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Process paused

Portland Board of Works holds off on contract, will allow time for commission to develop plan

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

Local officials made clear that something needs to be done about the former Hunt's building.

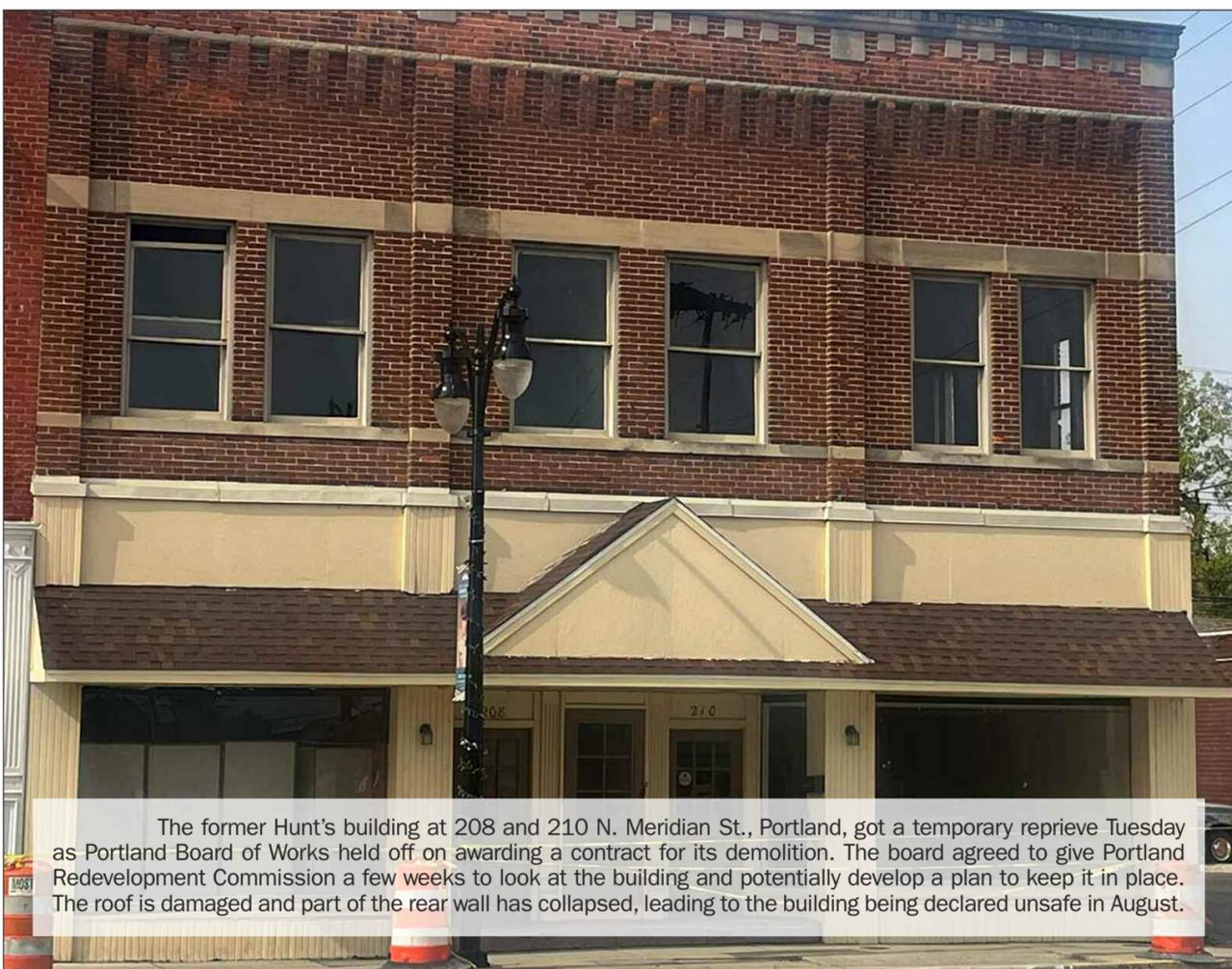
But demolition is not imminent, yet.

Portland Board of Works held off on awarding a bid for the demolition of the building during a special meeting Tuesday, agreeing to give Portland Redevelopment Commission some time to potentially develop a plan to save the structure.

Ed Curtin, a consultant with CWC Latitudes who assists the redevelopment commission, visited Portland City Council's meeting Monday night to ask that the city wait to award a bid for the demolition of the building. (The structure was declared unsafe in August and bids to tear it down were opened during the board of works' regular Oct. 5 meeting. The board had been slated to vote to award a contract Tuesday.)

While no one from the redevelopment commission attended the meeting Tuesday, its president, Rusty Inman, sent a letter to board of works members Jerry Leonhard, Steve McIntosh and Mayor John Boggs requesting that the process toward demolition be paused. He indicated that a meeting is scheduled for Nov. 10 to look at the building and discuss possibilities.

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The former Hunt's building at 208 and 210 N. Meridian St., Portland, got a temporary reprieve Tuesday as Portland Board of Works held off on awarding a contract for its demolition. The board agreed to give Portland Redevelopment Commission a few weeks to look at the building and potentially develop a plan to keep it in place. The roof is damaged and part of the rear wall has collapsed, leading to the building being declared unsafe in August.

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Allies try to stake out middle ground

By **TRACY WILKINSON**
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

Major Arab allies of the United States say they do not support Hamas or its brutal assault on Israel but that they also oppose the U.S. agenda that unreservedly backs Israel in a massive counteroffensive likely to cost the lives of thousands of Palestinian civilians.

In Cairo this week, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Sisi told U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken that the Israeli response already "has gone beyond self-defense" and reached the level of the

Egypt, others say they do not support Hamas, but oppose U.S. agenda

"collective punishment" — the punishment of a population for the crimes of a few and a war crime under the Geneva Conventions.

As for the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas, in which its militants slaughtered more than 1,000 Israeli civilians

and took scores of hostages, Sisi said: "We can unequivocally condemn it, but we need to understand that this is the result of accumulated fury of hatred over four decades, when the Palestinians have no hope to find a solution."

Many of the region's countries have allowed the Palestinian cause to fade in recent years. The United Arab Emirates and Bahrain normalized relations with Israel in 2020, joining Egypt and Jordan as the only countries in the region with which it has formal diplomatic ties. Saudi Arabia had been considering a similar move.

But a crisis of this proportion has refocused the attention of many Arab governments and especially their citizens, while underscoring the gulf between the United States and its Arab allies.

That was the takeaway

as Blinken traveled to seven countries in four days to drum up support for Israel.

In capital after capital, he publicly emphasized the deadly horrors of the Hamas attack and advocated on behalf of, as he put it, "Israel's right — indeed its obligation — to defend itself" as it launches massive retaliatory airstrikes and possibly a land invasion of the Gaza Strip.

Further down his list of remarks, Blinken added the need to protect Palestinian civilians, who are already dying in Israeli airstrikes — casualties the secretary also blamed prin-

cipally on Hamas, because its initial barrage of atrocities set the current events in motion.

However, many of the leaders Blinken sat down with across the Arab world had a different top priority: de-escalating violence, protecting the 2.2 million people of Gaza and opening up humanitarian aid channels to the Gaza Strip after Israel cut off food, water and electricity to the enclave. While the Biden administration has said it does not want to see more civilian deaths, it has not been willing to publicly advocate restraint or a cease-fire.



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U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, front right, former Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy, R-California, center, and House Majority Whip Tom Emmer, R- Minnesota, left, talk with fellow lawmakers and staff as the House of Representatives meets to elect a new speaker at the U.S. Capitol Building on Tuesday in Washington, D.C. The House has been without an elected leader since McCarthy was ousted from the speakership on Oct. 4.

Jordan falls short again

By **TODD J. GILLMAN**
and **JOSEPH MORTON**
The Dallas Morning News
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan was headed to defeat Wednesday on his second try at becoming speaker of the U.S. House, as new defectors joined the ranks of Republicans who'd stymied him on the first ballot. The post has now been vacant for 15 days.

The rejection prolonged the turmoil and paralysis, with the House unable to conduct any business until the job is filled.

With momentum growing against him, the combative judiciary chairman didn't immediately say whether he will keep trying or step aside to let someone else take a shot.

Given the GOP's slim majority, Jordan could afford only four defections.

Momentum building against Ohio Rep's run for Speaker

There were already five by the time the roll call got to Texas' Rep. Jake Ellzey. The Midlothian Republican cast his vote, as he had Tuesday, for a fellow Navy fighter pilot, Rep. Mike Garcia of California, who cast his own vote for Jordan.

Reps. Kay Granger of Fort Worth and Tony Gonzales of San Antonio voted for House Majority Leader Steve Scalise, as they had on the first ballot.

The other 22 Texas Republicans stuck with Jordan.

Granger herself got one vote, from Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, an Iowa moderate who'd backed Jordan on the first ballot despite qualms about his impact in her swing district.

There had been no signs of any shift in Jordan's favor as lawmakers filled the chamber for the second ballot.

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Deaths

John Lewis, 88, rural Bryant
Robert Curtis, 60, Geneva
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 57 degrees Tuesday. The low was 46.

Tonight's forecast calls for rain, winds gusting up to 25 miles per hour and a low in the upper 40s. Expect a cloudy day Friday with a 50% chance of rain and a high in the upper 50s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

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Coming up

Friday — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS football sectional opener against Kokomo.



Short ...

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The House has been without a speaker since Oct. 3, when a rump group of eight conservative hardliners pushed out Kevin McCarthy after he cut a deal to avert a government shutdown that would have begun three days earlier. Republicans control 221 seats in the 435-member House. Two vacancies will be filled next month, with each side expected to pick up one seat. Democrats control 212 seats and stayed unified behind Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-New York, who topped Jordan 212-200 on the first ballot.

Jordan picked up a vote from one Republican who'd been absent Tuesday. Another lawmaker who'd voted against him on the first ballot supported him on the second. But that wasn't nearly enough as several others joined the anti-Jordan resistance. In Tel Aviv, President Joe Biden announced shortly before the second ballot began that he will ask Congress this week for an unprecedented military aid package for Israel. The House won't be able to take up the request until Republicans break their internal impasse.

The Speaker pro tem, Rep. Patrick McHenry, R-North Carolina, has authority only to preside over the election of a new speaker. Jordan floated the idea Wednesday morning of expanding the caretaker speaker's powers temporarily to let the House address urgent legislation. With frustration growing on both sides, the idea got some traction, though members of the hard-right Freedom Caucus — thrilled that one of their own might yet control the agenda — kept pressing for Jordan's elevation.

Capsule Reports

Failed to appear
Two Indiana residents were arrested recently for failing to appear in court. Billie J. Caylor, 43, 204 S. Race St., Richmond, was arrested Monday and is charged in Jay Superior Court with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She failed to appear March 21 for a pre-trial conference in court. Caylor was being held without bond in Jay County Jail. Jesse L. Ishman, 42, 622 E. Water St., Portland, was arrested Tuesday. He's charged in Jay Superior Court with three Level 6 felonies for possession of

methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a syringe and maintaining a common nuisance, along with a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. Ishman failed to appear Sept. 5 for a pre-trial hearing in court. He was being held in Jay County Jail without bond. **Domestic battery**
A Portland resident was arrested Friday for domestic battery. Shana R. Enis, 39, 995 Boundary Pike, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for domestic battery. Enis was being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

CR almanac

Friday 10/20	Saturday 10/21	Sunday 10/22	Monday 10/23	Tuesday 10/24
59/42	57/37	54/33	56/38	66/54
Friday has a 30% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies. The low may be 42.	More rain is possible but not likely Saturday. The low at night may dip into the 30s.	Mostly sunny skies are expected on Sunday, with the low hitting near the freezing point.	Monday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies. At night, the low may dip below the 40s.	Another day of mostly sunny skies is on the horizon for Tuesday, when the high may reach 66.

Lotteries

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$49 million
Evening Daily Three: 8-2-3
Daily Four: 4-0-9-2
Quick Draw: 7-14-15-19-33-34-36-41-43-45-50-51-53-58-63-64-70-74-75-77

Mega Millions
5-6-29-32-61
Mega Ball: 20
Megaplier: 4
Estimated jackpot: \$91 million

Hoosier
Tuesday
Midday
Daily Three: 0-6-8
Daily Four: 9-2-8-0
Quick Draw: 5-11-16-23-26-29-33-34-35-43-44-48-54-59-65-68-70-71-75-80

Ohio
Tuesday
Midday
Pick 3: 0-5-1
Pick 4: 1-3-6-3
Pick 5: 0-1-8-5-7
Evening
Pick 3: 5-8-1
Pick 4: 2-7-9-2
Pick 5: 9-7-9-9-5
Rolling Cash: 11-17-25-35-37

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....4.93
Late Oct. corn.....4.73
Wheat4.83

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....5.03
Oct./Nov. corn4.73
Dec. corn.....4.88

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn4.68
Dec. corn4.78
Beans12.57

Dec. beans12.98
Wheat4.97

ADM Montpelier
Corn.....4.63
Nov. corn.....4.68
Beans12.66
Nov. beans12.71
Wheat5.43

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....4.48
Jan. corn.....4.73
Beans12.42
Nov. beans12.47
Oct. wheat4.98

Today in history

In 1667, author Jonathan Swift was born in Dublin, Ireland. Swift, who was also known by the pseudonym Isaac Bickerstaff, is best known for his 1726 novel "Gulliver's Travels."
In 1781, Gen. Charles Cornwallis of Britain surrendered his 8,000-man army to American Gen. George Washington at Yorktown, Virginia. The surrender essentially ended any opportunity of Britain defeating the colonies in the Revolutionary War.
In 1789, John Jay was sworn in as the first chief justice of the United States Supreme Court. Jay County was named after Jay and is the only county in the United States with that name.
In 1887, the stock market took its largest one-day hit in history as the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped almost 23%.
In 1972, Eugene Clark of Berne, who was in custody for arson charges in Adams County, admitted to a series of arsons in Jay County that destroyed barns and houses, according to Jay County Sheriff Harold Loy.
In 2021, the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team clobbered Midwest Athletic Conference rival St. John's 25-5, 25-12, 25-21 in the opening round of the Division IV sectional tournament. The Indians, who were seeded fourth in the Van Wert District, would go on to fall to third-seeded Crestview in the sectional championship match. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Thursday
6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
5 p.m. — Jay School Board special meeting, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Obituaries

Robert Curtis
Nov. 3, 1962-Oct. 16, 2023
Robert Curtis, 60, Geneva, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are pending at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, Portland.

John Lewis
Sept. 4, 1935-Oct. 17, 2023
John W. Lewis, age 88, of rural Bryant passed away Tuesday October 17, 2023 at Swiss Village in Berne. He was born in Bryant on Sept. 4, 1935, the son of Walter Earl and Edith (Hicks) Lewis. He was a 1954 Poling High School graduate where

he played baseball and basketball. He served in the U.S. Army and enjoyed hunting, snowmobiling and traveling. John was a farmer and worked for 45 years at Fisher Body before retiring. Surviving are two sons, Brent Lewis of Fort Myers, Florida, and Randy Lewis (wife: Laura) of Decatur; one sister, June Reinhart of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Spencer Lewis (wife: Hannah) and Dalton Lewis; and two great-grandsons, Phillip and Xavier Lewis. He was preceded in death by his siblings Cecil, Hubert and Robert



Lewis

Lewis, Louise Miller, Jane Lybarger and Leta Bradley
Funeral services will be Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with burial in the Gravel Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. Memorials can be made to Swiss Village Endowment Fund. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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

Paused ...

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If the group finds it feasible to attempt to rehabilitate the building, it would seek to have a plan two weeks later. "I urge you to consider the long-term benefits of preserving these historic structures and the potential positive impact it could have on our community's assessed value and tax base," said Inman in the letter. "A delay in demolition will allow for a thorough and thoughtful evaluation of all options available, ensuring that no stone is left unturned in the pursuit of preservation." Travis Richards, executive director of Jay County Development Corporation, and LeeAnn Miller, who is renovating an adjacent building to become the home of her interior design business, were in attendance to support the redevelopment commission's request.

Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips spoke to Wes Schemenaur, who represents both the board of works and the redevelopment commission as city attorney. She relayed the message that he is comfortable with waiting a few weeks to allow the redevelopment commission time to potentially put together a plan. McIntosh expressed skepticism about the possibility of saving the building, questioning the integrity of the exterior brick walls. He suggested focusing city funds on other downtown buildings that are also vacant but in better shape. "I'm not in favor of tearing buildings down," said McIntosh. "But if I owned that building, it would come down. I would have to tear it down before I would dump money down and try to fix it, because it scares me." He also questioned the timing of the redevelopment commission's request, pointing out that the process toward demolishing the building began when it was declared unsafe in early August. "Where was the concern back when we started discussing it?" said McIntosh. John Hemmelgarn of Jay/Portland Building and Planning said he does not have a problem with giving the redevelopment commission some time to develop a plan. But he also said the building could be a "money pit," as it has a

leaking roof and interior that's caving in. He said a structural engineer should be involved in the decision-making process. He also said if the redevelopment commission chooses to take on the project, it will need to be barricaded for the winter in order to prevent injury. Bids for demolition of the structure opened earlier this month were \$249,000 from JASHroyer Group of Muncie and \$150,000 from WEU of Portland. Phillips noted Tuesday that WEU does not have the required credentials and certificate of liability insurance to handle the job. She said JASHroyer has also agreed to reduce its number to \$189,000 because it will already be in the city for other work. (The firm was awarded the contract to demolish The Bailey Building at the southwest

corner of Main and Commerce streets.) Miller asked about the city's financial responsibility for securing and weatherproofing her building's shared wall with the former Hunt's building if it is torn down. Phillips indicated that the city would share some financial responsibility, but said Schemenaur has suggested a "wait-and-see" approach. The board also discussed the pending demolition of The Bailey Building after Eric Welch, attorney for the adjacent The Greazy Pickle, expressed concern about the timeline for the demolition. The contract requires that the work begin within 30 days of the contract being awarded (Oct. 5). When work begins, it must be complete within 10 days. Welch suggested

extending the timeline and said he wants to make sure all parties are on the same page before the work begins. (The city and The Greazy Pickle are working out details of an agreement.) He added that he'd like a structural engineer to be on site when work nears the shared wall between the Bailey Building and The Greazy Pickle. (Boggs suggested the city utilize Wessler Engineering, which has worked with the city and is familiar with the building.) The board scheduled another special meeting for 4 p.m. Oct. 27 to review the project with representatives from JASHroyer and The Greazy Pickle and to consider an extension of the timeline.

Swiss Village

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Swiss Village is seeking an individual to work Part-Time as a Healthcare Hostess. This position will be 2-3 days per week, 4pm-7pm, with a weekend rotation. Weekend hours will be 2pm-5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. This position is responsible for assisting the healthcare staff by providing non-medical support services, including passing linens, snacks, and ice waters. Candidates must be at least 15 years old, have an interest in nursing services, and be able to communicate effectively with staff and residents.

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Swiss Village
1350 W. Main St.
Berne, IN 46711
Or e-mail: careers@swissvillage.org

SERVICES

Thursday
Topp, Karen: 10:30 a.m., Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 120 S. Eastmoor Drive, New Bremen, Ohio.

Friday
Smith, Carolyn: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday
Lewis, John: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Garringer, Arthur: 11 a.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 10700 Aboite Center Road, Fort Wayne.

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'Sleepy Hollow' begins next weekend

Wells County has a spooky offering on hand this month.

Creative Arts Council will host its production of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, and 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 in its auditorium at 428 S. Oak St., Bluffton.

The musical brings the story by Washington Irving to life on the stage as Ichabod Crane meets up with the Headless Horseman. It is directed by Otto "Tank" Lowe.

Tickets are \$10 for children 12 and younger and \$15 for adults. They are available at wellscocreativearts.com or by calling (260) 824-5222.

Art exhibition open

It's time to show off artistic talents.

Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Arts Commission announced Monday that submissions are being accepted for the 2024 Hoosier Women Artists Exhibition.

Established in 2008, the exhibition "celebrates the importance of art and creativity in Hoosier communities and highlights the work of talented female artists throughout Indiana." Selected artists will have their work displayed in offices at the Indiana Statehouse and in the governor's residence.

"Every year I look forward to showcasing the work of talented Hoosier women in my office and around the Statehouse,"

Taking Note

said Crouch in a press release. "Hoosier artists have contributed so much to the history of Indiana. I am excited to celebrate their unique talents and see what pieces are submitted this year."

For more information, or to make a submission, visit in.gov/lg/ask-suzanne/hoosier-women-artists. The deadline is Nov. 12.

Auction scheduled

Arts Place will host its annual holiday benefit auction Nov. 17.

This year's event is themed after "A Christmas Story." (Jay County Civic Theatre will present its production of the musical Dec. 7, 8, 9, 15, 16 and 17 at Arts Place.)

The auction will feature refreshments, a silent auction and a live auction.

For more information, email jcc@myartsplace.org or call (260) 726-4809.

Updating passport

Indiana Destination Development Corporation and Indiana Arts Commission announced recently that they

are updating and relaunching the Indiana Arts and Culture Passport.

Those who currently hold passports will need to sign up for a new one at visitindiana.com. The passports encourage visitors to discover new creative places in Indiana.

"From music venues and theaters, to museums and more, communities across Indiana are using art as a way to come together and build a sense of place," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch in a press release. "All of these attractions reflect the values of Hoosiers and create an identity for residents to enjoy and visitors to experience."

Enroll in 4-H

Enrollment is open for the upcoming 4-H year.

Children in third through 12th grades are welcome to join 4-H. Mini 4-H is also offered to kindergarteners through second graders.

The youth development program started more than 100 years back offers a variety of clubs and hands-on experiences for children to learn about their community and world. Jay County Purdue Extension Office advises children to sign up by Jan. 15 for the full experience. Enroll at v2.4honline.com. To learn more, call (260) 726-4707.

Grants available

Indiana Destination Development Corporation has announced the availability of two grants — the Indiana Destination Development Grant and IN Indiana Placemaking Activation Grant.

The placemaking activation grant offers communities the opportunity to create IN Indiana artwork and signage in highly visible locations throughout the state. (The City of Portland, Arts Place and Portland Main Street Connect partnered to receive a grant this year that funded the new mural on the north side of Community Resource Center.) The development grant offers funding for "high-impact projects that raise Indiana's capacity for attracting visitors, providing tourism experiences and enhance residential quality of life."

"Indiana is a diverse state that's full of character, and we plan to continue showcasing that through these placemaking and development projects," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 2. For more information, go to visitindiana.com.

Paintings on display

Ball State University's David Owsley Museum of Art is displaying paintings from New York artist Debbie May through Dec. 21.

The exhibit will feature more

than 50 paintings. The works display an imaginative use of black and white or muted tones over marble dust.

"I invite everyone to discover Debbie Ma's mesmerizing works, which were first pointed out to me by the museum's namesake benefactor," Robert G. La France, director of the David Owsley Museum of Art, said.

"A man of few words and a decisive collector of action, David T. Owsley instinctively responded to the perfect arrangement of shapes and complex interactions between visual elements in Ma's marble dust paintings. I think that our visitors will, too."

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

INDOT opportunity

Indiana Department of Transportation is seeking applicants for its Engineering Scholarship Program for undergraduate and graduate students. To be eligible, students must be accepted or enrolled full-time in one of Indiana's accredited civil engineering schools.

Recipients receive financial assistance and job opportunities during summer breaks and after graduation. For more information, or to apply, visit indotscholarship.in.gov. The deadline is Dec. 31.

Couple looking at the future

DEAR ABBY: I've been separated and divorced for two years. A year ago, I met a man through a mutual friend. He was also going through a divorce. We started communicating, fell in love and have been traveling back and forth between Ohio, where he works and lives, and New Jersey, where I am.

He wants me to quit my job and find a new one so we can make our relationship permanent in Ohio. I'm a sales support coordinator for a broker, and I have been with the company for some time. There's no guarantee I could find a job that pays as well as this one does. He has his own business and also cares for his elderly aunt and uncle.

I want to be with him, but at my age (60), I'm hesitant to start a new job. Also, I'd be leaving my adult kids behind and would miss them

Dear Abby



these days, and it wouldn't hurt to ask if it would be possible for you to do that with your current company. Are there similar job openings in the city where your gentleman friend lives?

Relocating to Ohio would not necessarily mean you would no longer see your adult children. They could visit, and the reverse is also true. Other families surmount this challenge and so could you. Give yourself some time to decide what is right for you.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

dearly. It's a dilemma because I want to be able to see my kids as often as we can, but I also love this man and want to share my life with him. How do I figure this out? — HARD DECISIONS TO MAKE

DEAR HARD DECISIONS: Your work is cut out for you. Before making any decisions, do some exploring. Would moving out of state guarantee that you would have to sacrifice your well-paying job? Many people work remotely

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 unfin-

ished 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.

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.

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.

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.

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CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Oct. 20, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

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.

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

Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

7	3	8	2	6	4	1	5	9
5	4	6	1	9	8	3	7	2
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Jay County Solid Waste Management District

New Cardboard Recycling Program

New Cardboard Recycling Program Thanks to a generous grant from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management our District now has a new service available for Jay County Residents.

The Jay County Solid Waste Management District now has a new cardboard baler on site at the District Office to help with the rising cost of recycling and the over crowding of our recycling containers. If you have CLEAN, DRY cardboard that you would like to have recycled please give us a call at 260-729-5071 to make an appointment today! With our combined efforts we can save space in our containers and save funding that will be used to expand our services to our Jay County Residents!

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Focus on economic enhancement

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Monroe, Delaware, Tippecanoe and Vigo!

What do these four Indiana counties have in common? YES, you're right! They all have big state college enrollments.

In fact, Monroe County has 41% of its population between the ages of 18 and 34. Delaware has 36%, followed by Tippecanoe at 34% and Vigo at 30%.

And what is true about college students and young adults hanging around college towns? They don't have much in earnings. Some have minimum-wage and part-time jobs. Many live off money sent from home, in housing owned by Mom and Dad. There's no shame in this; it's just a fact.

You know that, but national

Eye on the Pie



data massagers don't know that. They end up identifying these four counties among the seven poorest counties in Indiana.

Where should we make our strongest efforts to fight poverty? It's where poverty is strongest. If we eliminate the four college counties, what's left?

In terms of only the highest percent of the population in poverty, we'd be looking at

Switzerland, Crawford, Grant, Blackford and Fayette.

Many analysts and policy makers look to the percentage of children, those under age 18, to find the deepest poverty. In this view, five counties have 25% (one in four children) in poverty: Crawford, Switzerland, Grant, Miami and Vigo. If we lower that criterion to one in five children (20%), another 19 Indiana counties would qualify.

A different guideline emphasizes poverty among those 65 and older. Here, choosing a poverty level at 11%, yields six counties with urgent need: Starke, Scott, Parke, Marshall, Fountain and Crawford.

Thus, with three different ways of looking at poverty, only

Crawford is consistently seen as a high-priority county.

What is the root cause of poverty? My money goes on the inability of the population age 35 to 64 to earn a sufficient income to rise above this economic affliction. This criterion emphasizes ending poverty with both the availability of higher paying jobs and increased training for such employment. The alternatives above mainly relieve poverty.

This policy from poverty to a payroll would be a priority in the seven Indiana counties with poverty above 15% among persons 35 to 64. They are Blackford, Crawford, Fayette, Switzerland, Scott, Starke and Grant.

One cannot deny the virtue of relieving poverty, of seeing to it

that the nutrition, the housing, the health and the education of children are important aspects of a poverty reduction program. Certainly, poverty as an affliction of the aging deserves concurrent compassionate action.

But the foremost, beneficial and enduring policy is enabling persons in the prime of life to provide for themselves and their families in the present and the future. This means changing the economic development policies of Indiana. Stop talking about workforce development for business and get serious about economic enhancement for the poor where they live.

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Caring for mental health is essential

The Virginian-Pilot

Tribune News Service

These are difficult, often frightening, times.

Nobody knows better than we who cover the news that it's difficult to be confronted with the worst of humanity day in and day out. There are awful people doing awful things on a daily basis, and it can take a tremendous toll to absorb that ugliness and violence and harm.

That's why we'd urge everyone to take a break, even if only for 15 minutes. Turn off your phone. Sit in the sunshine. Be quiet and calm. Recharge. Try to find a moment of peace.

The weekend's events in Israel are the latest reminder that the forces of evil are determined and unrelenting, but also that the scenes of horror are never far from reach in our interconnected world.

Reports of indiscriminate rocket attacks and the deliberate targeting of civilians by Hamas forces, followed by the swift and violent Israeli response, were available instantaneously via social media platforms — terror beamed directly into the palm of your hand.

Though one need not look beyond the borders of Hampton Roads to be confronted with terrible events — acts of violence, political acrimony, a worsening climate, economic hardship, unfathomable inhumanity. These lead the news, not because they're good for ratings (contrary to popular belief), but because they are notable. They are outliers in communities where good things happen every day, though they may not get the attention they deserve.

There's a term for endlessly reading bad news on social media — doom scrolling — and medical experts believe it's having a deleterious effect on the nation's mental health. The American Psychiatric Society reported in December that "nearly two out of five (37%) Americans rated their mental health as only fair or poor. The United States has recorded a 16% increase in suicides from 2011 to 2022 and a drop in average life expectancy from 79 in 2019 to 76 in 2021.

The United States recorded about 50,000 suicides in 2022, a 2.6% increase over the previous year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that an estimated 12.3 million thought about suicide in 2021, and that 1.7 million adults attempted it.

Guest Editorial

At a conference last month at Dartmouth College, Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy and six of his predecessors gathered to discuss the nation's mental health crisis. They highlighted barriers to access and the disconnected network of mental health services that can make it challenging to get help to people who need it.

But they also zeroed in on social media creating feelings of sadness, hopelessness and depression, especially among young people. In addition to improving health care access and services, they stressed the need to build stronger, more supportive communities.

Murthy worries that people see the worst of others in the events around them, and come to believe that's an accurate reflection of society.

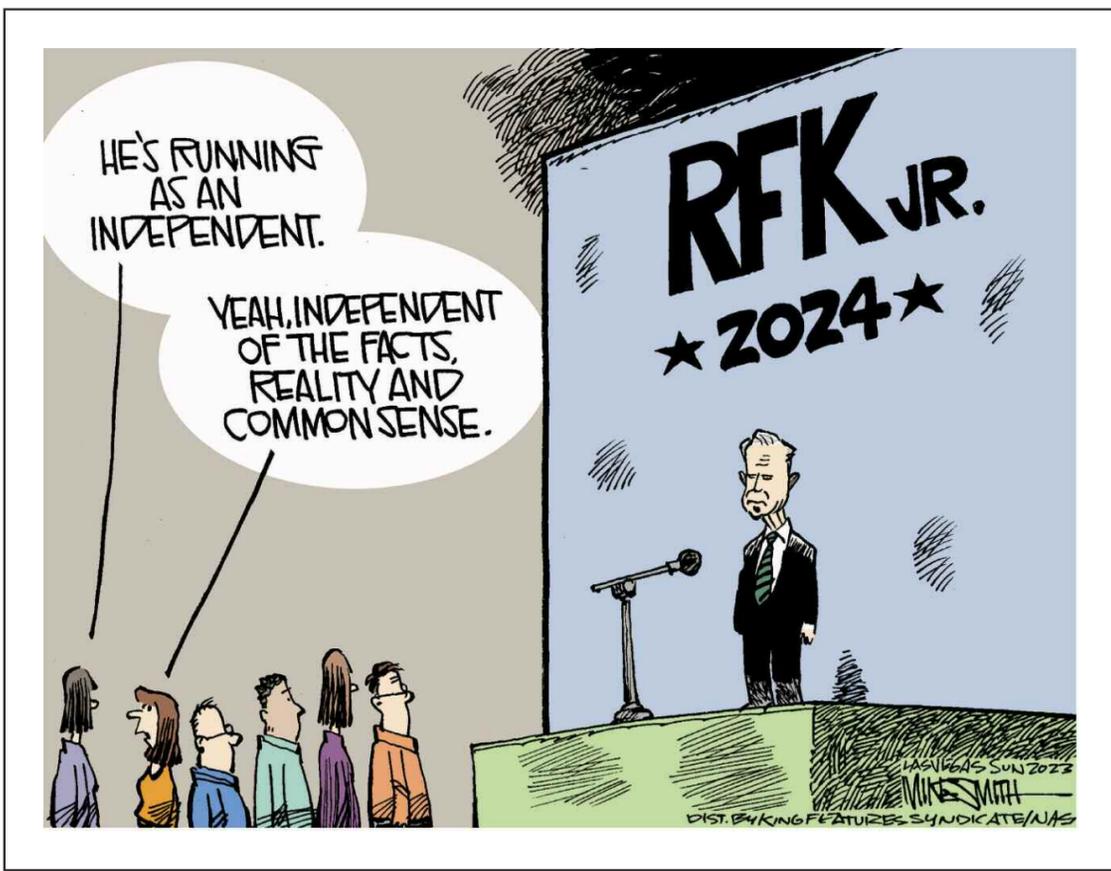
"I think we're actually more grounded in the core values of kindness and generosity, of service and friendship. I think that's what we want," Murthy said.

To be there for others — to provide the sort of support and compassion that helps those in turmoil and models positive behavior for kids — we have to first care for ourselves. And at a time of international conflict, domestic unrest and unspeakable horrors done by one group against another, that can begin simply — by turning off your phone, setting aside the news for a few minutes and taking time to be at peace.

Those who are having trouble coping, and for whom a few minutes of calm is insufficient, please reach out for help — to a family member, a friend or a medical professional. Dial the suicide hotline at 988 if you feel like you're a danger to yourself and need help immediately.

The challenges before us are immense and they require our attention and concern. We should be engaged, informed and working to build more just and supportive communities.

But everyone also has to make an investment in their well-being, time that can make a lasting difference in your life and the lives of others.



Why are poor charged more?

By DANIELLE BARGO

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Indiana's steep hospital costs — seventh highest in the nation overall — have spurred calls for urgent reform and have recently resulted in the formation of a task force to investigate the issue at the Indiana state legislature.

The high hospital costs are indeed cause for concern. But they paint an incomplete picture of the full extent of the problem. When examined at the community level, a glaring inequality emerges: hospital prices are higher in the poorest communities and, paradoxically, lower in the wealthiest communities.

The price of a brain MRI, with and without contrast, without insurance, at IU Health Paoli Hospital is \$1,253.78. The median household income is \$34,738 and the poverty rate is 17% in Paoli, Indiana. Contrast that with a brain MRI at IU Health Saxony Hospital in Fishers, Indiana which costs \$923.35. The median household income in Fishers is \$108,361 with a poverty rate of just 2.9%.

Likewise, IU Health Blackford Hospital in Hartford City charges \$1,297.37 for this procedure and \$832.98 at IU Health West Hospital in Avon, which has double the median income of Hartford City.

One explanation to explain this disparity is the mix of financing sources that exist for these different hospitals (private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and uninsured), but this does not excuse the fact that IU Health Hospitals are charging more to those communities that can least afford it.

State lawmakers should be credited for taking some initial action on addressing rising hospital prices in Indiana. HEA 1004, passed earlier this year, gives a sweeping mandate to the healthcare cost oversight task force. It also offers tax credits to small busi-

Danielle Bargo



nesses that pay into health spending accounts (HSAs) and to physicians who operate independent clinics (which have prices that tend to be lower than hospital rates).

But a more aggressive approach is needed to rectify the disparity in hospital rates across the state's poorest and wealthiest communities and lower hospital prices overall.

A statewide all-payer rate setting system would eliminate these local pricing anomalies by ensuring that hospitals are charging the same rate for the same service, regardless of payer or provider.

Today, Maryland is the only state to set hospital rates, but state rate setting was once much more commonplace. In the early 1970s, a little over half of the states had rate setting which led to "substantially lower" increases in hospital expenses per day and per admission in the late 70s and early 80s, according to a 2015 Urban Institute report.

If the system worked so well why did it go away?

A number of factors brought about the downfall of most states' hospital rate-setting systems, according to the report, including the anti-regulatory political climate of the 80s, the breakup of the coalition of stakeholders that had supported these systems, the complexity of the rate-setting systems, and a poor grasp of health economics among employers who otherwise might have been in a position to oppose hospital rate increases.

Maryland has demonstrated that

statewide hospital rates are not only viable in today's economic and political climate, but also that they work. Maryland hospital costs over time have dropped from 23.6% above to 4.6% below the national average. Another contemporary example is West Virginia. The state's authority to set statewide rates ceased in 2016, but, when the system was in place, it saw a decrease in hospital costs. Between 1985 and 2007, West Virginia's cost per admission rates grew slower than the national average, at 5% percent a year, 0.3% below the national average. In addition, in 2005, the state had the 12th lowest markup of charges over costs.

As the Urban Institute has noted, all-payer rate-setting systems is a fairer approach that increases equity, limits excessive hospital cost growth, and reduces costs for businesses, patients, insurers, and Medicare and Medicaid. They also benefit hospitals by ensuring their financial stability regardless of where they are located or the populations that they serve.

Today, Indiana retains the unwanted distinction of being at the top of the nation for hospital costs with the poorest communities bearing the brunt of these high costs. By passing legislation to establish a hospital rate-setting system for all hospital costs, Indiana could instead join Maryland and West Virginia in becoming one of the few states to lead the way in healthcare costs reduction.

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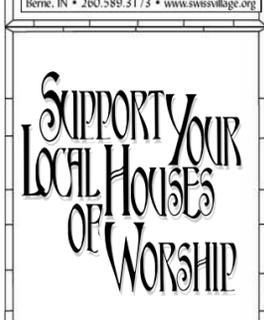
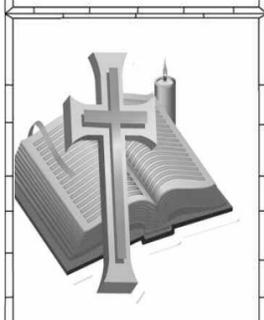
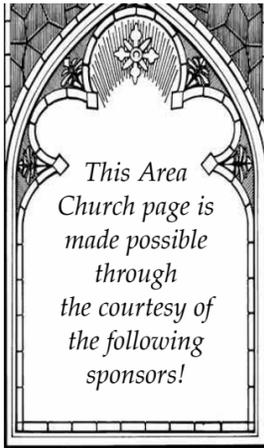
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Joe Boggs
(260) 726-8464
Services: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
asburyministries.org

Banner Christian Assembly of God
1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
Michael Burk
(260) 726-4282
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Bellefontain United Methodist
440 S. 600 East
Pamela Freeman
Services: 9 a.m.

Bethel United Methodist
Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk
Scott McClain
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Bluff Point Friends
80 E. 650 South
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Boundary St. Paul
Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East
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Services: 9:30 a.m.

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bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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susan.duroveyantrim@in.unc.org

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105 S. Elm St., Fort Recovery
Quentin Elsea
(419) 733-1469
christchapelfr.com

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1209 S. Shank St., Portland
Bob Graham
(260) 726-7777
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Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)
8472 S. 800 East, Union City
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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797 N. Creagor Ave., Portland
Nanette Weesner
(260) 766-9334
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nanybell@yahoo.com

Church of the Brethren
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

Collett Nazarene
450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27
Billy Stanton
(260) 251-2403
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Cornerstone Baptist
211 E. Main St., Portland
Wayne Ward
(260) 726-7714
Services: 10 a.m.

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

Dunkirk Nazarene
226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
Tom Fett
(765) 768-6199
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
2875 E. 200 South
Pamela Freeman
Lay leader: Beth Stephen
(260) 726-9184
Services: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
Joe Schmit
(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

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

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289 S. 200 West
Hugh Kelly
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Services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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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
12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
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
Rev. Ruth Funk
(260) 251-8581
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic
506 E. Walnut St., Portland
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
(260) 726-7055
Services: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Kingsley Full Gospel
4030 S. 700 East, Dunkirk
Stuart Phillips
Services: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

Mary Help of Christians
403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
(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
County roads 600 East and 200 North
Rev. Darrell Borders
(260) 726-4786
Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
4017 W. 200 South
Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship
1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
(260) 251-0063
Services: 10:30 a.m.

New Life Ministries
415 S. Helen St., Portland
Dr. Kay Fairchild
(260) 755-6354
Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
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.

Pleasant Hill
9945 N. 800 East, Union City
Bruce Bryan
(765) 964-3664
Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
mypleasanthillchurch.org

Portland First Church of Nazarene
920 S. Shank St., Portland
Steve Cecil
(260) 726-8040
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Portland Friends
226 E. Main St., Portland
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
(765) 468-6172
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey United Methodist
122 W. Main St.
Lori McIntosh
(765) 369-2085
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redkey Church of the Nazarene
801 W. High St.
Chuck Hollandbeck
(765) 369-2676
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

River of Life
722 W. Main St., Portland
Susan Hathaway
(260) 729-1095
Services: 10:30 a.m.

The ROCK
1605 N. Meridian St., Portland
Matt Ransom
(260) 726-7474
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matt@therockjc.org

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3900 S. 600 East
Bruce Phillips
(260) 335-2017
Services: 9 a.m.

Second Chance at Life Ministries
228 S. Meridian St., Portland
Dave Keen (260) 251-8792
Mike Eads (260) 703-0733
Services: 10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic
1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 7:30 a.m. Sunday

St. Mary's Catholic
346 S. Broad St., Dunkirk
Rev. Kevin Hurley
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

St. Paul Catholic
517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 11 a.m. Sunday

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

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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

The Church at Westchester
4487 E. 400 North
(260) 726-6311
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:35 a.m.
churchatwestchester.org

Trinity Lutheran
301 N. Wayne St., Fort Recovery
Robin Owen
(419) 375-4498
Services: 9 a.m. (contemporary service, fourth Sunday)
pastorrobino@gmail.com

Trinity ArchBridge Church
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Dan Vore
(260) 726-8391
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Services: 10:15 a.m.
portlandtrinity.com

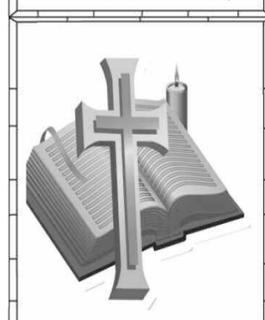
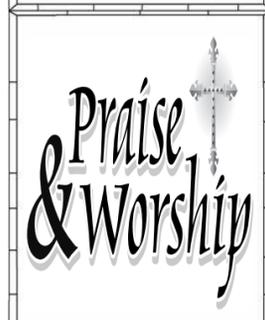
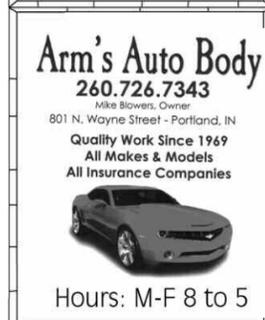
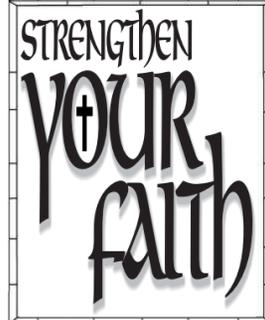
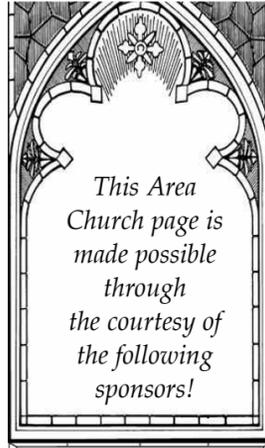
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Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene
County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
Fred Stevens
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

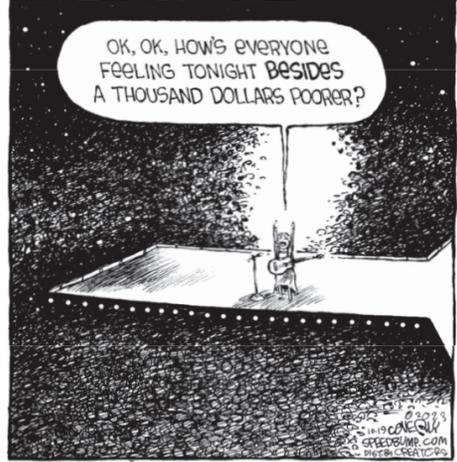
Walnut Corner
County roads 200 North and 500 West
Steve Rogers
(260) 251-1113
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

West Walnut Church of Christ
204 W. Walnut St., Portland
Gil Alicea
(260) 726-4691
Services: 10 a.m.
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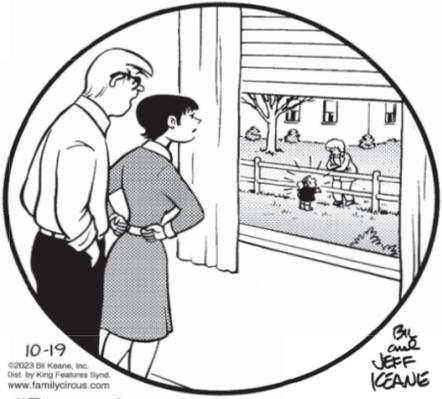
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Robin Owen
218 E. High St., Portland
(260) 726-8832
zionlutheranportland@gmail.com
Services: 10:30 a.m.



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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Positive and negative signals

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: ♠KJ, ♥K54, ♦QJ542, ♣Q64. WEST: ♠65, ♥J1097, ♦A76, ♣J1083. EAST: ♠AQ1092, ♥632, ♦83, ♣972. SOUTH: ♠8743, ♥AQ8, ♦K109, ♣AK5. The bidding: East Pass, South 1NT, West Pass, North 3NT. Opening lead — jack of hearts. Defensive signals are either positive or negative. Thus, if your partner leads the king of a suit and you have the A-7-2, you can ask him to continue the suit by signaling positively with the seven, or to discontinue the suit by signaling negatively with the deuce. Similarly, if you are void of a suit that is being led, such as when declarer is drawing trump, you can signal positively or negatively by the size of your discard in some other suit. Such signals are essential if the defenders are to overcome the natural advantage declarer has over the defense. In general, a positive signal, telling partner which suit to lead, is more illuminating than a negative signal, which merely tells him which suit not to lead. At the same time, however, a combination of negative signals can add up to a positive signal, as illustrated in this deal. West leads the jack of hearts, dummy winning with the king as East follows with the deuce. Declarer then plays a low diamond to the king, which holds, followed by the ten and another diamond. West taking the ace on the third round. East has an opportunity to discard on the third diamond, and his choice of plays is critical to the defense. If he signals with the nine or ten of spades, it costs him the contract even though West shifts to that suit. South's eight becomes a stopper on the fourth round, and he makes three notrump. But if East discards the club deuce on the third diamond, West should shift to a spade. When he does, South goes down two. The spade shift by West is not difficult once East has expressed disinterest in hearts and clubs by playing the deuce of both suits, inferentially suggesting a spade lead. All West has to do is to obey his partner's suggested line of defense.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS: 1 Shapeless mass, 5 PC program, 8 Swedish auto, 12 Gushing review, 13 Chit river, 14 French topped with frosting, 16 Documentarian Burns, 17 Hosp. scans, 18 Red wine, 20 Eucalyptus eaters, 22 Sashimi fish, 23 Frazier foe, 24 Unwanted email, 27 Lattices, 32 "Do — say!", 33 — polloi, 34 Rock producer Brian, 35 Ava DuVernay, for one. DOWN: 1 Edge actress, 2 Chantilly, e.g., 3 Done with, 4 Pandemonium, 5 Solid, as an alibi, 6 Luau bowlful, 7 Ice hockey disk, 8 Mogadishu resident, 9 La-Guardia arrival, 10 Largest continent, 11 Porgy's love, 19 "Side-ways" Sandra, 21 Feedbag tidbit, 24 Melancholy, 25 Omega preceder, 26 Touch up a photo, 28 Kanga's kid, 29 Fools, 30 Bearded beast, 31 Weep, 36 Builds variety, 37 Lettuce variety, 41 Pacino of "The Irishman", 42 Israel's Golda, 43 Author Ferber, 44 Streetcar, 46 Sneeze syllable, 47 Golf bag item, 48 Walrus tooth, 51 Genetic stuff. Solution time: 24 mins. Yesterdays answer 10-19

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Muhlenkamp passes

Jay County High School sophomore Lani Muhlenkamp passes the ball during the Patriots' 25-12, 25-23, 22-25, 25-17 loss to the Frankton Eagles in the IHSAA Sectional 24 semifinal at New Castle on Saturday. Muhlenkamp played on the back row for Jay County, where she had 13 digs. Muhlenkamp also was perfect when serving in the match, going 10-for-10 without committing a service error and tallying four service points.

Scherzer to return in ALCS

By LAWRENCE DOW
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Tribune News Service

ARLINGTON, Texas — It wasn't clear if Texas Rangers pitcher Max Scherzer would pitch again this season after an arm injury in September ended his regular season.

Now the 39-year-old pitcher and three-time Cy Young Award winner is set to start Wednesday's Game 3 of the American League Championship Series at Globe Life Field.

Scherzer wasted no time in attacking his rehab during the only way he knew how.

"I took one day to feel bad about it. And then the next day I was back to riding because I knew we have a team that can compete with anybody, and that if there's a chance to still come back, I'm gonna do everything I can to put myself in position to make that on the four-week side," Scherzer during a media availability on Tuesday.

When the Rangers traded for Scherzer at the MLB Trade Deadline they did so to offset the loss of Jacob deGrom whose season was ended by an arm injury in June.

Through Scherzer's first six starts, he went 4-2 with a 3.20 ERA and the Rangers' replacement plan seemed to be working.

Then he strained his right teres major muscle and was thought by many to be done for the season. Yet, Scherzer never gave up on returning and said throughout the playoffs he was preparing in hopes of returning to the mound.

The Rangers will hand the ball to Scherzer with the Rangers holding a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven

series. There are few pitchers in the Majors better suited to this moment.

Despite being out for more than a month, the 16-year veteran said he's ready for the challenge.

"Yeah, it's definitely gonna be different...all I can do is go out there and give my all, go out there and compete as, as long as I can, listen to my arm and that's all I can do. Give everything I got for tomorrow," said Scherzer. "I have no experience of coming off an injury... and trying to make a playoff start. So you know, it's my best guess what I will be able to do but no one really knows."

He said every postseason is "precious."

"This is what you dream of."

Scherzer has made two starts in World Series, winning one with the Washington Nationals in 2019.

That playoff run was one of the best of Scherzer's career; he went 3-0 with a 2.40 ERA in 30 innings.

Over his career, he's pitched in 18 playoff series, with a 7-7 record and 3.58 ERA in 133.1 innings.

Scherzer will be on a pitch count of sorts according to Rangers manager Bruce Bochy, who set a baseline of 69 pitches, explaining that Scherzer's velocity, command and comfort will all play a part.

With a chance to take a commanding 3-0 lead over the Astros, Scherzer is primed for the moment.

"All the sacrifices you make in your life, all the hard work you put in throughout the offseason is to get to this moment, to get to this spot," Scherzer said.



Review preview

Friday - 7 p.m.
Class 4A sectional quarterfinal



Kokomo Wildkats

Kokomo, 7-2

Coach: Austin Colby, fourth year (sixth overall)

Conference: North Central

Last week at Lafayette Jefferson: The Bronchos spoiled Kokomo's season finale by handing them a 34-21 loss. The Wildkats gave up five passing touchdowns as freshman Trysten Barrett torched them for 251 yards on 8-of-17 passing without an interception.

Season leaders: Passing — Reis Beard — 27-of-45 for 466 yards and four TDs. Rushing — Beard — 100 carries for 649 yards and 12 TDs, Darrian Story Jr. — 84 carries for 446 yards and five TDs, Tracy Dowling — 54 carries for 269 yards and three TDs. Receiving — Andrew Barker — 14 receptions for 226 yards and two TDs.

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Jay County Patriots

Portland, 4-5 (2-4)

Coach: Grant Zgunda, third year (26th overall)

Conference: Allen County

Last week at Heritage: The Patriots' defense kept them in the game as the offense struggled against Heritage in a 28-6 loss. Jay County only managed 29 yards of offense in the first half before finishing with 173 total yards. Jay County broke through with a 25 yard run from Bryce Wenk with just under eight minutes left in the game.

Season leaders: Passing — Sean Bailey — 46-of-90 for 740 yards and 10 TDs. Rushing — A.J. Myers — 194 carries for 901 yards and 11 TDs. Receiving — Justin DeHoff — 12 receptions for 317 yards and four TDs. Defense — Garrett Bennett — 60 tackles and five for a loss.



Last meeting: The last time Jay County and Kokomo met in football was in the 1994 sectional opener, with the Patriots losing 42-6. The Patriots came in wanting to stop Kokomo's run game and the Wildkats' quarterback Troy Stiner responded with three first-half touchdowns. The Wildkats finished the game with more passing and rushing yards than Jay County in the game. The Patriots' sole touchdown came in the final 10 seconds when Spencer Ritchie threw a six-yard pass to Andy Mitchell. Kokomo won the first three quarters while tying Jay County in the fourth.

Game notes: Jay County has lost five straight sectional openers, with its last tournament victory coming by a 22-21 score over Logansport in the 2017 opening round. It has dropped its four three sectional openers by a combined 188-7. ... Jay County 0-3 all time against Kokomo. They most recently played in the 1994 sectional opener as well as 1984 and 1985. ... The Wildkats made it to the semi-state game falling just short as new Prairie beat them 10-9. ... CalPreps.com lists Kokomo as a 32-point favorite.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Friday
Jay County — Football sectional opener vs. Kokomo — 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football vs. St. Henry — 7 p.m.

TV sports

Today
5:07 p.m. — MLB playoffs: Philadelphia Phillies at Arizona Diamondbacks (TBS)
7 p.m. — College football: James Madison at Marshall (ESPN); Rice at Tulsa (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — NHL: Arizona Coyotes at St. Louis Blues (Bally Indiana)
8:03 p.m. — MLB playoffs: Houston Astros at Texas Rangers (FS1)
10:30 p.m. — NHL: Chicago Blackhawks at Colorado Avalanche (ESPN)

Friday
1:30 p.m. — Formula 1: United States Grand Prix (ESPN2)
5:07 p.m. — MLB playoffs: Houston Astros at Texas Rangers (FS1)
6 p.m. — College hockey: Ohio State at Michigan (BTN)
6 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Contender Boats 300 (USA)
7 p.m. — College football: SMU at

Temple (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NBA preseason: Cleveland Cavaliers at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
8:07 p.m. — MLB playoffs: Philadelphia Phillies at Arizona Diamondbacks (TBS)
8:30 p.m. — College soccer: Indiana at Maryland (BTN)

Local notes

Turkey Trot sign-up open
Cooper Farms will be hosting its 16th annual Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant in St. Henry, Ohio.

Participation costs \$15. All proceeds benefit EverHeart Hospice.
The race will begin at 10 a.m. There will be splits at each mile of the 3.1-mile course. There will also be chip timing for participants operated by Speedy Feet.
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Sports

New look at New Haven

Boggs, Garringer and Sibray will compete at cross country regional on Saturday under new format

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Joseph Boggs has set a target of breaking the 17-minute mark.

He was less than two seconds away from that goal at the sectional meet. In order to earn a state berth, he will likely need to hit his target Saturday.

Boggs is one of three Jay County High School athletes who will compete Saturday in the regional meet hosted by New Haven at The Plex in Fort Wayne.

He'll be joined by Caleb Garringer in the boys race, with Alexis Sibray competing in the girls race, in a meet that will need a bit of a different approach compared to last season as the IHSAA has revamped the cross country tournament series.

"It's kind of unknown," said JCHS coach Bruce Wood. "The next step, it gets pretty mixed up with some large teams out of Fort Wayne."

Previously, two sectionals would merge into a regional, with the top five teams and top 10 individuals not on advancing teams moving on to the semi-state. (Both Boggs and Sibray were regional qualifiers as freshmen in 2022.)

Now, five sectionals will merge into the regional at The Plex, creating a field of 25 teams and an additional 75 individuals. The top five teams and top 15 individuals not on advancing teams will earn state berths. (The semi-state level has been eliminated.)

The girls group includes second-ranked Homestead, No. 3 Concordia, No. 9 Carroll, No. 18 Warsaw and No. 20 East Noble. The boys field features No. 14 Concordia and No. 16 Warsaw.

Boggs is coming off of a freshman season in which he finished



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Sophomore Joseph Boggs of Jay County High School crosses the finish line ahead of a pack of four runners to finish fourth at the sectional race at Taylor University Oct. 14.

38th in the regional and 11th among runners on non-qualifying teams, one spot short of a semi-state berth. (His time was 17 minutes, 40 seconds, leaving him seven seconds behind final semi-state qualifier Gabe Reynolds of Muncie Central.)

"Last year I was one spot away from making it to semi-state," said Boggs while acknowledging the more difficult path the new tournament series brings. "My goal is to get under 17 (minutes). ... That would be an obviously goal. ... Other than that, it's kind

of just to really run how I did (at sectional), just stay fresh."

Based on sectional times, Boggs is seeded 40th for Saturday's expanded regional race with a state berth on the line. His sectional time of 17:01.8 leaves him just outside of the top 15

among the runners from teams not expected to qualify for state. So, achieving his goal would also put a trip to state potentially within reach.

"If Joseph gets down in the 16s, maybe he has a crack at it," said Wood. "He's not that far off. ... Maybe if we have nice weather and a nice course ... it's something he can go and compete for a spot. ..."

"Sometimes in those races, you just have to go lay it out. You're not gonna feel good. If you want to reach this goal, you're going to have to work through some pain. Let it all out. ... Put it out there, try to accomplish it and whatever happens, happens."

The odds of a state berth are much longer for Sibray and Garringer.

It is projected to take about a 19:50 to move on in the girls race, based on sectional times. Sibray finished her sectional race in 21:20.5 and is seeded 87th for the regional.

Garringer, a freshman, was 25th in the sectional at 17:48.2. He is seeded 114th for the regional and would need to cut about 50 seconds to have a chance to advance.

In the case of all three runners, Wood noted the need to adjust race strategy and mentally prepare for the much larger field of runners. (There were about 100 competitors in each sectional race. The regional races will feature about 250.)

"It's just going to be really crowded," the coach said. "If you try to go out with the lead of that race, you're going to burn out. So you have to be really smart at the beginning of that race. That's probably the biggest issue for us going into that race."

Bruns finishes season on "A" team

Jayla Bruns has golfed on the IU-East B team or as an individual through the first five meets of the season.

In the final meet of the fall season, Bruns got a chance with the A team.

A stellar first round lifted Bruns to 13th place at the Red Wolves Fall Invitational at Delaware Country Club over the weekend as the IU-East A team earned second place with 332 strokes.

Taylor University won the match with 319.

The 2022 Fort Recovery High School graduate had a strong first round, shooting a 79 to be nine strokes over par. After the first day, she sat in 7th while leading all of the Red Wolves' golfers. She had a 39 on the front nine and 40 on the back.

Slowing down on Saturday, Bruns shot a 91 to total 170 strokes and take 13th.

Paige Fortkamp Fort Recovery — 2021

Led the St. Francis volleyball team to a pair of victories against Trinity Christian and St. Francis (Ill.) over the weekend.

Fortkamp had 15 kills and a .400 hitting percentage as the Cougars swept Trinity Christian 25-17, 25-19, 25-23 on Friday. She contributed 10 assists, five digs, two blocks and one ace as well.

In the 24-26, 25-21, 25-16, 17-25, 15-13 win against St. Francis (Ill.), Fortkamp exploded for a match-high 27 kills.

She also had eight kills in a 25-20, 25-9, 25-16 loss to Viterbo on Saturday.

Whitley Rammel Fort Recovery — 2022

Contributed five kills and two blocks

Collegiate Check-up

in the East Tennessee State University volleyball team's 27-25, 26-24, 25-22 win over Wofford on Friday.

The win was the second of the year for the Buccaneers (2-17, 2-5 Southern Conference) and first since Sept. 28.

Rammel earned a .231 hitting percentage against Wofford (15-4, 6-2 SoCon).

She also had one kill and one block in a 27-25, 25-16, 27-25 loss to The Citadel on Saturday.

Lindy Wood Jay County — 2022

Finished seventh for the St. Francis women's cross country team at the Jenna Strong Invite in Wilmington, Ohio on Friday.

Wood completed the race in 21 minutes, 31.38 seconds to earn 76th place among the field of 240 athletes.

She was the seventh Cougar to cross the finish line. St. Francis amassed 166 points to earn third place, while Berea won the race with 130.

Anhely Montes Jay County — 2020

Played 68 minutes for the Anderson University women's soccer team in a 1-0 loss to Mount St. Joseph on Saturday.

She didn't take any shots in the loss.

Fortkamp, Pearson make All-MAC teams

The Indians have some strong outside hitters this season.

Two of them were recognized Wednesday morning.

The Midwest Athletic Conference announced the 2023 All-Conference Volleyball teams on Wednesday, with Fort Recovery High School's Teigan Fortkamp and Mara Pearson both making the cut.

Fortkamp was one of

the 12 players named to the first team All-MAC. She has amassed 269 kills and 46 aces to lead the Indians in both categories during the regular season.

Coldwater and St. Henry dominated the first team selections with three players each making it, including co-players of the year Spencer Etzler and Melinda Schrader.

Pearson was named to

the second team All-MAC alongside 13 other players. She was a vital part to both the front and back rows throughout the season, finishing second with 173 kills and second in digs with 228.

Fort Recovery's libero, Cali Wendel, was also recognized as an honorable mention. Wendel was the team's leader in digs with 286 while also recording a team-high 455 serve receptions.



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