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## Two in race for mayor of Dunkirk

### Robbins seeks 2nd term as Miller challenges

By RAY COONEY

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Dunkirk has not re-elected a mayor in more than three decades.

The incumbent would like to break that trend. His challenger is hoping to keep it going.

Incumbent Democrat Jack Robbins is seeking a second term as mayor of Dunkirk while Republican Jay Miller is trying to oust him from that seat.

Robbins is a retired union laborer who served two terms on Dunkirk City Council before defeating incumbent Republican Gene Ritter in the 2019 general election. He previously served as health and safety officer for six years and zoning administrator for four years.

Miller grew up in Dunkirk before serving 20 years in the U.S. Air Force. He then lived in St. Louis before moving back to his hometown. He worked as a call center manager and is now retired. He defeated Alden Glessner in the GOP primary in May.

Dunkirk has had six consecutive one-term mayors. The last to win a bid for re-election was Grant Fager in 1991, when he was unopposed.

Miller indicated his feeling is that attracting new industry is the most important issue facing Dunkirk. He said he would be active in trying to attract industry by working with the governor and

state officials in order to put the city on their radar and would utilize incentives such as tax breaks.

He said bringing more industry to Dunkirk is the key to making progress across a wide range of areas.

"My biggest thing is about bringing jobs back so our kids and grandkids have a place to go to work," he said. "After that, I think a lot of the other issues will start to fix themselves. We'll get businesses downtown because people will have money to spend."

Robbins focused his attention on serving the residents of Dunkirk and making them happy. That includes improving the city's infrastructure, downtown area, parks and trails, he said.

"And the biggest thing for Dunkirk, and I can't push it enough, is your community center," he said. "You've got to have that community center doing activities and doing different things and you've got to be behind them. That community center, a 36-acre park and that swimming pool is a big draw for Dunkirk."

Discussing downtown revitalization, Robbins said the process is already underway. He pointed to various investments being made including the Weaver Building and former pet store being renovated, MJS Mortuaries constructing a new facility, AgBest Country Mart building a new store and Glass Capital Chrysler expanding.

Miller said the downtown all comes back to bringing in industry. He said he feels making downtown look pretty isn't going to building Dunkirk back up if no one has money to spend.

Addressing other issues, Miller said he would like to improve the city's streets.

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### Putting in place

Crews use two cranes Tuesday morning to move pieces into place as part of the bridge replacement project on Indiana 26 (Water Street) over the Salamonie River on the east side of Portland.

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## Grant awarded for early learning center

### Demolition, roof work are planned for this month

By RAY COONEY

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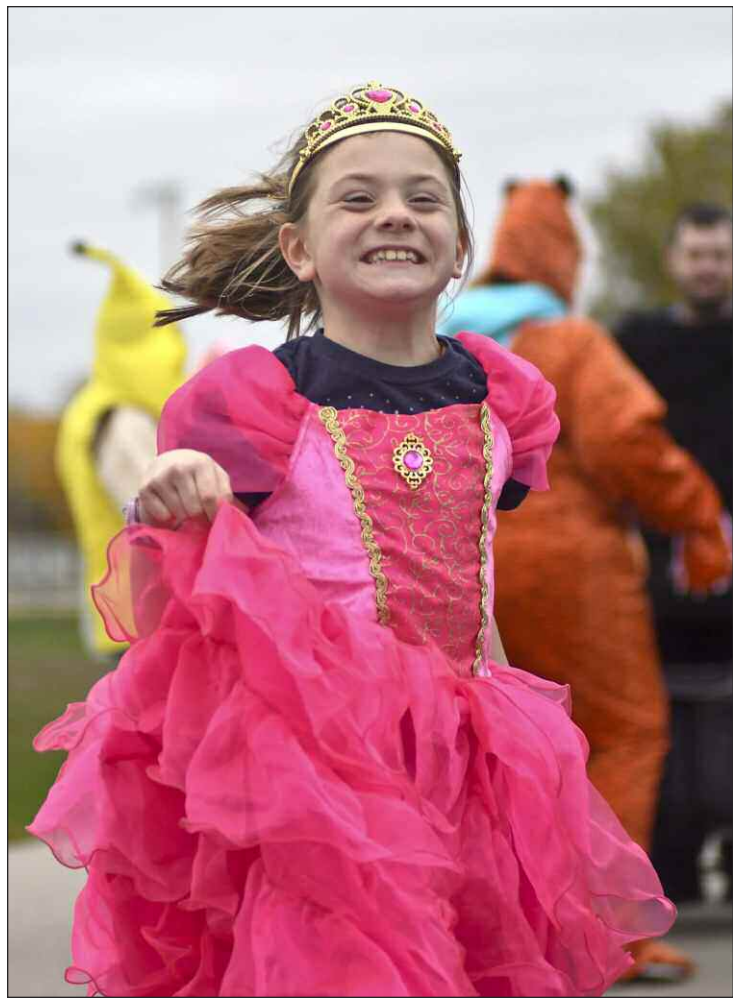
A local organization is getting some additional help in its effort to start an early learning center.

The Portland Foundation announced Tuesday that it has been selected to receive a \$50,000 grant from the Ball Brothers Foundation of Muncie for the renovation and expansion of the playground at the future Jay County Early Learning Center.

"The Portland Foundation is honored to partner with Ball Brothers Foundation to provide services for Jay County's youngest residents," said foundation executive director Doug Inman in a press release. "The Jay County Early Learning Center will assist in addressing the shortage of high-quality early childhood education opportunities in the community and as we know, play time is an important part of early education."

The foundation purchased the former Judge Haynes Elementary School, 827 W. High St., Portland, in 2022 with a goal of converting it into an early learning center. During its annual meeting in May, Inman announced that the foundation had entered into an agreement with Westminster Preschool of Marion to operate Jay County Early Learning Center. The facility is planned to serve 150 newborns through 5-year-old children.

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### Proud princess

Dunkirk held its annual Trunk or Treat event Saturday evening at Dunkirk City Park. Pictured, Makenna Bland, 7, Redkey, smiles and spins as she skips to the next trunk to get her treats in her princess costume.

## Harris to unveil AI contributions

By LAURA DAVISON

Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service

Vice President Kamala Harris is poised to announce an investment of more than \$200 million from philanthropic foundations to finance artificial intelligence advancements as part of the White House's effort to guide the quickly developing technology, according to an administration official.

The investment aligns with the Biden administration's broader goals of promoting AI innovation that protects consumers and support international rules for the nascent technology. The funders are also prioritizing initiatives focused on safeguarding democracy, assisting workers facing AI-driven changes and improving the transparency around AI, the official said.

The looming announcement comes as Harris is scheduled to travel to London this week to meet with industry and foreign government leaders at a summit on AI risks. While overseas, she will also deliver a speech focusing on containing the dangers posed by AI, including societal harms, bias, discrimination and misinformation, the official said.

"Government has a real critical role but government cannot alone deal with all these issues," said Ike Irby, a deputy domestic policy adviser to the vice president. "We need to pull every lever possible to meet the challenge of AI."

President Joe Biden on Monday signed an executive order that empowers the federal government to enact security standards and privacy protections on new AI tools. The order will have broad effects on companies including Microsoft Corp., Amazon.com Inc. and Alphabet Inc.'s Google, which will have to submit test results on their new models to the government before releasing them to the public. The directive also calls for AI-generated content to be labeled.

The use of AI tools has soared in recent months with the release of platforms, including OpenAI's ChatGPT app, that are readily accessible to the average consumer.

### Deaths

William Fields, 81, rural Portland  
 Doris Cheeseman, 97, Berne  
 Ralph Hamner, 81, Portland  
 Carole Arnold, 67, Bradenton, Florida  
 Treadesa Jackson, 83, Portland  
 Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 45 degrees Monday. The low was 32.  
 Winter-like temperatures are projected to continue tonight with the low dropping to 26 degrees. Expect mostly sunny skies Thursday with a high of 48.  
 See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

The Portland Foundation is accepting applications for its Friends of Jay County Agriculture 2023 grant cycle. It makes grants to tax-exempt organizations operating or proposing to operate programs for the benefit of agriculture in Jay County. Applications are available at portlandfoundation.org. The deadline is Nov. 9.

### Coming up

Thursday — Photos from Tuesday's Halloween festivities in Portland.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS girls wrestling team's season opener.



# CR almanac

Thursday 11/2	Friday 11/3	Saturday 11/4	Sunday 11/5	Monday 11/6
<b>48/33</b>	<b>54/43</b>	<b>59/43</b>	<b>55/43</b>	<b>57/40</b>
Mostly sunny on Thursday, when the low will be near freezing at night.	Another day of mostly sunny skies is in the forecast for Friday. Temperatures may be in the mid 50s.	Mostly cloudy skies expected on Saturday. There's a slight chance of rain late.	More rain is possible Sunday, when the high won't surpass 60 degrees.	Monday has a chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with temperatures climbing to the upper 50s.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Monday 19-22-34-66-69 Power Ball: 5 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$152 million	Daily Four: 3-2-3-0 Quick Draw: 1-3-5-8-13-19-26-29-32-39-40-48-51-61-64-65-69-76-77-79 Cash 5: 1-6-21-26-32 Estimated jackpot: \$786,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$159 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 6-2-4 Pick 4: 2-4-4-5 Pick 5: 6-0-8-5-5 Evening Pick 3: 8-8-0 Pick 4: 7-3-0-6 Pick 5: 0-1-6-0-2 Rolling Cash: 3-4-6-25-39 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-9-4 Daily Four: 8-2-6-1 Quick Draw: 2-6-7-14-20-36-37-39-40-45-48-49-56-63-67-69-71-74-76-79 Evening Daily Three: 6-0-0	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.76 Late Nov. corn .....4.71 Wheat .....5.46	Dec. beans .....12.89 Wheat ..... 5.16
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.70 Dec. corn .....4.75 Jan. corn .....4.89	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.55 Late Nov. corn .....4.57 Beans .....12.61 Dec. beans .....12.88 Wheat .....5.16
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.56 Dec. corn .....4.66 Beans .....12.49	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.36 Dec. corn .....4.46 Beans .....12.36 Dec. beans .....12.69 Wheat .....4.71

## Today in history

In 1512, Michelangelo's fresco on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican was open to the public for the first time.

In 1611, "The Tempest" by Williams Shakespeare was performed publicly for the first time.

In 1755, an earthquake in Lisbon, Spain, killed an estimated 30,000 and destroyed more than 9,000 buildings.

In 1765, the Stamp Act went into effect. It marked the first effort by the British Parliament to raise revenue by directly taxing American colonial commercial and legal papers.

In 1871, author Stephen Crane was born in Newark, New Jersey. He was best known from his 1895 novel "The Red Badge of Courage."

In 1897, the new Library of Congress building opened. The facility had previously been housed in the U.S. Capitol's Congressional Reading Room.

In 1950, members of the Armed Forces of National Liberation, a group of Puerto Rican nationalists, made a failed attempt to assassinate President Harry Truman.

In 1952, the U.S. tested its first thermonuclear bomb on an atoll of the Marshall Islands. It was tested by Edward Teller and other American scientists. Its power came from an uncontrolled, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction.

In 1967, "Cool Hand Luke" opened in theaters.

In 1972, the Dunkirk High School boys basketball team opened its season with an 83-71 victory over Pennville. All five Speedcats scored in double figures, with Cliff Dunnington, Paul Hart and Kim Younkin all totaling 18 points.

In 1981, Antigua and Barbuda gained independence from the United Kingdom.

In 1993, the European Union was established as the Maastricht Treaty went into effect.

In 1994, NASA launched its Wind spacecraft to explore space between Earth and the sun.

In 1997, the film "Titanic," directed by James Cameron and starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet, was screened publicly for the first time at Tokyo International Film Festival. It would become one of the highest-grossing movies of all time.

In 2021, Portland City Council approved a bonus structure — it would pay \$1,000 after the first year, \$1,500 after the second year and \$2,500 after the third year — for "lateral transfers" in an effort to attract experienced police officers. —The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Today**  
2:30 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special meeting, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

**Thursday**  
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

**Monday**  
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

# Obituaries

## William Fields

March 24, 1942-Oct. 29, 2023  
William "Bill" Fields, age 81, a resident of rural Portland, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, at his home.

Bill was born on March 24, 1942, in Portland, Indiana, the son of Alvie Fields and Etta (Brown) Ullom. He worked for Sheller Globe in Portland, City of Portland for 24 years and animal control in Jay County for over 25 years. Bill married Kathy Butcher on Dec. 28, 1962.



Fields

Survivors include:  
His wife of 60 years — Kathy Fields, Portland, Indiana  
Two children — Deborah White, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Ernie Fields (wife: Amy), Portland, Indiana  
One brother — John Fields, Portland, Indiana  
Six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Pastor Larry Eads will officiate and burial will follow at Salomonia Cemetery in Salomonia, Indiana.

Memorials may be directed to Jay Randolph Developmental Services.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

## Doris Cheeseman

Sept. 2, 1926-Oct. 28, 2023  
Doris Marie (Hildbold) Cheeseman, a native of Fort Recovery, Ohio, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at Swiss Village in Berne, Indiana. She was 97.

Doris was born, literally, in a log house on the Ohio side of the Ohio/Indiana State Line Road on Sept. 2, 1926, to the late Walter and Helen (Willmann) Hildbold.

Preceding her in death was her husband of 55 years, John R. Cheeseman, a native of Portersville, Pennsylvania, and a World War II Marine veteran. Also preceding her was her sister, Carolyn Hildbold Denney (Jess); and a son, Max Cheeseman, who passed away in 2019.

Doris is survived by her daughter,



Cheeseman

Jill Cheeseman Bowling, and Jill's husband John. They reside in Michigan. Also surviving is her daughter-in-law Denice (Lennartz) Cheeseman of Fort Recovery; step-grandchildren Michelle Reichert and husband Ashley of Fountaintown, Indiana, Elizabeth DeWitt and husband Shawn of Urbana, Ohio, and Kurt Theurer and wife Mary of Portland, Indiana; step-great-grandchildren Jackson, Jenna and Claire DeWitt, and Abraham, Nora and Hank Theurer. Also surviving are two nieces, Phyllis Denney Strohl and husband Tom of Indianapolis and Naples, Florida, and Patricia Denney of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Additionally, there are numerous Cheeseman nieces, nephews and their children, many still in the Portersville, Pennsylvania, area.

Doris graduated from Fort Recovery High School in 1944, where she was a member of the band and senior class secretary, and loved her roles in the junior and senior class plays. She kept in touch with high school classmates and enjoyed attending Fort Recovery High School alumni and class reunions.

Following high school, she enrolled at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where her mother had attended in 1916. Doris often recalled being "dropped off at the sidewalk of Hepburn Hall" by her parents. She loved her days at Miami where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha.

On Feb. 4, 1944, during an unpredicted snowstorm, Doris married John Cheeseman at the home of her parents. Doris's maid of honor was her sister, Carolyn. The best man was to be John's brother, George Cheeseman. However, due to the storm, George could not arrive in time for the ceremony so the honors were done by Jess Denney, who would soon marry Doris's sister, Carolyn. The newspaper account of the wedding reported 65 guests in attendance. The next morning the newlyweds left in a borrowed car pulling a 15-foot house trailer, driving to Longview, Texas, where John enrolled as a student on the GI bill at LeTourneau College.

John Cheeseman had loved trucks since the age of 6 when he would sit on the lap of his 16-year-old brother, Charles, and "help" Charles drive the milk route in Portersville. Thus began the life-long business — John Cheeseman Trucking, Inc., of which Doris was an integral part.

In addition to helping with the trucking business, Doris was a public school teacher, beginning her career

at Noble School in Jay County, Indiana, in 1956. Later she taught in the elementary schools of both Fort Recovery and St. Henry. In the early 1970s, she was a teacher at the Cheryl Ann School, Celina, Ohio.

Doris loved to travel, even if it was just a ride on a Sunday afternoon or perhaps driving a van of freight to deliver in Wisconsin. She often traveled on bus tours or train trips. This adventuresome side was perhaps the reason she entered a Mercer County Pie Baking Contest where she won first prize for her first and only ever strawberry rhubarb pie. For a time, Doris wrote a column for the Celina Daily Standard under the pen name of Martha White, a brand of self-rising flour.

While her children were young, Doris was very involved in teaching children's Sunday School at the Church of the Nazarene and Community Vacation Bible School, both in Fort Recovery.

A fourth generation Fort Recovery resident, Doris was a community supporter of many projects, including the Fort Recovery Historical Society and the Friends of the Opera. For a time, she served on Fort Recovery Town Council and was also on the Crippled Children's Board of Mercer County.

Doris established scholarships at Fort Recovery High School, Miami University and at Olivet Nazarene University. Her legacy of generosity will continue for generations.

Family will gather for a graveside service in the near future.

Anyone wishing to remember her may do so with a contribution to Fort Recovery Historical Society, P.O. Box 533, Fort Recovery, OH 45846; The John and Doris Cheeseman FRHS Scholarship in care of the Fort Recovery Foundation, P.O. Box 52, Fort Recovery, OH 45846; The Doris and John Cheeseman Scholarship at Olivet Nazarene University, One University Ave., Bourbonnais, IL 60914; or The Portersville Presbyterian Church, 1297 Perry Highway, Portersville, PA 16051.

The family would like to thank the wonderful nurses and staff at Swiss Village in Berne, Indiana, who cared for her like family.

Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery, is serving Doris' family.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockman-boeckmanfh.com.

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## Felony arrests

### Drug possession

A Dunkirk man was arrested Saturday for drug possession.

Andrew Z. Bishop, 31, 4490 S. 875 East, was charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Level 6 felony for resisting law enforcement.

He was being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

### Probation violation

A Richmond man was arrested Monday for violating his probation.

Dustin D. Smith, 28, 223 1/2 South 12th, pleaded guilty in February to possession of cocaine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced in Jay Superior Court to one year in Jay County Jail with 361 days suspended and given four days credit for time served. A petition alleging he violated the conditions of his probation was filed in court Oct. 16.

Smith was being held on a \$5,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

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## SERVICES

Today  
**Jackson**, Treadesa: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Thursday  
**Hamner**, Ralph: 11 a.m., Bruning Hope Baptist Church, 331 E. Pegoda Road, Trinity, Texas.  
**Fields**, William: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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# Veteran's Day approaches

Fort Recovery Local Schools is hosting its annual Veteran's Day program and senior citizen breakfast at the Fort Recovery Elementary and Middle School auditoria on Friday, Nov. 10.

The program will include the presentation of colors by the Fort Recovery American Legion, performances by the Fort Recovery High School Band and words from a guest speaker, retired Army Veteran Dan White from American Hero Hunt.

Doors open at 9 a.m., with Fort Recovery High School Student Council serving breakfast at 9:15 a.m. and the program beginning at 9:45 a.m. Nov. 10.

To reserve a spot for breakfast,

## Taking Note

call Fort Recovery Middle School at (419) 375-2815 by Friday, Nov. 3.

### Museum exhibit

Fort Recovery Museum is hosting a special exhibit.

"St. Clair's Defeat Revisited: A New View of the Conflict," will be on display starting next weekend, Saturday, Nov. 4, and Sunday, Nov. 5. The display introduces the

complex history of St. Clair's defeat on Nov. 4, 1791, when the United States army lost a battle against nine tribal nations. It focuses on background, the battle and Native American strategy, the aftermath of the battle including broken treaties, removal and boarding schools, and the tribes today.

The exhibit will be on display from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends through January 7. It will also be hosting special presentations at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, and Sunday, Nov. 5, from tribal humanities scholars Nekole Alligood and Diane Hunter and Ball State University archaeologist Christine Thompson.

# Family wants friendship to end

DEAR ABBY: I live in a rural community in southern Indiana. It's an "everyone goes to church on Sunday, and everyone knows everyone" kind of place. I was employed at the local health care center here for almost four years before quitting to become a full-time caregiver and homemaker. During my time at the health care facility, I became acquainted with an elderly gentleman. We became good friends, and remain good friends to this day. I visit with him several times a week, when time allows, and we talk on the telephone.

The problem is, his family doesn't like that I am a homosexual male and that I have such a close relationship with him. What can I do to make everyone relax, so he and I can still remain good friends without someone disapproving? — UNAPPRECIATED FRIEND

DEAR FRIEND: I wish I understood exactly what the family's objection is to your friendship with this person. Are they afraid you are after his money? Or are they incapable of understanding that homosexuals can (and do!) have platonic friendships with straight folks?

If you and that gentleman want to remain friends, you may have to grow a thicker skin. You cannot please everyone, and whether his family "approves" is beside the point. I hope you will keep doing what you have been doing because it is beneficial for that man to have a friend he can count on.

## Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: A very good friend and neighbor sold a Taylor Swift ticket to my 15-year-old daughter for \$900. I should mention, my daughter would have given her right arm for the chance to go to the show. The original ticket was purchased for \$300, including fees. Initially, my friend wanted to sell it for \$1,000, but she offered a "discount" because my daughter's 16th birthday was coming up.

I can appreciate the value of the hottest ticket in town and that it comes with an inflated price tag. However, from my point of view, it was merely a transaction meant for my friend to make a handsome profit off of my kid. Am I wrong in thinking her actions were not that of a good friend after all? — FEELING SWINDLED IN THE WEST

DEAR FEELING SWINDLED: Because your neighbor sold the ticket to your daughter at three times what she paid for it, I would have to agree; she acted more like a ticket broker than a good friend. I see no reason why you should cut her off completely, but now you know she's a shark when it comes to "business," so keep your eyes open. On the upside, your daughter got to live her dream that night.

# Always put your children first

BY JANN BLACKSTONE  
Tribune News Service

Q: October marks the beginning of the holidays at my children's school. There are Halloween parades and Thanksgiving feasts, and they are even doing a play at the middle school. I know you are an advocate of spending the holidays together, but I hate my ex. I don't want to be anywhere near her, let alone be around her at the holiday festivities at the kids' school. Please tell me I don't have to endure time with her. She's so obnoxious, and it can't be good for my children to witness my utter and complete misery.

A: First, let me clarify something: I am not an advocate of spending holidays together; I am an advocate for co-parenting, and if parents find themselves comfortable spending the holidays with the kids, that is their choice. But being a good co-parent does not mean you must spend the holidays with your ex and the kids. Things are radically different after a breakup and that must be acknowledged. Some very responsible co-parents choose to celebrate separately. That is their prerogative.

But, it seems that you aren't talking about spending the holidays together. You are talking about attending your children's school holiday festivities at the

## Ex-Etiquette



same time as their other parent. That is a completely different situation.

Be careful that you are not allowing your animosity for your children's other parent to interfere with your parental responsibilities. I'm sure your children want both of their parents at their school holiday celebrations. However, if things are as bad as you describe, you are right, it's not good for your child to be around the two of you together. Watching parents fight or even be irritated with one another will undermine a child's self-esteem and security faster than just about anything else. Plus, it tends to extend their period of adjustment after your breakup. Even the most selfish angry parents don't want that for their children, so if you are still doing that years after divorce, shame on both of you. It's time to stop and put your children first (Good Ex-etiquette for Parents rule No. 1).

The holidays are magical for

children. They look forward to days like Halloween, Hannukah or Christmas all year round. Do what you can to make those days special.

Don't muddy their memories with your arguing, especially about issues that haven't healed in four years. Studies show that children's brain development is impacted by ongoing conflict in the home — or homes, as in your case.

Many parents think their kids are resilient and will overlook their poor treatment of each other. They won't. They personalize the bad behavior, often blame themselves and they eventually copy it — because the only model they have for a relationship is the one you are showing them.

When you go to these school holiday celebrations, remember you are going to see your children perform, you are not going to see their other parent. It also sounds like it's time to consider some co-parenting counseling to help you reset your priorities. That's good ex-etiquette.

Jann Blackstone is the author of "Ex-etiquette for Parents: Good Behavior After Divorce or Separation," and the founder of Bonus Families, bonusfamilies.com. Email her at drjann@exetiquette.com.

# Community Calendar

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

**Today**  
WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend.  
PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.  
PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.  
A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.  
SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP

— For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.  
**Thursday**  
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.  
FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.  
PORTLAND LIONS

CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.  
**Friday**  
DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.  
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.  
SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

## Tuesday's Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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# Backyard 'zoo' livened up gray day

*Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Nov. 3, 2004. After last week's editor's note of surprise that more birds were not involved in Jack's afternoon locked out of the house, it seemed only appropriate that this bird-themed column would follow.*

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

"I feel like I'm in a zoo," I told my wife over a bowl of soup.

It was Monday, and November had landed with an audible thud.

Gone were the crisp blue skies of October. Gone too were most of the autumn

## Back in the Saddle



And the only incontestably good thing about that was that the campaign would be over.

In other words, I was in a pretty glum mood, one that matched the November day outside.

Then the birds arrived. Connie had filled the backyard feeders over the weekend. A cylindrical one hanging from a stick attached to the garage held small black sunflower seeds. Two others on posts held a typical wild birdseed mix. And a fourth hanging from a redbud branch held thistle seed.

First a couple, then a couple more, then a dozen more finches — purple finches and house

finches — swooped down for what must have been lunch.

While the two of us watched from the kitchen table, the scene outdoors became busier and busier.

A pair of cardinals, both female, picked through seeds dropped at the foot of one of the feeding stations.

A nuthatch — at least one — zipped down like a daredevil to grab a spot at the sunflower station.

Sparrows and juncos appeared. "How many do you think there are?" I asked, trying to count as the miniature air show continued.

"Birds?" said my wife. "Or squirrels?"

Sure enough, the backyard mammals had decided to get into the act.

A pair of fox squirrels scrambled through a maze of redbud branches, while a pair of gray squirrels chased each other around the trunk of an ash tree.

"I feel like I'm in a zoo," I said, glad that I was referring to the backyard wildlife display and not the election year.

It was still November. There was still mud flying everywhere in the final countdown to Tuesday's vote.

But as I headed back to work there was a little spring in my step. Thanks to the birds.

# Women absent from speaker race

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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Our long national nightmare is over: the U.S. House has a speaker. But one thing's for sure — it's not a woman.

Three weeks of a speaker carousel and never once was a woman considered for the top position, which has only ever been held by one woman: Rep. Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat.

This despite having more women than ever in Congress and in the Republican caucus.

Altogether, 15 men were considered for speaker in either closed-door meetings or in House floor votes. Eventually Republican Conference Vice Chair Mike Johnson was officially elected Wednesday.

So where were the women?

The Pew Research Center found that women make up more than a quarter (28%) of all members of the 118th Congress — the highest percentage in U.S. history and a considerable increase from where things stood even a decade ago.

Counting both the House of Representatives and the Senate, women account for 153 of 540 voting and non-voting members of Congress.

A record 128 women are serving in the House, accounting for 29% of the chamber's total.

And yet, not one nomination.

On one hand, any of the current Congresswomen could have put themselves forward as a candidate and didn't. Plenty of their male counterparts did just that.

This is probably partly because very few women are in leadership, which brings with it stature, skills and relationships with colleagues needed to become speaker.

The highest-ranking Republican is Rep. Elise Stefanik, of New York, who chairs the Republican Conference.

Former Speaker Newt Gingrich said on Fox earlier this week that he wished the U.S. House had a woman candidate like Stefanik or Texas Republican Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne.

"Given the level of rowdiness and the level of juvenile behavior it's conceivable that a female speaker would be more effective in actually getting them all to get together and stick together," he said.

But Stefanik was never considered an option. Instead, she gave the nominating speech for Johnson

Niki Kelly



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on Wednesday.

There are only three female U.S. House Committee Chairs, according to the Center for Women and American Politics. One of those — North Carolina Rep. Virginia Foxx — told a reporter to shut up repeatedly when she asked Johnson a question during a press conference.

Combined, only 18 women have leadership in the U.S. House in both parties.

Women are just as capable as men in leading and I hope it doesn't take years to see a female Republican in this significant leadership role. Democrats seem to be more open and willing to elevate women.

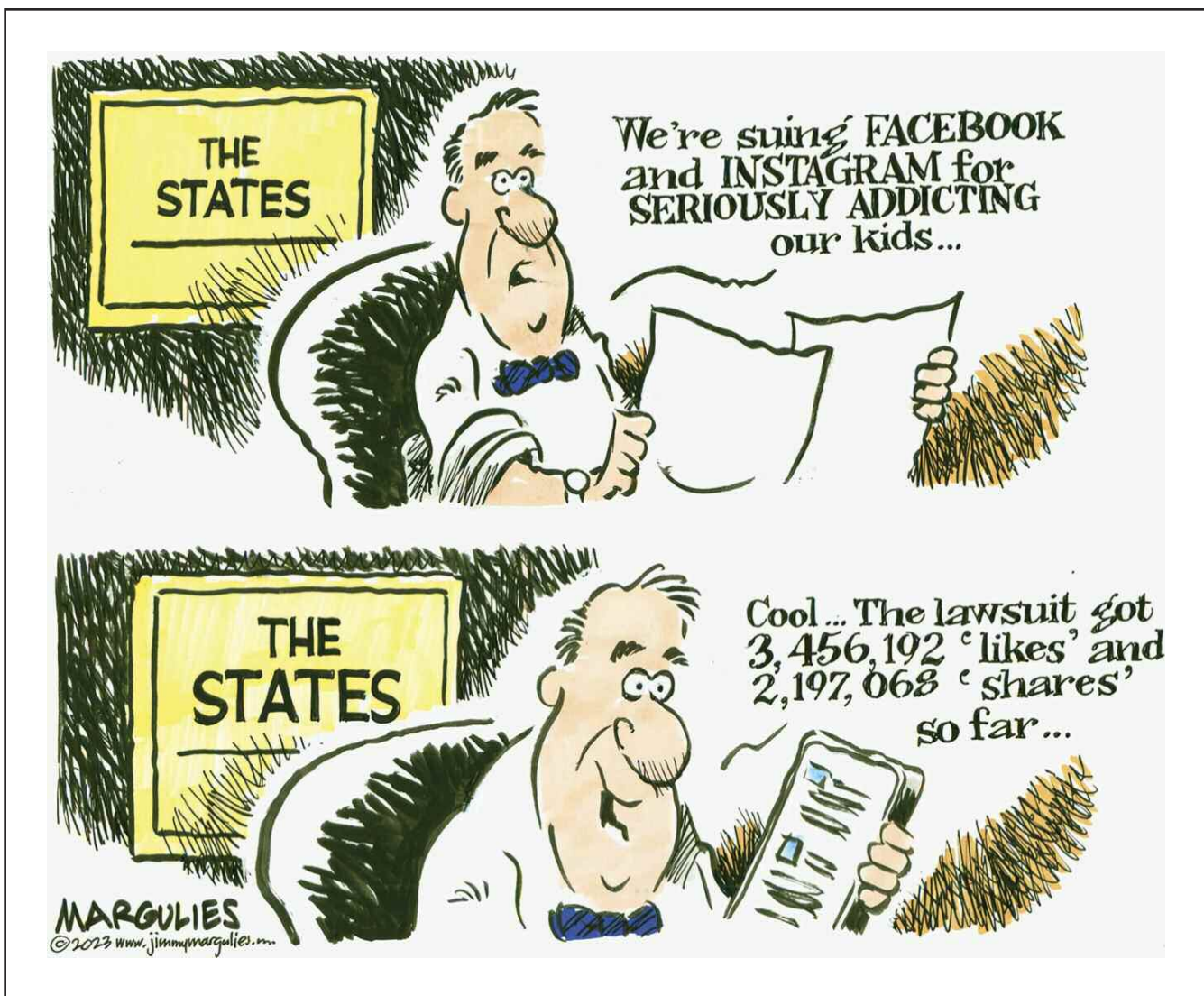
Democrat Pelosi was the first woman to wield the speaker's gavel. No Republican woman has ever advanced beyond the role of conference chair — the position currently held by Stefanik and filled by former Rep. Liz Cheney and Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington before her, according to NBC News.

That same report said women within the caucus know the position is a chopping block.

"We need to have, maybe, a woman to get us out of this mess," Rep. Victoria Spartz of Indiana told NBC News. "The men screw it up so much."

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Kelly has covered the Indiana Statehouse since 1999.

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# Be kind in face of horror

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Wednesday evening started like any other across the state of Maine. In Lewiston, people were starting a night of league bowling. They were playing pool. They were having dinner and drinks with friends and family. They were living their lives.

And then their lives were taken by someone with a gun.

A casual Wednesday night quickly became one of the worst nights that Maine has ever experienced. The peaceful, almost mundane normalcy was shattered around 6:56 p.m. when shots were first fired at the Just-In-Time Recreation bowling alley. Our state's collective sense of safety was shattered with it.

We've known that a tragedy like this could happen anywhere, but now that it has happened here, it still does not seem possible. We, like the rest of Maine, are in shock. We are heartbroken.

The shootings at Just-In-Time and Schemengees Bar & Grille, which according to Gov. Janet Mills claimed 18 lives and injured 13 others, are the worst news we've personally witnessed here in the state. But more importantly, for so many people, this goes beyond a horrifying news story. For far too many this is a life-altering event, a human tragedy of devastating proportions, that our fellow Mainers are experiencing directly. They've lost family members and friends. They know members of law enforcement and health care workers who responded. They may have even responded themselves.

In a constantly evolving situation Wednesday night and Thursday morning, as some information became available but other questions remained unanswered, both

## Guest Editorial

the knowns and the unknowns added to the devastation. As of Thursday morning, Auburn City Councilor Leroy Walker was still trying to find answers about his son, Joseph Walker, a manager at Schemengees.

"For the life of me I just can't understand this," Leroy Walker said earlier Thursday. He later confirmed his son was one of the 18 victims killed. "It's like we're in a dream and we can't get out of it. It's a nightmare."

Those few sentences say more than we ever could, even with unlimited ink and paper.

A tragedy that happens halfway across the country or halfway across the world is still a tragedy. Pain travels, and we have felt that pain when violence like this has erupted elsewhere. Now that it is reverberating out from Lewiston, however, the pain is so close and so acute that it overwhelms.

Bates College professor Michael Rocque was asked by News Center Maine how he was feeling in the hours after the shooting. Rocque, a criminologist, had said last year that Maine was "lucky" to have avoided this kind of mass shooting event. Clearly, heartbreakingly, that changed on Wednesday.

"I'm feeling all the things that people feel when their community has been attacked. I am somewhat in shock even though we've been saying that these things can happen anywhere, and they often happen in

smaller communities. And Maine has just been lucky, for the most part, to not have an attack like this. Of course, this is an attack on a scale that is shocking by any measure," Rocque said.

Maine often feels like a relatively calm and sheltered corner of an otherwise tumultuous world. That calm was shattered to pieces Wednesday night.

Even in this unsteady moment, though, we're confident that Mainers will work together to put those pieces back together — at least as much as possible. That was already happening Wednesday night as members of law enforcement, EMTs, nurses, doctors, mental health professionals and others rushed to help. Journalists worked through the night to keep our communities informed. On what might be Maine's worst night, and certainly the worst night for some of our fellow Mainers, we also saw the best of us in that response.

"At this point, we're really going to focus inside of our community," Jason Levesque, mayor of neighboring Auburn, said in the early hours of Thursday morning at a reunification center where loved ones were able to reconnect after the shootings. "We're going to heal our community."

We will have much more to say about this tragedy, the human toll it has taken, the unfolding details involved, and ways to potentially prevent future gun violence. As Mainers grapple with this shocking and traumatic event, however, we'll offer this: Now is the time for you to feel however you want to feel, and think whatever you want to think. But be kind to yourself, and be kind to others. So many are going through so much right now.

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# Obituaries

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## Ralph Hamner

Nov. 6, 1941-Oct. 21, 2023  
Ralph "Red" J Hamner, 81, of Portland, Indiana, passed away on Oct. 21, 2023, in Killeen, Texas, with his children near.

Red was born on Nov. 6, 1941, in Elmira, New York, to Ruth (Robinson) Hamner and Loyd Hamner.

Being a dedicated family man was one of Red's greatest joys in life. He married Joyce (King) Inman on June 2, 1990, at Faith Baptist Church in Portland, Indiana. Red was a member of the American Legion Post 211 in Portland, Indiana, for 50 years.

Red had a dedicated career as a plumber and owned and operated Ralph "Red" Hamner's plumbing until 2004 when he semi-retired and moved to Trinity, Texas.

Red honorably served in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft mechanic. Red's commitment to duty demonstrated not only his love for his country but also his strength of character.

Red was a loving father to his children Amber Wanken and husband John, James Hamner, Cory Hamner and wife Jenni, Jon Spencer and Kim Gross; and his stepchildren Kevin Inman, Kim McAbee and Kristi Sturtz; and a proud grandfather and great-grandfather.

Red will be remembered for his

witty personality, comments and compassionate nature. His spirit will forever live on through the memories shared by his children and those fortunate enough to have known him.

Military service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery, Killeen, Texas.

A Memorial service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, at Burning Hope Baptist Church in Trinity, Texas.

Memorials may be sent to Crotty Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Belton, Texas, or Burning Hope Baptist Church, 204 E. Pagoda Road, Trinity, TX 75862.

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## Carole Arnold

Aug. 31, 1956-Oct. 20, 2023  
Carole Ann Arnold, 67, of Bradenton, Florida, passed away on Friday, Oct. 20, 2023, at 10:28 p.m. at LifeCare of Sarasota in Sarasota, Florida.

She was born on Aug. 31, 1956, in Portland, Indiana. She married Michael Arnold on May 16, 1981, in Portland, Indiana.

Carole will be missed dearly by all of the souls that knew her kindness, twinkling eyes, angelic voice, laughter and huge heart.

Carole was preceded in death by her parents Joseph "Joe" and Elizabeth "Betty" (Wagner) Laux and her

older sisters Donna Haffner and Kathy Laux.

Carole's husband of 43 years, Michael Wayne Arnold survives. Her two children Michele (Chris) Morehous and Thomas (Jessica) Arnold; her stepdaughter Jennifer (Andrew) Farmer; her granddaughters Veronica (Javan) Christenberry, Carole Arnold, and Carissa Arnold; her grandsons Stuart (Ryann) Morehous and Charles Arnold; her step-grandsons Adam Farmer, Ryan Farmer and Jace Farmer; her great-grandson Elliott Christenberry; her brothers Thomas (Crystal) Laux and John (Sharon) Laux; her brother-in-law Richard Haffner; and many nieces and nephews survive.

There will be no services. Memorials can be made in Carole's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

**Treadesa "Trudy" M. Jackson**, Portland, May 3, 1940-Oct. 28, 2023. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

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Arnold

# Grant

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In an interview Tuesday morning, Inman said plans are moving forward with the goal of opening the facility in August. All environmental remediation — removing asbestos, mold and lead paint — has been completed.

The next step is demolition of the west wing of the building, which had extensive roof damage that led to water leaks. That work, being handled by Shroyer Solutions of Muncie, is scheduled to begin Friday.

Once the demolition is complete, a new roof will be installed on the remainder of the structure. Centimark of Fort Wayne is expected to begin that project in mid-November.

The next step for The Portland Foundation is to hire a general contractor for the building renovation. The job is already out for bid.

The entire renovation project is estimated at \$3.5 million. The foundation has applied for grants — in September it was awarded a \$432,500 Early Years Initiative grant from Early Learning Indiana for renovation, equipment and supplies — but overall the project will be funded through its reserves.

"I feel really good about the progression that we've made," said Inman. "Westminster is excited, ready to get here and find employees, find students. ..."

"I'm very excited to bring this facility to help children and families in the community."

Westminster has launched a Facebook page — Westminster Preschools Portland — with forms available to fill out for those interested in childcare and employment at the early learning center.

# Mayor

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He added that any water, gas or sewer line replacements should be done before or in conjunction with paving. He added that he would like to replace sidewalks at the same time streets are being paved.

When asking for the voters of Dunkirk to choose him, Miller noted his experience in the U.S. Air Force and business world and a desire to make his city better.

"I'm a hometown boy. I grew up here," he said, promising to be a one-term mayor if he can't deliver on his promises. "I went off to the military for 30 years. I've served in the military. I've worked for Fortune 500 companies. I have the knowledge. And I'm not a politician. I'm somebody that wants to see my town survive. And I'm going to be there to work for them. My life has been spent in service. This is just another way for me to serve my community."

In addition to the growth in the downtown area, Robbins said he is working on a potential housing project on the south side of the city where utilities are already available. As part of the city's five-year utility plan, he said fire hydrants will be replaced and water lines that are currently dead ends need to be looped. He added

*Early voting continues through Monday at courthouse*

that the fire hydrant system needs to be extended from Highland Avenue south to the industrial park property so that the city will have the infrastructure in place in order to be able to attract new industry.

Robbins focused his attention on his record as mayor, saying he plans to continue to build on what has been accomplished in his first term.

"Don't look at me telling you what I'm going to do, look at what I already did," said Robbins. "Our streets are all paved — 17 in the last three years. We've gotten six community crossings in a row to fix our streets. Railroad crossings are new. All new LED streetlights in town. All that stuff takes time. And I'm not going to tell you I'm going to do that, it's already done. Our downtown businesses are lit up, they're thriving. Our small business are coming back. I'm not telling you what I'm going to do. Look at what I did."

# Capsule Reports

## Backing accident

A Portland man backed the truck he was driving into another vehicle along Lincoln Street in Portland about 3:40 p.m. Saturday.

Juan J. Caal, 51, was backing up a 2007 Ford F-150 when he struck a 2016 Mercedes-Benz driven by 54-year-old Corey L. Heniser of Portland, according to a Portland police report. Caal left the scene, later telling police he didn't know he had been involved in an accident.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The vehicle Caal was driving is registered to Five Star Contracting of Geneva, and the vehicle Heniser was driving

is registered to Brigade Electronics of Portland.

## Alley crash

A Portland man's vehicle hit another car at the intersection of Meridian and Adams streets in Portland about 6:10 p.m. Friday.

Rayna M. Brenner, 33, Portland, was driving a 2003 Jeep Liberty south in an alley near the intersection. Daniel T. Foster Jr., 44, Portland, was driving his 2018 Ford Explorer east in a nearby alley when he entered the intersection and crashed into Brenner's vehicle. He told police he couldn't see because of a building obstructing his view.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

# Felony arrests

## Confinement

A Redkey man was arrested Saturday for confinement.

Daniel R. Miller, 28, 1

South Union St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime. He was being held in Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.

# HEALTHCARE

## Caution is called for among individuals diagnosed with Celiac disease

The gluten-free movement has taken off, which is clear by the number of gluten-free options now widely available from retailers, large and small. There are a fair share of individuals who avoid gluten as part of weight loss regimens. However, for people who suffer from Celiac disease, avoiding gluten is a necessity. These people must steer clear of gluten at all costs or risk serious illness.

### What is Celiac disease?

The Celiac Disease Foundation says Celiac disease is a serious autoimmune disease that causes damage in the small intestine when gluten is ingested. The foundation estimates that Celiac disease affects around one in every 100 people worldwide, although many people do not know they have it.

When gluten is consumed, the immune system mounts an attack on the small intestines, particu-

larly the villi, which are small, fingerlike projections that deal with nutrient absorption. The condition is hereditary, so if one person in a family has Celiac disease, there is a heightened risk for others to develop it.

### Symptoms

Symptoms of Celiac disease can include diarrhea, fatigue, weight loss, bloating, and anemia, indicates the Mayo Clinic. In children, malabsorption can affect growth and development in addition to the other symptoms that affect adults. The CDF says people with Celiac disease have a two-times greater risk of developing small bowel cancers and coronary artery disease than those without the disease. Untreated Celiac disease also may lead to additional autoimmune conditions like type 1 diabetes and multiple sclerosis, and many other conditions, including the blistering skin disease dermatitis herpetiformis.

### Testing and diagnosis

Doctors use two blood tests to help diagnose Celiac disease. Serology testing looks for antibodies in the blood. Elevated levels of certain proteins indicate an immune reaction to gluten.

Genetic testing is another way to determine if a person has Celiac disease. Such testing looks for human leukocyte antigens to help rule out Celiac disease.

It is essential that Celiac disease is diagnosed before gluten is eliminated from one's diet; otherwise, tests may produce false negative results.

### Celiac disease treatment

Celiac disease has no cure. Managing the disease includes avoiding foods that contain gluten. The Mayo Clinic says wheat, barley, bulgur, durum, farina, graham flour, malt, rye,

semolina, spelt, and triticale can contain gluten. Certain prepared foods may have gluten without a person realizing it. Even trace amounts of gluten can produce injury if symptoms are not present. Gluten may be in food stabilizers, lipstick, herbs, medications, and even envelope glue.

For the very sensitive, cross-contamination can produce various symptoms. It's important to read product labels to see if products are produced in facilities that also handle gluten-containing ingredients. Utensils and cooking implements should be washed thoroughly between uses to prevent gluten from getting into the foods enjoyed by those with Celiac disease.

Celiac disease affects millions of people globally. It can damage the small intestines irreparably if the condition is not diagnosed promptly and items containing gluten are not eliminated from one's diet.

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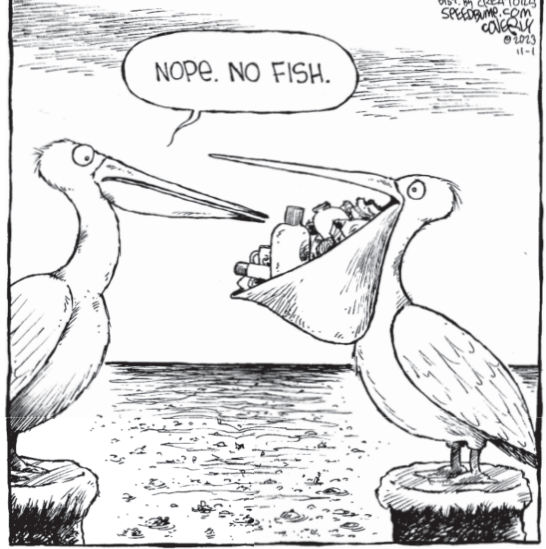
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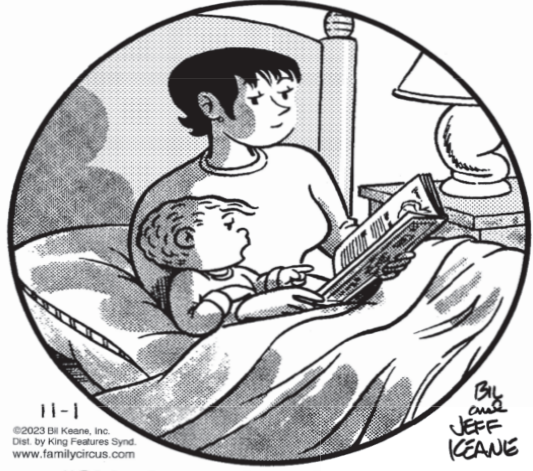


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won by East with the king. East must obviously shift to a diamond, but the question is, which one? First, let's suppose East returns the three, in keeping with the standard practice of leading fourth-best. South would play the king, and West would presumably win with the ace. Unfortunately, if this position is reached — and it is only trick two — the defense is all washed up. Whatever West returns, South makes the contract, losing only a heart, a diamond and a club. Now let's go back to trick two and have East return the eight of diamonds — a "top of nothing" lead. West can easily read the eight as East's highest diamond, so after South plays the king — West follows with the seven!

The bidding: South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass 2 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass 4 ♣ Opening lead — jack of hearts. A declarer sees all of his side's resources as soon as dummy appears, but the defenders do not have the same advantage. As a result, they must work harder to ascertain their respective assets and liabilities. If they collaborate well, they will nearly always collect all the tricks they are entitled to get. Consider this deal where routine defense would allow declarer to make four spades, while well-coordinated defense would defeat the contract. West leads a heart,

West ducks the king because he knows declarer has the queen, and also because he sees that the only chance to beat the contract lies in scoring two diamond tricks. This can happen only if his partner regains the lead with either a club or a trump trick. If East can't regain the lead, four spades cannot be defeated. West must reason along these lines to have a chance to beat the contract, and the path to the winning defense begins with East's eight-of-diamonds return at trick two.

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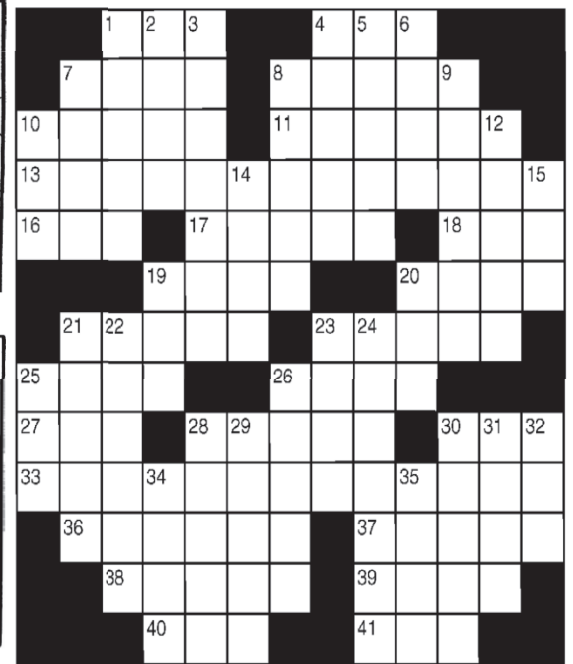
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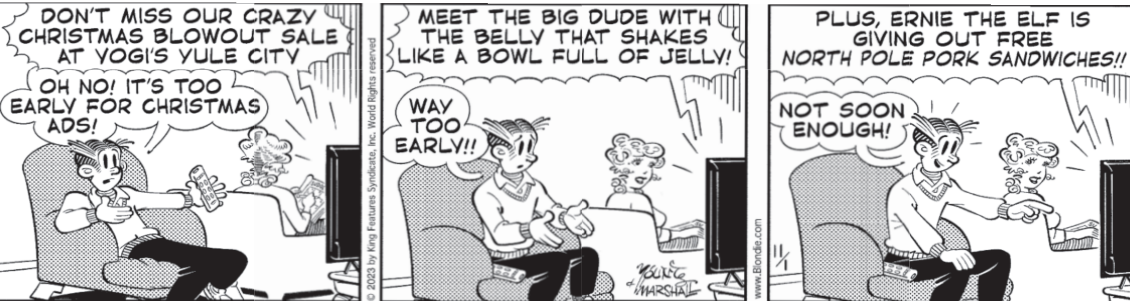
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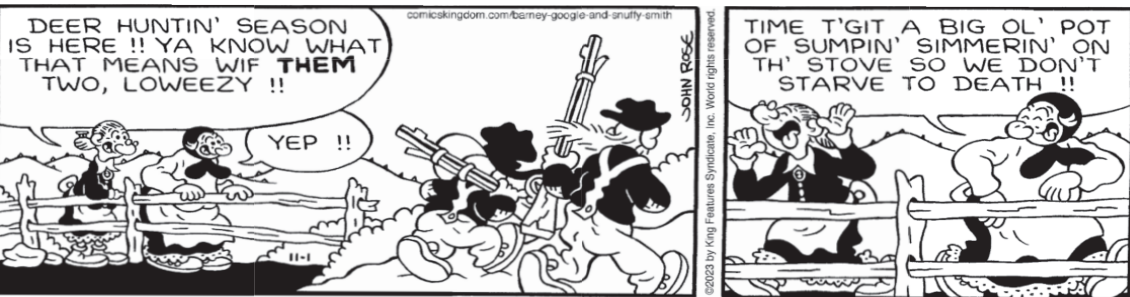
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# Plan ...

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"I feel like her confidence from volleyball has led into these practices here in basketball," McIntire said. "She's somebody I think that can score in the paint."  
Along with Denton and Muhlenkamp, the front-court will be filled out by Saxman, Meredith Dirksen and Cassie Petro. Natalie Careno may also see time up front as well.

The backcourt will be composed of mostly Dirksen, May and freshman Hallie Schwieterman.

While the Patriots may not have anyone who can dominate or take over a game like they have in recent years, their athleticism and versatility will be a valuable asset. Many of Jay County's players can

play multiple positions. McIntire specifically pointed to Saxman, who can play nearly any position for Jay County if necessary.

"Offensively, I think it's a really good thing, because we have girls that are very versatile, that, you know, several that can play inside and outside," McIntire said. "Defensively, it depends if we're in man to man, then we're not as deep as we are, if we go zone. So, we'll see how that plays out for us."

The Patriots will look to take advantage of their athleticism and versatility by pushing the pace offensively.

During the summer season, McIntire said the team at times struggled with turnovers, but would often

make up for it by disrupting teams at the other end of the floor.

A big key on the break will be Hallie Schwieterman. As she matures in the game, it will help limit the Patriots' turnovers.

"She just has a good sense of basketball," McIntire said. "She's been around basketball for a long time and understands what it takes to be really good. ... She's definitely going to have some freshman growing pains but she'll be somebody who will help us from day one."

Altogether, McIntire is maintaining the high expectations for Jay County this season.

In the preseason AP poll, the voters have Jay County ranked ninth in Class 3A.

While McIntire is planning on keeping the system the same for the girls, she's looking for the production to follow through on the court while still striving for a sectional title.

"I'm just coming in and not trying to fix something that isn't broken," McIntire said. "We're going to do a lot of the same things that have worked for us in the past. That's where the girls are the most comfortable and we want to utilize that."

"I think we have the potential to have a good season. I don't read a lot into the rankings ... at the end of the day, we just need to be playing our best basketball when it comes to tournament time and see what happens."

## 2023-24 schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 7</b>	<b>South Side (FW)</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Nov. 11	Hamilton Heights	6 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 14</b>	<b>Oak Hill</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Friday, Nov. 17	Bellmont	6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 18	Winchester	6 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 24	Woodlan	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 28	Northeastern	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Dec. 2</b>	<b>Fort Recovery</b>	<b>noon</b>
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 5</b>	<b>Muncie Central</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Friday, Dec. 8	Adams Central	6 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Dec. 14</b>	<b>New Castle</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec. 16</b>	<b>South Adams</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 26</b>	<b>Yorktown</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Thursday, Dec. 28	Pendleton Heights	6 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 2</b>	<b>Concordia</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, Jan. 5</b>	<b>Bluffton</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Jan. 9-13	ACAC Tournament	TBA
Thursday, Jan. 18	Delta	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Jan. 20</b>	<b>Southern Wells</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Thursday, Jan. 23	Heritage	6 p.m.
<b>Home games in bold</b>		

# Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Girls wrestling vs. North Miami — 6:30 p.m.

### TV sports

**Wednesday**  
7 p.m. — College football: Ball State at Bowling Green (ESPN2)  
7 p.m. — NHL: Buffalo Sabres at Philadelphia

Flyers (TNT)  
7 p.m. — College volleyball: Purdue at Wisconsin (BTN)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Boston Celtics (Bally Indiana); New Orleans Pelicans at Oklahoma City Thunder (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — MLS: Atlanta United at Columbus Crew (FS1)  
8 p.m. — World Series: Texas Rangers at Arizona Diamondbacks (FOX)  
9 p.m. — College volleyball: Northwestern at Illinois (BTN)

9:30 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Colorado Avalanche (TNT)  
10 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Clippers at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)

**Thursday**  
5 p.m. — College women's soccer: Wisconsin at Nebraska (BTN)  
7 p.m. — College football: TCU at Texas Tech (FS1)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Wake Forest at Duke (ESPN); South Alabama at Troy (ESPN2)

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# Sports

# New look, same plan

## *Patriots seek to continue success, with a new captain and new focal point*

By **ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

The Patriots have sustained a successful program throughout the 21st century. They've been so good that they've had only three losing seasons over the last 23 years. The current senior class was in second grade the last time the Patriots posted a losing record.

They lose their top two scorers and have a new captain at the helm.

So, what's the plan for the 2023-24 season?

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

The Jay County High School girls basketball team will look to continue its success under coach Sherri McIntire, while shifting to a defensive focus without star Renna Schwieterman or Gabi Bilbrey to man the middle.

Renna Schwieterman, Jay County's all-time leading scorer and current member of the Purdue Fort Wayne women's basketball team, averaged 21.2 points per game last season while Bilbrey had 13.3 ppg. Also graduating from the team was Mabrey McIntire (5.3 ppg), meaning that it will only return 36.3% of its scoring from a year ago.

"We're definitely going to have to get offense out of our defense," Sherrie McIntire said. "This group is very capable of doing that. So we're gonna push the ball up the floor, we're going to be in your



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Pictured is the 2023-24 Jay County High School girls basketball team. Pictured, front row from left, are Raylah Newton, Meredith Dirksen, Cassie Petro, Hallie Schwieterman and Alexis Sibray. Back row are Sophie Saxman, Breanna Dirksen, Mollie Muhlenkamp, Bella Denton, Danielle May and Livia Luzzi. Not pictured is Natalie Carreno. The Patriots are ranked ninth in the AP Class 3A preseason poll.

face on defense, trying to get you to turn the ball over. ... This group is very capable, they play with a lot of grit, and just hard nosed and play with a lot of heart."

Despite the losses, the

Patriots bring back five seniors, including three — Breanna Dirksen, Molly Muhlenkamp and Sophie Saxman — who scored over 100 points.

McIntire will look to those three, along with

Bella Denton and Danielle May, to take a hold of leadership roles for the team.

McIntire has already seen Dirksen, Muhlenkamp and Saxman step up offensively for the team. Beyond being the lead-

ing scorers last season, Bilbrey (7.6 rebounds per game) and Renna Schwieterman (6.5 rpg) led the Patriots on the glass. Denton, who is tied with Muhlenkamp as the tallest player on the roster, will

help fill in up front for Jay County. McIntire has been impressed with the assertiveness and improvement Denton has made during the off-season.

See **Plan** page 7

## Nesmith finding footing

By **SOUICHI TERADA**  
masslive.com  
Tribune News Service

With Aaron Nesmith finding a role with the Pacers, he was rewarded with a three-year, \$33 million extension from the team going into this season. With Nesmith now in his fourth season, it's an important year to show he can be a consistent contributor and build off last season's numbers.

Well, Nesmith showed off some solid play as he poured in a career-high 26 points for the Pacers in their 125-113 win over the Cavaliers on Saturday. Nesmith played 30 minutes off the bench, adding nine rebounds on 10-for-16 shooting (5-of-9 on 3-pointers).

After the game, Nesmith took to social media because he had a few words to say. There was an image from July 1, 2022, that joked the Celtics didn't give up many assets in the Malcolm Brogdon trade last summer, which is how Nesmith went from Boston to Indiana. Nesmith

took a picture of that image with the caption "(expletive) aged well ain't it" on his Instagram story.

Nesmith was selected 14th overall in the 2020 draft by the Celtics. He showed spurts throughout his first two seasons in the league but wasn't able to crack the rotation consistently. With the C's getting the chance to trade for Brogdon, they included him, their 2023 first-round pick, Daniel Theis and other players for salary-matching purposes.

Now, Nesmith has found himself a bench role with a Pacers squad hoping to get into play-in contention. That was a nice win for the Pacers against the Cavs, though Cleveland didn't have Donovan Mitchell, Jarrett Allen and Darius Garland.

Nesmith is coming off a year where he played in a career-high 73 games (60 starts), averaging 10.1 points and 3.8 rebounds per game. He'll look to build off those numbers, though the extension was nice to get locked up so he has some long-term security.

## Magic Johnson becomes a billionaire

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Basketball Hall of Famer Magic Johnson has officially reached billionaire status.

With his expansive business portfolio, the basketball legend-turned-mogul is now the fourth professional athlete to reach a net worth of over 1 billion dollars, Forbes reported Sunday.

The other athlete billionaires are fellow NBA greats Michael Jordan and LeBron James, and golfer Tiger Woods.

An investment in the Chicago-based life insurance company EquiTrust is where Johnson accumulated most of his \$1.2 billion wealth, according to the financial news outlet.

With one of the most celebrated careers in NBA history, the 64-year-old former Los Angeles Laker reportedly pocketed \$40 million during his sports career.

Off the court — and years after he publicly disclosed his HIV diagnosis in 1991 — Johnson made most of his money through his ownership stakes in three Los Angeles-

based sports teams, including MLB's Los Angeles Dodgers.

In July, he officially became a part-owner of the Washington Commanders.

Since retiring from the court in 1996, the former point guard has made investments in Starbucks, Burger King and 24 Hour Fitness.

In 2012, Johnson and his partners (including billionaire investor Ron Burkle) owned 20 radio stations, including WBLS, New York City's top-rated African-American station. He also owns the Aspire cable channel, which began airing in markets served by cable giant Comcast that same year.

"Breaking these barriers and going through these doors is important to me as a proud Black man," the Lansing, Michigan native (born Earvin Johnson, Jr.) told NBC News. "I don't know why God blessed me with these great opportunities. But I want to excel, not just for me and my family, but for all African Americans, making sure we can see ourselves in these seats. And I want people to know that we can do the job."

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