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Roofing work

Construction workers install metal roofing on a gazebo Thursday at Hudson Family Park in Portland. Roof replacements have been an ongoing project for Portland Park Board throughout the city's park system.

Three seek at-large seats

Golden, Hilfiker, Nuckols are in race for council

A Portland City Council member is hoping to retain his seat.

Two others are hoping to be successful in their first runs for office.

Three candidates — incumbent Democrat Dave Golden and Republicans Ashley Hilfiker and Larry Nuckols — are vying for the two at-large seats on Portland City Council.

Golden is retired from teaching at Jay County High School and works part-time for Cook's Nursery. He is a 1972 graduate of Portland High School who went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from Ball State University. He finished second behind Janet Powers in a three-way race for the two at-large council seats in 2019. (Janet Powers, who led the 2019 race, chose not to run for re-election.)

Hilfiker is a GPS facility coordinator for the Indiana Sex Offender Management and Monitoring program. She graduated from Jay County High School in 2007 and earned her associate's degree from Ivy Tech Community College

in 2011 and bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Indiana University — East in 2021.

Nuckols is retired after a career as a paramedic for Jay Emergency Medical Services who served four years in the U.S. Army and 16 years in the National Guard. He is a 1990 graduate of Blackford High School who went on to EMT training and also took classes through Ivy Tech Community College.

The candidates were asked to respond to a questionnaire from The Commercial Review. Their answers follow.

Two of the issues most discussed at Portland city council meetings over the few years have been the golf cart and trash collection ordinances. If elected, how would handle both of these issues?

Golden: I believe the golf cart ordinance that we amended this year is now functioning well for local residents and visitors. Regarding trash collection, I asked my fellow city council members during our August 21 meeting to schedule a work session for the express purpose of rectifying the trash collection ordinance. The consensus of the other members present at that meeting was to wait until after the upcoming elections to address this issue. I do believe the newly elected mayor will have plans/proposals to amend the trash collection ordinance. I look forward to that discussion.

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Twenty-two killed in Maine shooting

By **BRIAN NIEMIETZ**
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

The latest mass shooting to afflict the nation claimed about two dozen lives and left more than 50 others wounded Wednesday night, sending a small New England town into terror.

The carnage in Lewiston, Maine, began around 7 p.m., when the first of at least three

shooting attacks was reported, according to the Lewiston Sun Journal. At least 22 were reported dead. A manhunt involving hundreds of officers was underway late Wednesday, Maine Department of Public Safety Commissioner Mike Sauschuck said at a press conference.

Cops first received calls about a shooter at a bowling alley, the Sun Journal reported. A short

time later, another shooting struck a nearby bar and grill. A children's event was happening at the bowling alley at the time of the violence, Lewiston Councilor Robert McCarthy told CNN.

Maine State Police urged residents to shelter in place following reports of an active shooter in multiple locations.

"Please stay inside your home

with the doors locked," they wrote social media. "Law enforcement is currently investigating at two locations right now. Again please stay off the streets and allow law enforcement to diffuse the situation."

A third shooting was reported at a Walmart Distribution Center shortly after 8 p.m. Sirens roared throughout town following reports of a possible fourth

shooting around 9 p.m., according to the Sun Journal.

The Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office posted a photo online of a suspect with an assault rifle wearing cargo pants and pointing a weapon. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in Boston was assisting the response.

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GOP selects Johnson

By **LAURA WEISS**
and **AIDAN QUIGLEY**
CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Weeks of infighting among House Republicans over their next speaker, which paralyzed the chamber during a time of global turmoil, opened a lane for their fourth-round draft pick to finally claim the gavel on Wednesday.

The House voted 220-209 to elect Rep. Mike Johnson of Louisiana speaker, bringing to an end an impasse that sank three other candidates before him and reopening the House for business. Not a single Republican voted against him — a feat that eluded his predecessor at the start of this Congress — while all Democrats who were present backed Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-New York.

"The challenge before

Republicans unanimously backed Louisiana rep to become House speaker

us is great, but the time for action is now and I will not let you down," Johnson, 51, said in a floor speech after being elected Wednesday. "Let the enemies of freedom around the world hear us loud and clear: The people's House is back in business."

Johnson, a fourth-term lawmaker representing his hometown of Shreveport and a big chunk of western Louisiana, has been a vocal advocate for marquee GOP issues from his time as a constitution-

al lawyer arguing for state abortion restrictions to his public defenses of former President Donald Trump.

A member of the Judiciary and Armed Services panels, Johnson doesn't shy away from topics popular on the right that set him at odds with Democrats. He pushed back as Judiciary Democrats in 2022 addressed a leaked Supreme Court opinion that preceded the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

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Pumpkin perch

Maverick and Wyatt Hodge chat with their father, Mikkal Hodge, while sitting on their award-winning giant pumpkin Saturday. The Madison County family won the adult class in this year's Pennville Pumpkin Festival with their pumpkin coming in at 1,778 pounds.

Deaths

Josephine Schwartz, 78, Monroe
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 72 degrees Wednesday. The low was 63.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 50 degrees with showers likely, a chance of a thunderstorm and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. Expect partly cloudy skies with a chance of rain Saturday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

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

Coming up

Saturday — Jay County High School girls wrestling season preview story.

Tuesday — Photos from weekend Halloween-related activities.



Shooting ...

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Local cops named Robert Card, 40, as a person of interest in the mass shooting, adding that he "should be considered armed and dangerous." At the late Wednesday press conference, Sauschuck stopped short of calling him a suspect or providing any details about him.
A vehicle of interest was located in the town of Lisbon, where residents were also asked to shelter in place, according to the commissioner.
He had few details on the sit-

uation, saying, "The delay in coming here with you now is simply because we wanted to confirm information from our end."
The violence left locals stunned.
"It was just a fun night playing cornhole ... it's the last thing you're expecting, right?" Kathy Lebel, owner of Schemengees Bar & Grille, told the Sun Journal. "I still feel like this whole thing is a nightmare."
Lebel wasn't at her establishment at the time of the attack, but said a person

walked in and "started shooting," prompting staff to scramble.
The FBI field office in Boston said it was ready to assist, according to CNN.
"The FBI Boston Division continues to coordinate with our local, state and federal law enforcement partners in Maine and we stand ready to assist with any available resources they need, including evidence response, investigative and tactical support, as well as victim assistance," the bureau said in a state-

ment.
So far this year, the country has seen over 500 mass shootings, according to the Gun Violence Archive.
Vermont Sen. Angus King said he was "deeply sad" for Lewiston and "all those worried about their family, friends and neighbors."
Rep. Chellie Pingree echoed the sentiment.
"I am closely monitoring the reports of mass shootings in Lewiston. The unfolding violence is shocking and I am holding the affected communities in my prayers," the lawmaker said in a statement.

Obituaries

Josephine E. Schwartz, Monroe, a relative of Geneva residents, Sept. 3, 1945-Oct. 25, 2023. Services will be at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Noah A. Schwartz residents, 6274 E. 200 South, Monroe.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

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| Saturday's forecast shows a 40% chance of showers in the late afternoon under mostly cloudy skies. | Rain is expected Sunday, when the low at night will dip into the mid to upper 30s. | Monday has a slight chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly cloudy. | Halloween could have rain or snow, with temperatures dropping at night to the mid 20s. | Sunny skies are expected Wednesday with a low of 25 at night. |

At-large ...

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Hilfiker: I agree with the golf cart ordinances that citizens have a permit and are registered with the Portland Police Department. An annual fee of \$10 should stand as well. The future of the golf cart ordinance should be reassessed for those coming to our town to pay an increased price for a special event. Currently, there are designated days and areas to dispose of excess trash. Residents also have opportunities to dispense trash free at the landfill. Having at least one day where excess trash is picked up at the citizens homes needs to be revisited.

Nuckols: I agree with the standards the golf carts must meet. I would like to look more into the fees the city collects. Maybe a better rate for citizens of the city versus out of town and special events. For the most part, I'm happy with our trash collection. I would like to see heavy trash day fixed so that older citizens do not have to transport items to a location from their homes. I also would like to look into our recycling process and see if there is a better, easier way than having to get bags from the city.

Downtown revitalization — improving buildings, attracting new business — is frequently identified as a key to economic growth. What would you do to help improve Portland's area?

Golden: I totally agree with this statement. I believe that city council's greatest achievement in the last four years is the ongoing Meridian Street flood mitigation project; knowing that our downtown business sector is safe from flooding hopefully encourages downtown Portland investment. I specifically thank Travis Richards and Jodi Hayes at Jay County Development Corporation who have been instrumental in

bringing Tractor Supply Company and Wendy's to Portland. They have also worked tirelessly to utilize EDIT funds, OCRA grants, TIF monies, federal, state programs/grants to help local business entities to grow/locate here in Portland.

Hilfiker: Portland has made strides in improving the downtown area. There are several businesses along with organizations that are assisting with that improvement. Besides attracting more individuals to open businesses in our town, festivals are vital to economic growth. Showing surrounding counties why Portland is the place to visit. An example would be having an Octoberfest and more frequent events at the Hudson Family Park amphitheater.

Nuckols: I would like to give business owners more freedom to update and remodel their buildings. Help them with funding to do just that. Promote community clean-up events. Invest in more city-wide artwork and attractions to draw interest in what our city has to offer. Our residents need more access to quality entertainment and recreation. We need more opportunities for our young people to enjoy their free time. Better quality of life and happier citizens will promote a city that people want to live in.

Other than those discussed above, what is the most important issue facing Portland and how would you handle it?

Golden: A recurring concern I hear from citizens is the dog control ordinances. What are they? Do they need updated/amended? I believe these are legitimate topics and we should address them as a city council in 2024.

Hilfiker: The most important issue currently would have to be the

empty downtown buildings. Economic growth cannot occur without businesses or individuals who want to invest. People are afraid to make a business opportunity a reality as they feel it's too difficult. With education and guidance we can assist those making their ambitions a reality.

Nuckols: Portland needs better quality and higher paying jobs. We need to attract more industry and businesses to our great community through investing in them in the form of tax abatements and other incentives to attract them to our city. Better paying and quality jobs to promote more interest in our young people, to stay and work in our city.

What makes you the best candidate for city council?

Golden: I have the experience of an incumbent. I essentially want to do the most good for the most people.

Hilfiker: I would represent a younger generation that wants to help our community thrive. It's imperative for our generation to become more involved as we chose to raise our children in Portland. I pride myself on serving my community and have the tenacity to make the best candidate for city council.

Nuckols: I am a regular person. I grew up in a low-income family. I know what it's like to struggle and have to work for a living. I can relate to the average citizen of Portland. But I also have real-world experiences. I have learned how to remain calm in tough situations. Not one person can know everything, and I believe we need more elected officials that will take the time to hear the concerns and ideas of our citizens. I want to be the citizens' voice and help make our city a great place to live.

Lotteries

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| Powerball 25-27-41-53-68 Power Ball: 2 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$125 million | Daily Four: 2-8-7-2 Quick Draw: 1-7-8-11-18-19-30-32-33-37-38-46-48-55-56-65-67-75-76-77 Cash 5: 5-9-12-32-33 Estimated jackpot: \$643,500 |
| Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$137 million | Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 1-2-8 Pick 4: 1-7-1-8 Pick 5: 2-9-1-1-4 Evening Pick 3: 5-9-9 Pick 4: 5-5-1-2 Pick 5: 7-9-1-0-3 Rolling Cash: 13-14-22-26-38 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000 |
| Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 4-3-2 Daily Four: 9-5-4-6 Quick Draw: 6-16-19-22-24-28-35-39-40-41-42-44-62-63-64-65-70-74-79-80 Evening Daily Three: 3-2-7 | |

Markets

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Today in history

In 1787, the first of The Federalist Papers, a series of 85 essays in support of the proposed U.S. Constitution by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay, was published in New York's Independent Journal. They were published under the pen name "Publius."
In 1858, Theodore Roosevelt was born in New York City. Roosevelt was an avid outdoorsman who went on to serve as governor of New York and became president following the assassination of William McKinley. He doubled the size of the National Park System, establishing Crater Lake, Wind Cave, Sullys Hill Mesa Verde and Platt during his tenure.
In 1904, the New York City subway system opened. Mayor George B.

McClellan led a ceremony celebrating the opening of the system and was at the controls of the first train that emerged from City Hall station.
In 1975, Erma J. Seals of Portland was injured when the vehicle she was driving collided with a vehicle driven by Darrell Wendel at the intersection of Pleasant and High streets in Portland.
In 2014, singer Taylor Swift released her album "1989."
In 2021, Dunkirk Park Board set the city's playgrounds and parks as its priorities as it held the first reading of its five-year parks master plan. Other items of interest mentioned in a parks survey included adding a dog park and keeping the shelter house open longer.
—The CR

GOP ...

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He used his Armed Services perch to push an amendment opposing COVID-19 vaccine requirements in the military.
The two wings of the House GOP coalesced around Johnson. He's less of a lightning rod for centrists than a former speaker-designate, his ally House Judiciary Chairman Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, while maintaining valuable street cred on the right, including support from Trump.
Meanwhile defense hawks, who mistrusted Jordan and his support for government spending cuts, have one of their own in Johnson, who's pushed for growing the military budget.

SERVICES

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| Today Monroe, Richard: 3 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland. Gibson, Betty: 4 p.m., Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn. |
| Saturday Schwartz, Josephine: 8:30 a.m., Noah A. Schwartz residence, 6274 E. 200 South, Monroe. Curts, Steven: 3 p.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany. |

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Citizen's calendar

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| Friday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works special meeting, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. | Wednesday 2:30 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special meeting, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. |
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Photo provided

Winter drive

Fort Recovery High School SADD Club recently held a winter coat and hat drive, with all donations sent to Our Home Family Resource Center in Celina, Ohio. Pictured is Our Home Family Resource Center director, Kevin Draiss, SADD Club members, and the SADD advisor, Mrs. Reinhard. Our Home Family Resource Center distributed more than 500 winter coats that were collected throughout Mercer County during their Winter Warmth Day on Oct. 21.

Drive gets 49 donors

Forty-nine donors gave blood Oct. 24 during a blood drive at Jay Community Center.

Donors included Daniel Schmitz, Thomas Clutter, Michelle Trobridge, Ana Minnich, Sarah Rines, Jodi McKee, Michael Schmidt, John Janak, Billy Sipe, Michael Timmerman, Terri Burk, Bill Brandt, Donald Schlosser, Jill Hemmelgarn, Rebecca Kunkler, Brian Kunkler, Kay Westerges and Herbert Westerges.

Also Freeda Osenbaugh, David Osenbaugh, Paula Barron, Joyce Koenig, Natalie Welch, Doris Muhlenkamp, Beverly Westerges, Joyce Eldridge, Lorrissa Bousman, Elizabeth Schoenlein, Ernest Schoenlein, Ruthann Brockman, Mike Weitzel, Dorothy Knapke, Donna Brugge, Joseph Reinhard and Joel Taylor.

Also Cynthia Morris, Timothy Morris, Rose Howell, Abby Homan, Bart Rice, Jane Childs, Duane Monroe, Cara Cramer, Pamela Rogers, Susan Myers, Jennifer Esparza, Darwin Johnson, Mark Tillman and Steven Swingley.

Marriage licenses

Carly M. Grieshop, 25, Portland, and Tyler L. Melsner, 24, Portland
Tony L. Geesaman, 44, Pennville, and Holly R. Jacobs, 41, Pennville

Family has stuck together regardless

DEAR ABBY: I am one of nine children who all still get along. One sibling belongs to a religious order. At least one (for sure) is not a Christian. One is a born-again Christian. One of us is gay and married. We are not all of the same political persuasion. Yet somehow, after all these years, we have managed to get along and still gather for family fun, whether it's a holiday or just a cookout. We don't all live in the same state, but more often than not, most of us are there.

Dear Abby



There's no secret to us still loving as well as liking each other. We simply respect each other's opinions and realize that although we don't always agree, it's not worth cutting out of our

lives someone we have known "forever."

I can't imagine losing even one sibling over a silly disagreement. That's not to say we haven't had arguments, because we have certainly had our share, but we simply take the high road and agree to disagree. I love my siblings with all my heart. Just wanted to share an uplifting note with you. —NO PROBLEMS HERE

DEAR NO PROBLEMS: Most of the mail I receive concerns relationships that fractured because of a lack of respect

for someone's feelings. Thank you for your, frankly, refreshing letter. If more people emulated your family's example, this world would be a happier, less complicated place in which to live. I wish your attitude were contagious.

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

Community Calendar

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

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.
MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 9

a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Jay County Historical Society before traveling to Richmond to visit the Madonna of the Trail statue and also to the Levi Coffin Home and Museum at Fountain City.

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 - BRANNA'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.

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.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'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.

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Reader critical of Jay Schools

To the editor:
I believe we as a county need to reexamine and reprioritize the education of the county's students.

According to Public-SchoolReview.com, Jay County Jr./Sr. High School students rank in the bottom 50% of Indiana students and are ranked 982nd out of 1755 Indiana schools. Only 34% of Jay County's students are proficient in math and 41% are proficient in reading/language arts.

We must prioritize our future by investing heavily in our students. While this may not be a popular thing to say, sports should take a back burner and we must put education first.

If we place the utmost importance on education, I believe that not only will our population numbers increase, but employment opportunities will as well. If we create a school system that puts education above

Letters to the Editor

all else, parents will move mountains to ensure their children receive the best education possible. And as parents move here for the educational system, they will bring with them employment opportunities. We have tried everything else: wind farms, solar farms, waste management, a puppy farm, etc. These industries have not created an expansionary environment; only a few have benefited.

In comparison, well-educated students benefit the county as a whole.

Perhaps a public meeting to discuss this further is warranted.

Jennifer Keller
Pennville



We are failing children

By DR. VANESSA L. HILL and DR. SCOTT KRUGMAN
Tribune News Service



Vanessa Hill and Scott Krugman



What if there was an immunization that could prevent the most common reason for hospitalization in infants, but due to logistics, only a fraction of the population would receive it? This is our current reality. This winter, thousands of infants and toddlers will be admitted to hospitals with serious symptoms of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) that could have been prevented.

Nirsevimab is a game-changing product. It works similarly to a vaccine but delivers pre-made antibodies to prepare children's immune systems to resist the worst effects of RSV. It will keep infants out of the hospital and prevent much suffering. That is — it would do so if we could actually provide it to our patients. Due to a combination of logistical hurdles, and now a shortage of the product itself, most infants won't be able to access nirsevimab this year. As pediatricians, we find this incredibly frustrating, especially because this immunization shows so much promise.

When the FDA approved nirsevimab in July, it was a moment to celebrate. The long-acting monoclonal antibody targets the most significant cause of lower respiratory tract infection in infants in the world. In randomized controlled trials, nirsevimab was shown to prevent RSV hospitalizations by 70%. Besides the human suffering this would prevent, both for infants and for their terrified parents, this translates into significant savings for an over-burdened health care system. Nationwide, RSV hospitalizations account for \$709 million worth of annual health care costs — 90% of which is emergency department care. This is why last year, when RSV hit at the same time as a surge in influenza and COVID-19 among children, it resulted in a massive overload of an over-tapped pediatric health care system. This year was supposed to be different.

This month, however, the only maker of nirsevimab, Sanofi, announced it did not have enough supply to fill many new orders of its prod-

uct, called Beyfortus, despite earlier promises that supply would not be a problem. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention paused orders going to states who had ordered through the Vaccines for Children program, which provides immunizations to more than 40 million children, including those on Medicaid. The shortage is in the 100-milligram dose, which is needed for older infants.

This shortage came as a shock to pediatricians like us. We had advocated for insurance companies to cover this product and for the CDC to include it in the Vaccines for Children program while fellow pediatricians were scrambling to overcome multiple logistical hurdles to offer it to their patients during the quickly approaching RSV season. The CDC recommended this immunization for every child under 8 months of age during the RSV season, and all of our advocacy was premised on the need to ensure that all infants be able to access it.

The CDC has now responded to the shortage by recommending prioritizing the most high-risk infants.

Throughout the FDA and CDC approval processes, Sanofi made assurances that they would have enough supply. The company priced it at nearly \$500 per dose, making it one of the most expensive products pediatricians are asked to stock routinely in their practices. Nonetheless, pediatricians had begun to place their orders.

Now if you call Sanofi to order the 100 mg doses of nirsevimab, you are told it's not available. They simply didn't make enough to go around.

We have to think if something similar happened that impacted adults, there would be a bigger outcry, but children's needs are often put last in our health care system; a system that is designed for adults. The initial response to the COVID-19 pandemic

brought about rapid production and large-scale distribution of vaccines to adults across the country, but studies of the vaccine for children and infants were an afterthought of the drug manufacturers. The youngest children, under age 5, waited 18 months for a vaccine. Because of these delays, children died, were hospitalized, or ended up with long COVID during the omicron outbreak in the winter of 2021.

The scale of burden for RSV for our most vulnerable infants and toddlers is significantly higher than that of COVID-19. We have one older product, palivizumab, that is still available for the most high-risk infants and toddlers. But otherwise we are looking at a virtual desert of options for treatments of this virus, which is incredibly common. We're afraid we have learned little from our prior failures to put children first, and once again, this winter numerous children will be hospitalized because we do not have a better system to deliver care to children.

To families this winter, we will be recommending the same things pediatricians always tell parents of newborns — wash your hands and keep your baby away from crowds. We will do the best we can. Next year, we hope, we may be in a better place to protect the next round of vulnerable infants.

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Acknowledge and prepare for READI

By MATT GRELLER
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Indiana's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) program, created by Gov. Eric Holcomb in 2021, has been nothing short of amazing.

Launched with a vision to transform communities with targeted quality of life projects and initiatives that attract a talented workforce, READI has become a model for regional economic development. The Indiana General Assembly agreed to the original \$500 million investment, and earlier this year paved the way for a second round by supporting another \$500 million. With bold thinking from state leaders, countless strategic partnerships at the local level, and a lot of "think big" planning, the transition to READI 2.0 is underway.

As municipalities and many other stakeholders prepare for READI 2.0, it's imperative to recognize the achievements of its first-round predecessor. The initial success came early in the process, when local governments and private sector stakeholders formed regions based upon shared vision and synergies unique to their area. This element of local decision making was key to the effective launch of the program.

READI's strength lies in its multi-faceted approach, which brings together the private sector, academia, and government, creating environments where ideas can flourish. Projects like the Jackson County Learning Center and the USI Registered Nurse Expansion Initiative exemplify how this collaborative effort is leveraging the success of existing frameworks to solve workforce challenges.

One of READI's key strengths has been its unwavering support for startups and small businesses. By providing critical resources, mentorship, and funding opportunities, READI has fostered a conducive environment for these ventures to thrive. The Northwest Indiana BizHub is an example of this success, contributing to our innovation economy and positioning Indiana for more entrepreneurial wins.

While READI is at the forefront of innovation, its proponents understand the importance of preserving traditional industries. By infusing modern technologies and sustainable practices into sectors like manufacturing and agriculture, READI can protect jobs and set a course for long-term growth and competitive-

ness. Projects like the Ivy Tech Manufacturing Lab and the Region Roots Local Farm & Food Hub exemplify this approach.

READI's commitment to infrastructure development targets productivity and connectivity across Indiana. Through projects like the Quantum Corridor, Downtown Hammond Train Station, and similar projects, READI will modernize transportation networks and upgrade digital infrastructure. These efforts represent the bedrock of READI.

Recognizing that talent is the linchpin of economic success, READI has collaborated with educational institutions to develop targeted workforce training programs. Initiatives like Indiana University Kokomo's Innovation Hall, Purdue's Semiconductor Workforce Development Project, Vincennes University/Purdue University Design & Innovation Studios, and Industry 4.0 — iSMART Lab in Noble County, have aligned programming with the demands of emerging industries, making Indiana attractive for businesses seeking a competitive edge.

As we look to READI 2.0, it's crucial to acknowledge the achievements and vision of the more than 350 approved projects in round one. Through its layered approach, READI is transforming Indiana, using collaboration to support innovation, revitalize industries, nurture existing talent, and attract new Hoosiers. The program's region-specific strategies send a message that prosperity is accessible to all corners of the state.

READI is a testament to the power of harnessing our collective will and embracing forward-thinking ideas. Indiana's READI program stands tall as a model for states across the nation to copy and potentially build upon. While flattering, we can't afford to blow our lead. READI 2.0 must outperform its predecessor. And if the past is true to form, it certainly will.

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Space is ag's new wild west

By JILLIAN ELLISON
Purdue Ag News

With their lives packed into covered wagons, Marshall Porterfield's great-grandparents made their journey across the Great Plains in the Oklahoma Land Rush of 1889, becoming a part of agriculture's pioneering history.

More than a century later, Porterfield, professor of agricultural and biological engineering, finds himself pioneering as his family once did, except this time his sights are set out of this world.

"Space is the ultimate frontier," Porterfield said. "If we can build capabilities to live, explore and extend our time spent there, we will eventually move towards colonization. But that all has to be based on agriculture."

While working on his doctorate in the mid-1990s, Porterfield spent summers as a fellow at NASA's Kennedy Space Center contributing to the Controlled Ecological Life Support System (CELSS) program. A decade-long initiative launched in 1985, CELSS sought to identify ways to support large crews throughout missions. Utilizing a leftover vertical chamber from the late 1950s built to test the Mercury capsule, NASA began to experiment with the concept of closed agriculture.

Their research, focused on understanding how plants would regulate carbon dioxide and oxygen when closed off from the outside by using hydroponic farming, explored future opportunities for self-sustaining agriculture during space missions.



Purdue Ag News/Tom Campbell

Marshall Porterfield, far right, stands with a group of undergraduate students researching the potential for cultivating soybeans in lunar and martian soil. Porterfield was the faculty sponsor for the group's 2022 Plant the Moon and Plant Mars research contest submission.

The results showed crops in controlled environment settings, like the leftover vertical chamber, could produce double or triple the yields compared to what was typically grown in a field. Porterfield has been able to push these foundations by controlling the amount and duration of light on the plants in addition to the chamber's temperature. This allows for new crops, such as coffee and cacao, to thrive in hydroponic settings in Indiana.

After spending decades researching methods of cultivation in zero-gravity settings,

Porterfield was tapped by NASA in 2012 as director of its Space, Life and Physical Sciences Research and Applications Division. Although living in outer space can still seem like a far-fetched dream, Porterfield explains advancements in agricultural sciences have brought society closer to achieving that goal.

A key element to his approach to developing bioregenerative agriculture for advanced life support overlaps with his work in the NASA GeneLab. Porterfield has spent the past decade advanc-

ing new tools for genomics and analyzing the effects of space travel on humans. In a recent GeneLab study, Porterfield's lab worked to find personalized medicinal approaches for astronauts through computational genomics and artificial intelligence, which he now uses to study plant, crop and microbe genetics from an ecological engineering perspective.

Porterfield views the frontier of space much like American settlers did in the late 1800s: a new opportunity for survival. However, he believes many of the les-

sons those pioneers learned in their journey toward a new life have been forgotten in the modern age.

"When we settled this country, there was value to people who wanted to farm the land available," Porterfield explained. "We created human opportunities every step of the way, and that's what drove the pioneering of this country: individual people trying to achieve their potential as human beings. Space hasn't been doing that. It's become stratified and elitist."

But the capability to live sustainably in outer space is there, Porterfield said, noting it will take a time much like the space race in the mid-20th century for the next key steps to be taken.

"An environment of tension, which is typically associated with competition, breeds innovation. No one innovates if everything is good; for some reason humans are just built that way," Porterfield said. "We found our innovation from the moon because of President Kennedy's deadline he set in the early 1960s."

In his youth, Porterfield would make trips back to his family's home in Oklahoma to visit his grandmother. He would listen to her stories about his great-grandparents' struggle to survive the early days, when claims on their land were made and later during the Dust Bowl. Like his great-grandparents forging a new frontier for their family, Porterfield hopes to play a similar role in the journey towards colonizing the lunar surface.

90 SALE CALENDAR

GARRISON AUCTION
Saturday, October 28, 2023

8124 The Avenue, Pennville IN

10:00 A.M./10:30 A.M. (Double Ring)

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PUBLIC AUCTION
MONDAY NOVEMBER 13TH, 2023 TIME 5:00 P.M.

LOCATED: 7259 W 200 N, Pennville, IN

REAL ESTATE
79 Acres in section 7 Greene Township, Jay County Indiana. To be offered in two tracts and entirety.

Tract 1: 16 acres with approximately 13 acres tillable, balance being road frontage on County Road 200

N and wooded. Tract 2: 63 acres practically all tillable with road frontage on County Road 150 N.

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TIME 10:00 A.M.

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REAL ESTATE
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sq foot of finished living area.

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Located : 7638 N 650 W Bryant, IN

Saturday morning NOVEMBER 11, 2023 9:30 A.M.

REAL ESTATE
PARCEL #1: 2 Story home with 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, large family room, partial basement, and a 2 car attached garage.

This home has a new gas furnace plus a wood furnace, newer windows, new well, and a metal roof. This parcel has several outbuildings and will contain approximately 4 acres.

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Parcel #3: 62.11 acres of land with house and outbuildings.

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS

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| 2204-001-112.001 | Park Pool - Part Time Salaries | \$16,700 |
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The 2021 Fort Recovery High School graduate recorded her 1,000th kill on Oct. 18 as part of the University of Saint Francis volleyball team's 25-23, 24-26, 22-25, 25-29, 15-11 loss to Grace College.

Fortkamp led all attackers with 16 kills in the match. They came on 57 total attacks with seven errors to come out to a .158 hitting percentage. Kill No. 1,000 came in the fourth set of the match.

The junior also had seven kills in a 25-19, 25-17, 25-16 loss to Marion University.

Collegiate Check-up

Eliza Bader Jay County — 2021

Started her junior campaign off on a high note as the Ball State women's swimming and diving team took second place in the Dan Ross Indiana Intercollegiate hosted by Purdue University at Morgan J. Burke Aquatic Center.

Bader swam the breaststroke as the third leg of the 200-meter medley relay that took second place behind the Boilermakers to earn 34 points. Bader took 24.08 seconds as the team finished with a time of 1 minute, 46.21 seconds.

She was responsible for six more points as she finished 12th in the 50 freestyle with a 24.79 and 16th in the 100 butterfly in 1:00.26.

Anhely Montes Jay County — 2020

Netted two goals for the Ravens as the Anderson University women's soccer team went 2-1 over the past week.

The first goal was on Oct. 18 in a 4-1 win at Manchester. Twelve minutes in, Montes took a shot that was wide right before finding the net 20:41 in. She was assisted by Hannah Thompson.

She also scored a goal in a 4-0 win over Earlham on Wednesday. She took four shots before finally scoring with just under 13 minutes remaining.

The JCHS grad couldn't find the net in the Ravens' 4-1 loss to Hanover.

Lindy Wood Jay County — 2022

Crossed the finish line with a time of 22 minutes, 37.7 seconds at the Eastern Michigan Fall Classic on Oct. 20 at Hudson Hills Metropark.

The meet was unscored and included seven Division I teams.

Wood's time earned her 80th place and sixth among St. Francis' runners. The Jay County graduate beat out five athletes from Eastern Michigan and six from Akron.

Whitley Rammel FRHS — 2022

Played in one set of the East Tennessee State volleyball team's 15-25, 25-14, 25-21, 25-22 win over Western Carolina on Oct. 21.

Rammel had seven attacks in the match without recording a kill.

Irsay blasts NFL

By BRIDGET HYLAND

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Tribune news service

Colts owner Jim Irsay said on Tuesday that the NFL admitted to blown calls by officials late in Indianapolis' loss to the Browns on Sunday.

And Irsay could be fined for disclosing the discussion he had with the league, according to Tom Pelissero of NFL Network.

"The NFL communicates with teams on a weekly basis about various calls," Pelissero posted on X Tuesday night. "Team officials are prohibited from commenting publicly on those discussions. Now, a team owner has publicly said the league admitted to officiating mistakes. Stay tuned

..." The calls Irsay was likely referencing were illegal-contact and defensive-pass-interference calls in the final minute of the game against Indianapolis cornerback Darrell Baker Jr., which put the Browns in position to score the game-winning touchdown. Cleveland won the game, 39-38.

"The NFL admits and understands that they did not make the correct calls at end of Sunday's Colts/Browns Game," Irsay posted on X on Tuesday. "I believe we need to institute Instant Replay for all calls, including Penalties, in the last two minutes of All Games."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Fort Recovery — Cross country regional at Tiffin — 10 a.m.

TV sports

Today
2 a.m. — Golf: Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship (ESPN2)
2:30 p.m. — Formula 1: Mexico Grand Prix (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Crystal Palace (USA)
5 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Dead on Tools 250 (USA)
6 p.m. — Formula 1: Mexico Grand Prix (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NHRA: NHRA Nevada Nationals (FS1)

7 p.m. — College volleyball: Penn State at Michigan (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Florida Atlantic at Charlotte (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Miami Heat at Boston Celtics (TNT)
8 p.m. — World Series: Arizona Diamondbacks at Texas Rangers (FOX)
9 p.m. — College hockey: Wisconsin at Minnesota (BTN)
10 p.m. — NBA: Golden State Warriors at Sacramento Kings (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Vancouver Canucks (Bally Indiana)

Saturday
2 a.m. — Golf: Asia Pacific Amateur Championship (ESPN2)

7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Brentford at Chelsea (USA)
10 a.m. — Premier League: Sheffield United at Arsenal (USA)
12 p.m. — College football: South Carolina at Texas A&M (ESPN); Houston at Kansas State (ESPN2); Oklahoma at Kansas (FOX); Indiana at Penn State (CBS); Maryland at Northwestern (BTN); West Virginia at UCF (FS1); Florida State at Wake Forest (ABC)
12 p.m. — Premier League: Newcastle United at Wolverhampton (NBC)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Georgia at Florida (CBS); Pitt at Notre Dame (NBC); BYU at Texas (ABC); Purdue at Nebraska (FS1); Oregon at Utah (FOX); Michigan State at Minnesota (BTN); Duke at Louisville (ESPN)
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Dead on

Tools 250 (USA)
4 p.m. — College football: Tulane at Rice (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — College football: Tennessee at Kentucky (ESPN); Washington State at Stanford (FS1)
7 p.m. — College volleyball: Penn State at Michigan State (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Colorado at UCLA (ABC); Ohio State at Wisconsin (NBC)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Cleveland Cavaliers (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — World Series: Arizona Diamondbacks at Texas Rangers (FOX)
8 p.m. — College football: Cincinnati at Oklahoma State (ESPN2)
9 p.m. — College volleyball: Maryland at Iowa (BTN)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Oregon State at

Arizona (ESPN); UNLV at Fresno State (FS1)

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.
You can register by visiting bit.ly/cooperfarmsturkeytrot, or registration will open at 9 a.m. at Cooper Farms on the day of the race.


GOOD LUCK!



Good luck to the Fort Recovery High School girls cross country team and Trevor Heitkamp as they compete in the OHSAA Division III regional meet

Saturday at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin

Good luck to INDIANS!



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GOOD LUCK!

Wishing all of our local athletes a successful year in the field, on the court and in the classroom. Your achievements make this community proud, and we salute your hard work and dedication to the sport and to the team. Keep up the great work!

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GOOD LUCK to all our teams!

We're proud of our student athletes for their sportsmanship, their commitment to the team and the hard work they put in every day.

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We'd like to wish each and every player success on the field and in the classroom, all season and all year!


GO, TEAM!
Good luck to our local student athletes!

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Going to Bat for Our Student Athletes

Good luck, Indians, on a great season!



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Wishing All of Our Local Teams a Safe, Successful and Fun Season!

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Good luck to our local student athletes!

We admire your hard work, dedication and enthusiasm, and we thank you for making this community proud.

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Hope this season is the best one yet!

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Good Luck, Indians!

GOOD LUCK to our teams!

To the student athletes, coaches and fans who keep the spirit of friendly competition, teamwork and achievement alive, we wish you a successful and rewarding season!



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901 Greenville Rd., Fort Recovery, OH 45846



Ages 1 - 4 Winner

Ages 5 - 7 Winner



Christopher J.E. Eicher



Sawyer Fullenkamp

Ages 8 - 10 Winner



Isabelle Byrum

HALLOWEEN COLORING CONTEST.

YOU BREWED UP SOME GREAT
PICTURES THIS YEAR, KIDS!

We would like to thank all the merchants for sponsoring
the Halloween Coloring Contest.

We would also like to mention all of the kids
who did a *spooktacular* job this year!

Your pictures gave us smiles and decorated
the walls of the office the last few days.

Thanks for all your hard work and participation!

**STAY SAFE ON THE
STREETS WHILE
COLLECTING YOUR TREATS!**

1-4 CATEGORY:

Ezekiel Langenkamp - 4
Winner: Christopher J.E. Eicher - 4

5-7 CATEGORY

Kambri Staugler 5
Blaise Fullenkamp 6
Cage Reynolds 7
Alyse Myron 7
Bernadette Dirksen 7
Phynox Storie 7
Kassidy Kirby 5
Corbin Hutzler 7
Winner : Sawyer Fullenkamp 6

8-10 CATEGORY

Tobias Kunkler 8
Emma Graber 9
Penelope Evelyn Rogers 9
Lillian Stephen 10
Addy Baker 10
Owen Hudson 9
Susanna P. Neuenschwander 8
Luke Hopkins 8
Emma James 9
Claire Schmiesing 10
Chezney Hurt 8
Josie Haskett 9
Winner :Isabelle Byrum 10

