain is expected Saturday with an 80% chance of showers and a low around 44 degrees.	There's a 40% chance of showers on Sunday. Overnight, the low may dip to 40 degrees.	Monday's forecast shows a 40% chance of rain during the day under mostly cloudy skies.	There's a chance of rain Tuesday. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high of 54.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$1.725 billion	Evening Daily Three: 9-3-1 Daily Four: 8-2-1-2 Quick Draw: 2-3-11-14-15-17-18-20-22-23-26-29-32-38-46-51-53-62-66-73
<b>Mega Millions</b> 3-8-17-46-63 Mega Ball: 7 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$48 million	<b>Ohio</b> Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 2-1-8 Pick 4: 1-3-6-4 Pick 5: 8-3-8-3-1 Evening Pick 3: 7-6-7 Pick 4: 0-2-8-3 Pick 5: 7-0-6-5-9 Rolling Cash: 4-12-23-59-61-62-65-66-68-71-75 37-39
<b>Hoosier</b> Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 9-5-6 Daily Four: 3-8-5-5 Quick Draw: 8-11-24-25-31-35-39-41-44-46-54-55-59-61-62-65-66-68-71-75	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....5.32 Late Oct. corn.....4.72 Wheat .....4.86	Dec. beans .....12.50 Wheat ..... 4.70
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....5.32 Oct. corn .....4.72 Oct./Nov. corn .....5.17	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.56 Nov. corn .....4.61 Beans .....12.13 Nov. beans .....12.23 Wheat .....5.15
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.62 Dec. corn .....4.72 Beans .....11.98	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....5.27 Oct. corn .....4.72 Beans .....11.92 Jan. beans .....12.36 Oct. wheat .....4.60

## Today in history

In 1810, Munich, Germany, held the first Oktoberfest celebration. It involved a horse race to celebrate the marriage of the crown prince of Bavaria.  
In 1901, the name of the president's residents at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington, D.C., was officially changed by President Theodore Roosevelt to The White House. It had previously been known as the Executive Mansion.  
In 1935, opera singer Luciano Pavarotti was born in Modena, Italy. He is considered one of the best singers of the 20th century, having performed solo and as part of the "Three Tenors" along with Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras. He has won five Grammy Awards and a Kennedy Center Honor in 2001.  
In 1968, Equatorial Guinea gained its independence from Spain. It had been under European colonial rule for centuries, most recently by Spain since the mid 1800s.  
In 1998, Matthew Shepard died in Fort Collins, Colorado, after being beaten and left in the cold by two men several days earlier in Laramie, Wyoming. He was lured to a local bar and attacked because of his homosexuality. The play "The Laramie Project" chronicles his death through interviews with the residents of Laramie.  
In 2003, Kyle Carpenter scored both goals for the Jay County High School boys soccer team as it defeated the Anderson Highland Scots 2-0 to close the regular season.  
In 2021, Jay County High School graduate Garrett Krieg was hired as the South Adams boys basketball coach. Krieg, who played for the Patriots' 2011 sectional championship team, had spent one year leading the Southwestern Spartans in Shelbyville.

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 5 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., 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, 201 S. Main St.	1616 N. Franklin St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council work session, village hall, 201 S. Main St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
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## Celebrating mural

Jay County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony recently for the new mural on the north side of Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. The City of Portland in partnership with Portland Main Street Connect and Arts Place, received a \$10,000 grant in April from Indiana Destination Development Corporation for the mural as part of more than \$400,000 in funding awarded for IN Indiana Public Art Activation projects.

## Boosts ...

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The attacks come at a time when the president has already struggled to maintain support for Ukraine in its battle with Russia and as turmoil among Republicans in Congress has left the House of Representatives without a leader.  
Biden along with counterparts in Germany, France, Italy and the

United Kingdom spoke in a call on Monday and afterward released a statement that renewed their support for Israel and condemned Hamas.  
Meanwhile, China, which has increasingly sought to assert itself as a global peacemaker, issued an initial statement Sunday that avoided naming an aggressor and failed

to offer any specific offer of immediate assistance. It later said that it was "saddened" by the casualties.  
More than 1,000 Israelis have been killed and thousands more have been wounded or taken hostage, according to the Israeli Embassy in Washington. Gaza authorities reported 830 dead there.

## Data ...

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The Legislative Services Agency also examined the cost to students to complete different degrees, with tables noting each institution's most and least expensive programs. But even that information came with caveats.

Oddly high and low dollar amounts — like a \$40,000 short-term certification in multimedia design at the Indiana University regional campuses — prompted Spears to warn of possible "data issues."

Ball State wasn't able to provide the data required and was excluded, and Vincennes could only offer partial information.

Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, also observed that the costs reported were "sticker prices."

"That's not what everyone pays," he said, after scholarships.

What students and their families actually owe, DeLaney said, is "the essential question."

The Legislative Services Agency also collected data showing massive dispari-

ties between student-facing faculty — even excluding adjunct educators — and administrators.

Spears said formatting this information was also challenging, as some institutions may have converted faculty pay to full-time salaries differently, and may or may not have included other benefits in those calculations.

Seven institutions submitted narratives fleshing out their data, but just one presented before the committee Tuesday, prompting rebuke from some legislators.

Ivy Tech's vice president of legal and public affairs, Mary Jane Michalak, told lawmakers the community college was working diligently to lower costs beyond just tuition and fees.

"That is a huge cost to students, and that is a cost that is not transparent to students when they ... sign up for a class," Michalak said. She cited research showing that students who can't afford materials often go without.

### Bryant Area Community Center Pulled Pork Dinner

October 14, 2023  
4:00 - 7:00pm  
Dine In/Drive thru/ Carry Out  
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# Helping others has health benefits

By BRAD EDMONDSON

Research shows that there are many benefits of giving, not just for the recipients but also for the health and wellness of those doing the giving.

Studies also show the same benefits can come from donating and volunteering your time.

## What are the health benefits of helping others?

Helping others can have numerous health benefits, including the following:

- Lowering blood pressure
- Reducing stress
- Promoting the release of

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endorphins which are the chemicals in the brain that produce positive feelings and make people feel good

- Boosting social connections with others
- Improving community resources

## How can I help others?

There are many ways to help others including monetary donations, donating goods and volunteering. There are many local organizations that are looking for volunteers and that accept financial donations or goods such as food items and clothing.

Even if you are on a limited budget, there are numerous ways to help such as helping a neighbor with yard work, visiting someone in a nursing home, donating blood or providing free babysitting for a family friend. No matter the size of the gift,

donation or volunteer project, the benefits can be widespread.

## Where can I help?

There are many different groups and organizations that can use assistance such as donations and volunteers. Some places include nursing homes, churches, hospitals, libraries, animal shelters, community foundations and not-for-profit organizations.

Edmondson is the director of philanthropy for the East Central Region, Indiana University Health Foundation.

# Marriage licenses

Nathaniel M. Schmit, 24, Portland, and Macey S. Weitzel, 21, Portland

Cheyenne Osborn, 25, Redkey, and Brendon Whited, 27, Portland

Elizabeth M. Caylor, 32, Ridgeville, and Chance E. Rhoads, 39, Ridgeville

Rosina S. Neuen-schwander, 20, Bryant, and Jonas B. Wickey Jr., 21, Geneva

Armando P. Arreola, 43, Portland, and Eleuteria Burgos, 48, Portland

John J. Dsouza, 39, Dunkirk, and April D. Steinmetz, 42, Dunkirk

# Husband volunteers wife to care for patients

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for 38 years. It has been a happy marriage for the most part; we rarely disagree or argue. The problem is, his parents are both very sick. His mom has Alzheimer's, and his father was just diagnosed with stage-4 cancer — he'll probably die within six months.

My husband wants us to sell our home and move in with his parents. He says that way we can take care of them both with the caregivers who are there most of the day. He works full time and says the burden will mostly fall on me. Should I agree to this?

We are empty nesters, so this will affect no one but my husband and me. I'm leaning toward yes. But my husband

## Dear Abby



has two sisters and a brother, and I'll be doing something these others won't do for their parents. I have already taken care of my parents as well as a sick brother and buried them all. I have no family left. Please, give me some advice. — DONE THIS BEFORE IN TEXAS

DEAR DONE THIS: A LOT more discussion needs to take place before you agree to this or not. As you stated,

your husband has siblings. How much responsibility are they willing to take financially, if not with hands-on caregiving?

Your father-in-law could live longer than six months, becoming increasingly dependent upon physical care. When he's gone, your mother-in-law's mental health will diminish, and she will become increasingly helpless until her demise. People have been known to suffer with Alzheimer's for many years. If you sell your home and move in with the in-laws, you may have some money, but you will have no freedom — and, if this proves to be too much for you, you may feel trapped.

Having done this for your

parents and brother, you know what you will be facing. Do not allow yourself to be railroaded or guilted into shouldering this responsibility. If you have a trusted friend or adviser — a doctor, lawyer or clergyperson — run this scenario by them. Do NOTHING until you have thought this through.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend I sometimes invite over for dinner. Invariably, when I offer him seconds, he'll say "no thanks, but I'll take it home." The same thing happens if I offer him a beer or soda — "No thanks, but I'll take it home." It doesn't feel right to me and I'm not sure how to express that I'm offering this NOW, not as a doggie bag. Or should I stop

offering him seconds? He doesn't have money issues, so he doesn't need to do this. Do you think I'm overreacting? — BAFLED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BAFLED: Yes, I do. That he wants to take the food you prepare home to enjoy the next day (I presume — unless he intends it to be a midnight snack) is a compliment. However, since it bothers you, tell him that if he isn't going to eat it with you, your offer is rescinded.

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 [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Community Calendar

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

## Thursday

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

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.

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at Pizza Hut in Portland.

AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at the post at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

## Friday

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

## Saturday

LOCALS MARKET — Is held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in May through October on East Main Street in Portland. For more information, contact The Flower Nook at (260) 726-7166.

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 — BRINNA'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 United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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

## Tuesday

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

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-

GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

A BETTER LIFE — BRINNA'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.

# Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

## Wednesday's Solution

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5	1	7	2	4	6	8	3	9
3	2	4	5	9	8	1	7	6
6	7	2	4	8	1	3	9	5
4	8	9	3	7	5	6	1	2
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# Hoosiers might be too squirrel-like

By MORTON J. MARCUS

The walnut trees are bombarding my roof and bringing joy to the squirrels.

I admit to an affinity with the squirrels. They get hold of a nice round green ball, chew off the covering and have a delicious nut for a meal.

The federal statistical agencies, and sometimes those of the state, drop luscious data for me. All I have to do is import these treasures into my computer and chew assiduously to find the nourishment within.

So it was in the middle of last week. The Bureau of Economic Analysis brought forth new data concerning state Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and employment.

## Eye on the Pie



In the past five years, 2017 to 2022, with all their rollercoaster events (COVID, massive federal assistance, inflation and inflation-fighting increases in interest rates), Indiana added 237,000-plus jobs. That's a 6.1% increase, 22nd-highest of the 50 states. The nation had an 8.2% increase.

At the same time, Real GDP (adjusted for inflation) grew by

11.3% nationally and 10.8% in Indiana; again we were 22nd in the nation.

Put those two facts together and you come up with Real GDP (output) per Job (input) and Indiana moves from 26th place in the country to 19th!

This is the kind of news our economic development folks should be playing up big time. At the margin, looking at the change in Real GDP per Job, Indiana was 15th in the nation, with a 4.4% increase compared to the national 2.9% growth rate. We're well ahead of each of our neighboring states.

How do we manage this? Don't tell anyone. We do it by paying workers middling wages (26th highest in 2022)

and not hiring more workers as fast as we increase output.

To be clear, workers here means everyone, even those in HR (human resources) and in the big corner offices.

This is a national trend. I get you a bigger shovel to dig graves and you get the job done faster. Together, my shovel and your effort, lets us prepare more graves in a week and we get paid more money. We call it an increase in labor productivity.

On average in Indiana, in 2017 labor got 51.6% of GDP, 35th highest in the nation. By 2022, with bigger shovels, GDP was up 24% and labor was getting paid 20% more. Thus, labor's share of the output's

value (the GDP) declined to 49.9% (37th in the U.S.).

This was the case in 40 of the 50 states in the past five years. Labor's share of the value produced declined as we became more productive with equipment requiring less physical effort, but often a complex understanding of the task being done.

Is this fair? For the squirrels, the walnuts fall every other year. As far as I can tell, fairness is not discussed among squirrels. Perhaps too many Hoosiers work like squirrels.

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# Consolidation, focus on fact

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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It's hard to separate the sentimentality tied to your high school years from a fact-based discussion about school consolidation. But it needs to be done.

I get it. I loved my Ohio high school and I have amazing memories of being a Wildcat. But I came from a small district and as an adult I know that, had we consolidated with the nearby town, all students would have been better prepared for the future.

It is this focus that the Indiana Chamber of Commerce is bringing to a push for lawmakers to consolidate school districts with fewer than 2,000 students.

It's not a new idea — it goes back to at least 2017.

That's when a Ball State University study found students in smaller districts fared worse on standardized tests and in Advanced Placement classes. The chamber is updating that study now, and will likely push the idea in the 2024 budget session.

And the problem is getting worse.

Kevin Brinegar, the outgoing chamber president and CEO, said he's still awaiting final results, but new data shows the number of school districts with fewer than 2,000 students has increased by six: to 56% of all districts.

So why is the number 2,000 important?

"Students attending small school corporations (enrollment of less than 2,000 students) face resource constraints that impede secondary school performance, as measured by standardized test scores and pass rates. These constraints are likely to restrict post-secondary educational opportunities and outcomes," the 2017 report said.

In other words, smaller school corporations simply offer less to their students, whether that's in the number of foreign languages, advanced placement or STEM classes. It simply isn't feasible to hire teachers for these more tailored courses with so few students taking them.

Consolidation can work.

To begin the 2018-19 school year, Rockville and Turkey Run High Schools combined to form a new 9-12 grade high school called Parke Heritage High School located at the for-

## Niki Kelly



mer Rockville Junior-Senior High School location. The new 6-8 grade middle school formed is called Parke Heritage Middle School, and is located at the former Turkey Run Junior-Senior High School location.

"This consolidation brings many new opportunities to our students, both in the classroom and on the athletic field," the district website says. "The NCP staff has strived to maintain the heritage of the former schools while moving forward in the best interest of our students. We are striving to celebrate the past while shaping the future."

That 2017 study found that if small school corporations increased their size to around 2,000 students, they'd see an increase in the average student's performance on the SAT of 20.5 points, a 14.9 percentage-point increase in share of students passing AP exams, an additional 4 percentage-point increase on end-of-course assessment pass rates in algebra and biology, and a 5 percentage point-increase in the 8th grade then-ISTEP pass rate.

I understand the attachment people have to a school and a mascot and how much it becomes a part of the community. But I hope more counties will examine whether one robust, thriving district is better for the community as a whole than two smaller, struggling districts that aren't adequately preparing its students for the future.

We need students ready to fulfill jobs if the state is to grow — and that includes in the struggling rural parts of the state.

While some might fear a consolidation will lead to further decay or rural cities and towns, I believe it could lead to a renaissance.

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# Stay curious, expand your mind

By MOLLY GUPTILL MANNING

Miami Herald  
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In May 1945, shortly after V-E Day, a U.S. Army general visited Gertrude Stein in Paris and asked the author how to maintain peace and freedom.

Stein's advice: Don't become sheep.

Stein watched the tidal wave of authoritarianism wash over Germany and then flood Europe in the 1930s and 1940s. She observed how the Nazis cultivated a docile group of followers by harnessing the written word. The tide and accuracy of information were manipulated to stimulate a singular ideological mindset. Through repetition, misinformation became familiar. And once familiar, malleable minds yielded to the ideas they had been steeped in.

To achieve this herd mentality, mass media was transformed into a vehicle of thought control. Germany's own newspapers were the first laboratory for mental conditioning. To force publishers into submission, Germany passed the 1933 Editorial Control Law, which required newspapers to print stories the Nazi government selected and to coat them with a heavy varnish of propaganda. Non-compliance resulted in a visit from the Gestapo.

Writers had two options: Obey or quit. Most needed a paycheck, and so they held their noses and followed the law. Practically overnight, all publications began to feed the public a steady diet of propaganda cloaked as news. The absence of debate, disagreement and a variety of viewpoints made the refrains seem absolute.

As the German Army swept across Europe beginning in 1939 and nations fell to Nazi occupation, newspapers either printed what the Nazis told them to or closed. Across Europe, many journalists resigned rather than collaborate with the Nazis. Their liberty had been stolen; they would not be robbed of telling the truth. Joining underground networks of anti-Nazi collaborators, saboteurs, and resisters, they snuck into closed printing plants and published papers containing honest stories under the



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cover of night and blackout curtains. To be caught meant death. To these individuals, freedom was worth even this hefty price.

While the Nazis used law and compulsion to ensure people were exposed to a single view, today we do this to ourselves. Our choices are turning us into the sheep that Stein had warned against.

Many of us gorge on news programs and social media that spoon-feed us a diet of viewpoints we already ascribe to. If a story or idea pops up that challenges what we believe, we switch to another program or flag it as content we do not want to see again. Algorithms ensure that our minds are bathed in beliefs that are ideologically consistent with our existing world view. New content is recommended based on things we've liked in the past. It is so easy to avoid people and messages that challenge our ideas.

Under these circumstances, many people have saturated themselves with a singular perspective, with no room for questioning or new information. To see nothing but a self-curated version of the world creates the false impression that it is infallibly correct. It is no wonder that political polarization divides us. We're building fences and forming herds.

The destruction and banning of books was a second literary battlefield that paved the way to a sheep mentality during World War II. It started with book burnings across Germany in May 1933 and grew until thousands of titles and authors were banned across all of Nazi-occupied Europe; an estimated 100 million books were taken off of shelves because they harbored some nugget of truth that threatened the

Nazis' toxic beliefs. Many authors we continue to read today were swept from the stacks — Langston Hughes, Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck, H.G. Wells, D.H. Lawrence, Albert Einstein, Helen Keller, Sigmund Freud, Voltaire, Victor Hugo, Tolstoy and thousands more. Why? They weren't Aryan, or their writing was perceived as "degrading" Nazi values.

Today's literary landscape is gaining a strong resemblance to one of the most dangerous periods of the past. In the United States of 2023, books are being removed from shelves and deemed "harmful" because the words cradled between two covers are antagonistic to those making the decision to cull them. The values of a handful are removing choices for the masses. Meanwhile, we saturate ourselves with media that are consistent with our preconceived notions, leaving no room for growth, knowledge or changing minds. Whether through book bans or self-curated content, ideas are being removed and excluded from circulation.

Disagreement strengthens democracy. By hearing opposing viewpoints, we build understanding and foster a climate of respect and compromise. By learning and opening ourselves to new facts, we can adjust our perspectives to fit the ever-growing body of knowledge that exists. Information and debate sharpen ideas and allow us to create better ones. We do not live in a static world and we cannot afford to limit our minds to one.

When democracy was under attack in the 1940s, our grandparents took to the streets to protest Germany's book bans, they bought record-breaking numbers of books to fill their minds with ideas and they subscribed to a phalanx of periodicals and newspapers to keep informed. They were wolves.

Let's be like them.

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asburyministries.org

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1217 W. Votaw St., Portland  
Michael Burk  
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Pamela Freeman  
Services: 9 a.m.

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Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk  
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**Bluff Point Friends**  
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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Services: 9:30 a.m.

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Paul VanCise  
(260) 997-6231  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.  
bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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301 N. Main St., Dunkirk  
Susan Durovey-Antrim  
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susan.duroveyantrim@in.unc.org

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Quentin Elsea  
(419) 733-1469  
christchapelfr.com

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**Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)**  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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(260) 766-9334  
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
nanybell@yahoo.com

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

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

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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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Wayne Ward  
(260) 726-7714  
Services: 10 a.m.

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

**Dunkirk Nazarene**  
226 E. Center St., Dunkirk  
Tom Fett  
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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

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

**Faith Community**  
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Joe Schmit  
(260) 251-5254  
Services: 10 a.m.

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

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

**First American Baptist**  
427 S. Main St., Dunkirk  
Dan Coffman  
(765) 768-7157  
Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

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

**First Community Baptist**  
341 S. Meridian St., Redkey  
Everett Bilbrey Jr.  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

**First Free Will Baptist**  
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

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

**Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene**  
401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery  
Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff  
(419) 375-4680  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
frnaz@frontier.com

**Fort Recovery United Methodist**  
309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery  
Rev. David Porath  
(419) 678-2071  
Services: 9 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Hopewell of Life Ministries**  
County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1  
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(260) 251-8581  
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**Immaculate Conception Catholic**  
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Fr. Martin Sandhage  
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Stuart Phillips  
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**Mary Help of Christians**  
403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery  
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(419) 375-4153  
Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

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

**Mount Zion United Methodist**  
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Rev. Darrell Borders  
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Services: 9 a.m.

**New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine**  
4017 W. 200 South  
Randy Smith  
(260) 251-2406  
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nbholiness.com

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1238 W. 450 South  
Chuck Myers  
(260) 251-0063  
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415 S. Helen St., Portland  
Dr. Kay Fairchild  
(260) 755-6354  
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drkayfairchild.com

**New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist**  
5905 S. Como Road  
Neil Butcher  
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Services: 9 a.m.

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

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

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9945 N. 800 East, Union City  
Bruce Bryan  
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mypleasanthillchurch.org

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Steve Cecil  
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Services: 10:45 a.m.

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Herb Hummel  
(260) 202-9732  
Services: 10 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9 a.m.

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

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

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

**Redkey First Christian**  
Union and Malin streets  
Jeff Hammers  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**Redkey United Methodist**  
122 W. Main St.  
Lori McIntosh  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Redkey Church of the Nazarene**  
801 W. High St.  
Chuck Hollandbeck  
(765) 369-2676  
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**River of Life**  
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1605 N. Meridian St., Portland  
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matt@therockjc.org

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(260) 335-2017  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Second Chance at Life Ministries**  
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Mike Eads (260) 703-0733  
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Rev. Kevin Hurley  
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**St. Paul Catholic**  
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Rev. Alexander Witt  
Services: 11 a.m. Sunday

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

**Sugar Grove Nazarene**  
County roads 400 North and 550 West  
Rev. Mike Heckman  
(260) 731-4733  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. (the 2nd and 4th Sunday at Pennville Park from June through September)

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

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

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4487 E. 400 North  
(260) 726-6311  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
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churchatwestchester.org

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301 N. Wayne St., Fort Recovery  
Robin Owen  
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pastorrobino@gmail.com

**Trinity ArchBridge Church**  
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Dan Vore  
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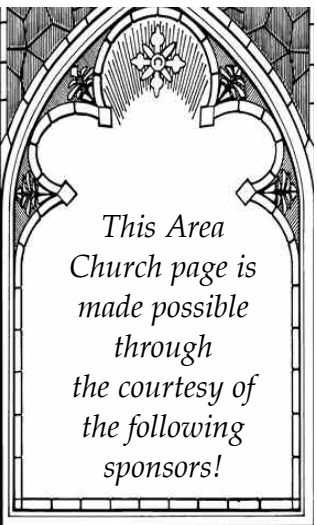
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**Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene**  
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Fred Stevens  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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

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

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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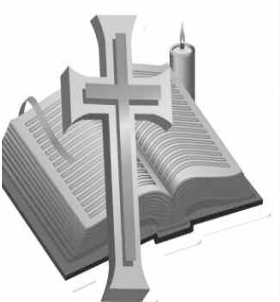
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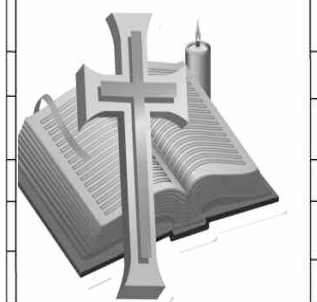
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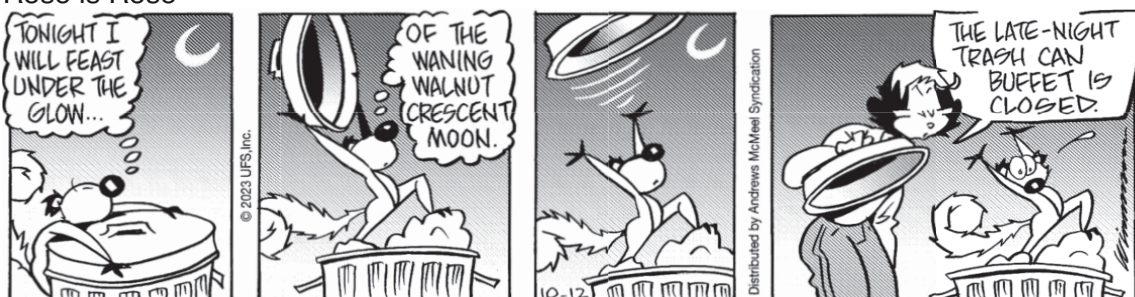


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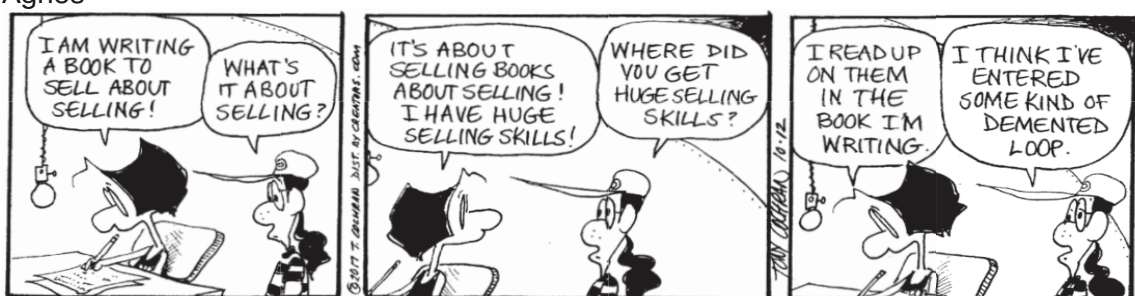
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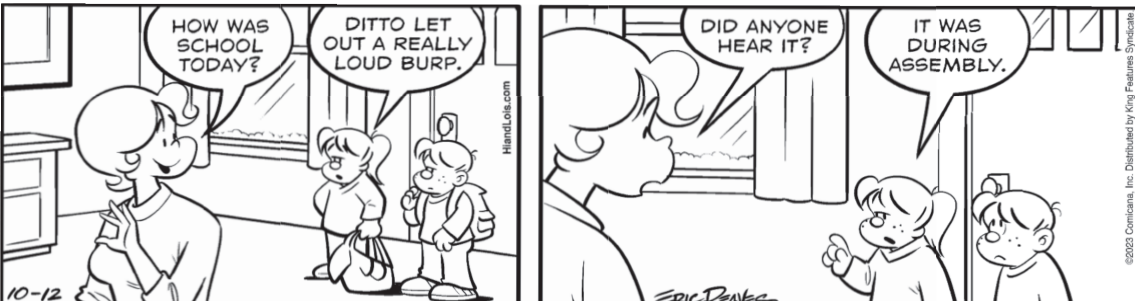
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Friday - 7 p.m.

Heritage  
Patriots

Monroeville, 7-1 (4-1)  
Coach: Casey Kolkman,  
fourth year (14th overall)

Conference: Allen County

Last week vs. Southern Wells: Heritage gave up a 55-yard rushing touchdown but otherwise shut down Southern Well's offense for a 61-7 victory. Quarterback Kobe Meyer totaled 39 yards and two touchdowns on just seven completed passes as four players recorded rushing touchdowns.

Season leaders: Passing — Kobe Meyer — 76-of-132 for 907 yards and 15 TDs. Rushing — Kobe Meyer — 133 carries for 873 yards and 10 TDs. Receiving — Zeke Litchfield — 17 receptions for 324 yards and seven TDs. Defense — Caleb Abbott — 43 tackles and 2.5 for loss, Logan Teichman — 27 tackles and 11 for a loss.



at  
Jay County  
Patriots

Portland, 4-4 (2-3)  
Coach: Grant Zgunda, third year (26th overall)  
Conference: Allen County

Last week vs. Lapel: After only committing four turnovers in the first seven games, the Patriots coughed up the ball four times in a 28-7 loss to Lapel. The Bulldogs scored a touchdown in every quarter while the Patriots' only score came in the second.

Season leaders: Passing — Sean Bailey — 44-of-80 for 705 yards and 10 TDs. Rushing — A.J. Myers — 175 carries for 816 yards and 10 TDs. Receiving — Justin DeHoff — 12 receptions for 317 yards and four TDs. Defense — Garrett Bennett — 55 tackles, and five for a loss.



Last season: Heritage jumped on the Jay County for 44 first-half points while blanking them until a 34-yard pick six from Lucas Strait put JCHS on the board with seven minutes left. Heritage carried the ball into the endzone six times.

Game notes: This is the 13th meeting all time between Jay County and Heritage, with the latter holding a 7-5 lead. ... JCHS has dropped four of its last five games after starting the season 3-0. ... A win for Jay County would snap a streak of six losing seasons. ... CalPreps.com lists Heritage as an 24-point favorite.

Indians sweep New Knoxville

NEW KNOXVILLE, Ohio — All of the Indians found ways to contribute.

Five players had more than five kills. Five players had two or more aces. Five players had at least one block.

It was a team effort and an overwhelming offensive attack that powered the Division III No. 10 Fort Recovery High School volleyball team to a 25-21, 25-17, 25-15 victory over its Midwest Athletic Conference-foe, the New Knoxville Rangers, on Tuesday.

For the first time this season, Paige Guggenbiller was the leader in kills for the Indians (16-5, 6-2 MAC). She was successful on eight attacks and added a block as well.

Behind Guggenbiller were Teigan Fortkamp and Kennedy Muhlenkamp with seven kills each while Saige Leuthold and Mara Pearson each had six. Karlie Neikamp had the final kill.

Avery Albers's six kills was the most for New Knoxville (5-16, 1-7 MAC) who were held to 19 kills.

Joining Guggenbiller's defensive effort at the net were Fortkamp, Leuthold, Neikamp and Pearson. Leuthold led all Indians with three blocks. Neikamp had two while Fortkamp and Pearson both sent back one attack each.

Kayla Heitkamp had a strong day behind the serv-



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

FRHS senior Paige Guggenbiller rises up for an attack on Monday during the Indians' three-set victory over Ansonia. She had five kills in the game, and improved on that number Tuesday as she had eight against New Knoxville.

ice line for Fort Recovery. She was 10-for-12 on serves and aced the Rangers four times. She contributed on both sides of the ball, digging out six attacks and assisting her teammates 13 times. Muhlenkamp had

only one more assist as the other setter.

Muhlenkamp, Fortkamp, Pearson and Cali Wendel all had two aces, while Megan Evers had one to create a 13-2 difference between the teams.

The Indians currently sit fourth in the MAC and will travel to play the Division IV No. 2 New Bremen Cardinals who are in a three-way tie for first place with Coldwater and St. Henry at 7-1.

Minshew ...

Continued from page 8  
Minshew read the defense before the snap, absorbed a big hit and got the ball out quickly to wide receiver Alec Pierce for a 10-yard reception to extend the drive. Indianapolis capped the series with a Matt Gay field goal that pushed the lead to seven points with just one minute to play.

"Just to see the leverage of the

defense and the blitz they were bringing there — seeing it and really getting it back over to Alec on that and Alec making a huge play," Steichen said. "Just seeing the leverage of the corner, knowing that he can get that ball out quick to him and get that completion, it was huge — a tremendous, tremendous play in the game."

Moments like that give the Colts

confidence they can count on the backup quarterback when times get tough.

When Minshew entered the Tennessee game with a little more than four minutes remaining in the first half, no one flinched.

He inspired his teammates literally from the moment he stepped into the huddle, and together they got the job done.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today  
Jay County — Volleyball sectional vs. Centerville at New Castle — 7 p.m.; Junior high football vs. Elwood — 5:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Volleyball at New Bremen — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school football vs. Anna — 5 p.m.  
Friday  
Jay County — Football vs. Heritage — 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Football at Anna — 7 p.m.

TV sports

Today  
6:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies (TBS)  
7 p.m. — College football: West Virginia at Houston (FS1)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: SMU at East Carolina (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — Division II college football: Fort Valley State at Benedict College (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Dallas Stars (Bally Indiana)  
9:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: Los Angeles Dodgers at Arizona Diamondbacks (TBS)

Friday  
6 p.m. — College soccer: Wisconsin at Rutgers (BTN)

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(ESPN2)

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Water will be provided throughout the race, as well as a to-go turkey meal at the end.  
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# Sports

## Colts confident in Minshew

By **GEORGE BREMER**

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)  
Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — Minshew Mania is back.

Gardner Minshew has finished three victories in relief of rookie Anthony Richardson this season, and the 27-year-old will be the Indianapolis Colts' starting quarterback for the immediate future.

Colts head coach Shane Steichen confirmed Monday that Richardson is dealing with an AC joint injury in his throwing shoulder. National media reports suggest the injury will

sideline the 21-year-old for four-to-six weeks, but Steichen declined to speculate on the severity of the injury or a timetable for recovery.

Richardson is undergoing further evaluation.

In the meantime, Minshew will lead Indianapolis (3-2) in Sunday's AFC South first-place showdown on the road against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"It's tough to see any of the guys go down with an injury," defensive lineman Dayo Odeyingbo said. "This is obviously a physical game we play, and everybody wants to be out on

that field, and when you have a player that's that dynamic and that talented (as Richardson), obviously everybody wants to be able to see him play, whether it's fans or players.

"So it's tough to see him be hurt, but at the end of the day we have a great quarterback in Gardner, and everybody on this team believes in him. He's shown up every time that he's needed to, come in the game and won games. So obviously it's tough to see AR have to work through those injuries and take some time off. But everybody's still excited to see what Gard-

ner's gonna do, and we all have full faith in him."

Minshew was 11-of-14 for 155 yards in Sunday's 23-16 victory against the Tennessee Titans, rallying the Colts from a 13-10 third-quarter deficit and leading the team to its first home victory since Oct. 16, 2022.

He's appeared in all five games this season and has completed 68.7% of his passes for 553 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions.

Minshew spent the last two seasons with Steichen on the Philadelphia Eagles, and his knowledge and comfort level

with the offensive scheme has been apparent from the first practice in the spring.

Much has been made about the veteran's intangibles — leadership, poise and confidence — but he's made some big plays when called up on.

With just over three minutes remaining in the fourth quarter against the Titans, Minshew faced third-and-6 at Tennessee's 45-yard line. The Titans brought a seven-man pass rush in an attempt to stall the drive and get the ball back with a four-point deficit.

See **Minshew** page 7



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## Eight drivers move on in Cup Series

### Strong first stage helps Reddick move to Round of 8

By **SHANE CONNUCK**

The Charlotte Observer  
Tribune News Service

AJ Allmendinger has won at the Charlotte Roval.

His first victory of the season and first since 2021, Sunday's race marked the first time that a Kaulig Racing driver led the most laps in a NASCAR Cup Series race. Allmendinger, who's usually strong on road courses but couldn't win one yet this season, led for 44 laps after running toward the front of the pack for the entire race.

Tyler Reddick started on the pole and went wire-to-wire to win Stage 1, and then Chase Elliott passed him and eventually won Stage 2. For the second straight week, the race was mostly green until the final stage, with the only two yellow flags coming toward the ends of the first two stages.

Ross Chastain, Kyle Busch, Bubba Wallace and Brad Keselowski have been eliminated from the NASCAR Cup Series playoffs.

Here are the drivers who have advanced to the Round of 8:

link broke as he turned on the front chicane.

He was removed from the race under the damaged vehicle policy and finished 37th. Still, Hamlin had already secured his playoff spot.

**Christopher Bell**

Toward the end of Stage 1, Bell's crew chief, Adam Stevens, instructed the driver of the No. 20 car to pit, despite running in second place. But Bell executed an efficient pit stop and only fell to fifth place — still earning stage points while keeping his track position.

Bell, who finished 15th, ran in the Top 5 for a significant portion of the race and led for seven laps.

**Chris Buescher**

Buescher, who went on a run late in the regular season, entered Sunday fifth in the playoff standings.

The No. 17 car's team decided to pit late in Stage 2, giving Buescher good position to start the final stage, and Buescher quickly made his way into the Top 5. He finished seventh.

**Martin Truex Jr.**

The regular season champion, who won at the Bank of America 500 in Concord in 2017, ran around the middle of the pack for most of Sunday's race.

He came in 20th, with enough points to stay above the elimination line.

**Tyler Reddick**

Reddick, who entered Sunday two points below the cut line, started on the pole and led for the entire first stage. That gave him 10 stage points early.

Chase Elliott passed him, and Reddick continued running toward the front of the field, ultimately finishing sixth.

**Kyle Larson**

Using a backup car and starting the race in 36th, Larson worked through the field but couldn't consistently stay with the fastest cars. He entered Sunday sitting seventh in the playoff standings, 15 points above the elimination line.

Early in the final stage, his crew chief, Cliff Daniels, told him he would have to finish fifth or better to advance. Larson finished 13th, but it was good enough.

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