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## Smoothing sidewalk

Jesus Medina of Edward and Jones smooths a section of sidewalk shortly after noon today as part of the new walking path along the east side of Blaine Pike at its intersection with Green Park Drive in Portland. The trail runs from near Bittersweet Lane to near the train tracks just south of Water Street.

## Board OKs five-year plan

*Document calls for expansion of apron, runway work*

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Portland Board of Aviation made quick work of its meeting Wednesday, approving its capital improvement plan for submission to the Federal Aviation Administration with no changes from what had previously been discussed.

As board members Faron Parr, Clyde Bray, Caleb Lutes and John Ferguson discussed at their last several meetings, the capital improvement plan for Portland Municipal Airport calls for apron expansion construction in 2024. (Work on the design of the expansion is underway.)

Design of runway rehabilitation for the original 4,000 feet — it was extended to 5,500 feet last year — is on the schedule for 2025, with construction of the runway work in 2026.

The remainder of the planned improvement projects include rehabilitation of the existing apron with design in 2027 and construction in '28, followed by design of wildlife control measures in 2029.

The board unanimously approved the capital improvement plan, which is due to the FAA by Dec. 1.

Members also approved a pre-application letter for the planned 2024 apron expansion construction. It is part of the process toward possible FAA grant funding for the work.

Jason Clearwaters of engineering firm Butler, Fairman & Seufert also told the board the runway end identifier lights that have been on order for months have been delivered to the airport. He said he is hopeful that they can be installed next week.

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## INDOT is facing a funding cliff

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana's Department of Transportation (INDOT) expects to lose billions of dollars in revenue in the coming decades as more Hoosiers buy alternative fuel-using and fuel-efficient vehicles. That might mean changes to a popular grant program's funding mix, and more.

"We already see that we've got an issue, and if we don't do something in the 2025 budget, we will have a cliff," said Sen. Ryan Mishler, a fiscal leader and chair of an interim committee re-thinking how Indiana funds its roads.

INDOT projects it'll lose \$20 million in revenue in fiscal year 2025. By 2035, it expects to be down by \$37 million — in a conservative estimate — or as much as \$59 million, according to INDOT's presentation slides.

By 2040, losses could be between \$150 million and \$506

### *Community Crossings grants could see funding source tweaks*

million annually. Local units of government would also miss out.

That's because 82% of both INDOT's and local units' state funding comes from taxes on motor fuel. And Hoosiers are expected to spend less on gasoline as they purchase electric and hybrid-electric cars, or — with federal fuel efficiency standards tightening — upgrade to more efficient gas-guzzlers.

The funding drops would be less pronounced if lawmakers keep raising fuel taxes with inflation, according to INDOT. The latest indexing extension expires in two years.

Electric and hybrid-electric vehicle supplemental registration fee revenue goes entirely to the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program, not budgets for INDOT and local transportation departments.

The program is popular among smaller communities with limited tax bases.

"Community Crossings allows us to do projects that we couldn't do (otherwise)," said Montgomery County Commissioner John Frey, representing the Indiana County Commissioners.

But it's also a source of frustration for larger communities

that argue they contribute more road funding than they receive — and are angered by the \$1 million annual cap on awards.

"I hope that part of the consideration of this committee ... is that there's an element of equity and fairness," said Sen. Fady Qaddoura, an Indianapolis Democrat. "... This funding formula does not address those local needs."

"This is not right. It is not fair. And a million people who live in this region should not be treated like that under this formula," said Qaddoura, previously Indianapolis' chief financial officer.

Community Crossings could be a problem for INDOT for a different reason.

Electric and hybrid-electric supplemental registration fees accounted for just 3.5% of the program's revenue in fiscal year 2023, according to INDOT — but the agency's expecting that amount to swell to 85% by 2040.

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## Biden and Xi reach deals

By IAIN MARLOW  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

Presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping emerged from their first meeting in a year betting that a handful of small victories will arrest a surge in U.S.-China tensions that has unnerved neighboring nations and threatened global economic growth.

Expectations were low owing to deep-seated differences over trade, Taiwan and human rights, and even the summit's modest accomplishments were hard-won. Those included deals to try to address the fentanyl crisis and to restore military communications severed after then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan last year.

"We're in a competitive relationship, China and the United States," Biden told reporters

### *Presidents make agreements regarding fentanyl and military*

after more than four hours of talks with Xi. "But my responsibility is to make this rational and manageable so it doesn't result in conflict. That's what I'm all about."

For his part, Xi sought to ease concerns that the U.S. and China were on a path toward a military clash, saying China "will not fight a cold war or a hot war with anyone."

"China never bets against the United States and never inter-

feres in its internal affairs," Xi said in remarks later that evening during a dinner with CEOs including Apple Inc.'s Tim Cook and BlackRock Inc.'s Larry Fink. "China has no intention to challenge the United States or to unseat it."

In a sign of how much remains to be done, there was no evidence of progress on bigger issues like U.S. curbs on microchip exports, tariffs or tensions in the South China Sea.



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Brenda Smialowski

President Joe Biden, right, and Chinese President Xi Jinping walk together after a meeting Wednesday during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' week in Woodside, California.

### Deaths

Janet Guntle, 88, Portland  
Jerry Morrical, 72, Redkey  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 63 degrees Wednesday. The low was 36.

Expect a low in the upper 20s tonight. Skies will be sunny Saturday with a high in the upper 40s. The low will be in the lower 30s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

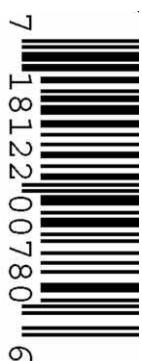
### In review

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

### Coming up

**Saturday** — Results of the JCHS girls basketball game at Bellmont.

**Tuesday** — Photos from the weekend's Winterfest activities.



# Obituaries

## Janet Guntle

Aug. 19, 1935-Nov. 14, 2023  
Janet Guntle, age 88, a resident of Portland, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, at Per-simmon Ridge in Portland.

Janet was born on Aug. 19, 1935, in Adams County, Indiana, the daughter of John and Lois (McGriff) Hoskins. She graduated from Bryant High School in 1953 and worked as a teachers aid for Jay School Corporation from 1971 to 1998. She was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Portland.

Janet married Robert "Bob" Guntle on Nov. 7, 1953, and he passed away on April 28, 2023.

Survivors include:

Her children — Robert "Bob" Guntle, Portland, Indiana, Sandy Atienzo, Portland, Indiana, and Mary Beth Kauffman (husband: Rick), Selma, Indiana

Two sisters — Nadine Towell, Berne, Indiana, and Karen Powell, Geneva, Indiana

Thirteen grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her husband Bob Guntle; and two daughters, Jana Claycomb and Carol Guntle.

Graveside services will be held in the chapel at Gravel Hill Cemetery, west of Bryant on Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Hugh Kelly officiating.

Memorials may be directed towards the American Parkinson Disease Association.

Arrangements entrusted to

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

## Jerry Morrical

Aug. 27, 1951-Nov. 14, 2023

Jerry W. Morrical, 72, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, while in the company of family members at Per-simmon Ridge, in Portland, Indiana.

Jerry was born in Portland, Indiana, on Aug. 27, 1951, a son of the late Kathryn "Juanita" (Cox) and Robert Morrical.

He was a 1969 graduate of Redkey High School as well as a 1971 graduate of Indiana Business College. Jerry was formerly employed by MSSL in Port-

land, Indiana, prior to his retirement from excavation in 2010.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post #507 in Ridgeville, Indiana.

Jerry was a quiet man, yet very social and enjoyed spending time with his many friends, fishing, playing golf, watching Indiana University basketball, the New York Yankees and collecting baseball cards.

Jerry is survived by his sister, Marsha L. Morrical; cousins Larry Daniels and Dennis Morrical; and special friends Pam Nichols, Amy Howell, Kori Moyer, Rod Nichols and Tracy Fields.

He was preceded in death by his parents and best friend, Tom Nichols.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, from 1 to 2 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services

will follow at 2 p.m. with Pastor Randy Davis officiating. Burial will be held privately in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

A special thank you to Per-simmon Ridge and Keystone Hospice Group for the wonderful care and compassion shown to Jerry and his family during this difficult time.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

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

# CR almanac

Saturday 11/18	Sunday 11/19	Monday 11/20	Tuesday 11/21	Wednesday 11/22
<b>48/31</b>	<b>52/32</b>	<b>49/39</b>	<b>48/29</b>	<b>39/23</b>
Sunny skies are expected Saturday, when the low at night will drop to 32.	Another day of sun is in the forecast for Sunday. The high will be around 52.	There's a slight chance of showers during the day, with a higher (70%) chance at night.	Showers will continue into Tuesday with a 70% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies.	There's a slight chance of show on Wednesday. Otherwise, mostly sunny.

# Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> 3-4-51-53-60 Power Ball: 6 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$280 million	Daily Four: 6-6-8-5 Quick Draw: 6-8-9-15-23-24-29-35-42-43-45-52-56-58-59-63-68-74-78-80 Cash 5: 5-25-26-36-42 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$267 million	<b>Ohio</b> Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 7-4-7 Pick 4: 3-6-7-3 Pick 5: 8-5-0-9-1 Evening Pick 3: 8-0-7 Pick 4: 4-3-3-3 Pick 5: 6-9-8-8-8 Rolling Cash: 2-11-17-19-26 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 4-9-9 Daily Four: 7-8-6-2 Quick Draw: 6-9-17-20-21-22-31-32-33-35-39-41-42-49-53-56-57-62-65-78 Evening Daily Three: 6-7-3	

# Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.25 Dec. corn.....4.45 Wheat .....4.61	Dec. beans .....13.42 Wheat ..... 5.14
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.24 Dec. corn .....4.64 Jan. corn .....4.64	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.29 Dec. corn .....4.61 Beans .....13.26 Dec. beans .....13.41 Wheat .....5.13
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.19 Dec. corn .....4.49 Beans .....12.17	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.29 Dec. corn .....4.44 Beans .....13.05 Dec. beans .....13.10 Wheat .....4.74

# Today in history

**In 1800**, Congress held its first session in Washington, D.C. It had met in New York City's Federal Hall and Philadelphia's Congress Hall prior to making the move to the newly constructed Capitol.

**In 1869**, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt. The manmade waterway stretches 101 miles across the country's Isthmus of Suez, connecting the Mediterranean Sea with the Indian Ocean.

**In 1871**, New York state granted a charter to the National Rifle Association. The organization's original goal was to "promote and encourage rifle shooting on a scientific basis."

**In 1878**, Grace Abbott was born in Grand Island, Nebraska. A reformer, she led the Immigrants' Protective League in Chicago.

**In 1972**, the Portland High School boys basketball team won its season opener 68-62 over the Redkey Wolves. Dave Rowland's 19 points led the Panthers while Bob Turpen had a game-high 21 for Redkey.

**In 2021**, Hannah Knapke of Fort Recovery was sentenced to 17.5 years in prison, with 7.5 years suspended, after pleading guilty to manslaughter in connection with the 2020 shooting death of Shea Briar. —The CR

# Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 6 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.	7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
<b>Wednesday</b> 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.	

# INDOT ...

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Rep. Jim Pressel, R-Rolling Prairie, told the Capital Chronicle that he expected lawmakers to eventually reroute supplemental registration fees to the road funding formula.

"(But) at what point, I don't know what's the right answer to that," he said. "It is such a small number right now, but it will become impactful."

Pressel, who leads the House's roads-focused committee during legislative sessions, said he wanted to "keep Community Crossings alive." The program's other funding sources should "stay put."

Lawmakers also heard suggestions from groups representing counties, cities and towns.

Community Crossing's call for projects is shorter than bridge development timelines, said Ryan Hoff of the Association of Indiana Counties, so most of the program's funds are spent on pavement.

Counties are responsible for most of the state's bridges.

Accelerate Indiana Municipalities' Jenna Bentley said smaller communities have to save for years to make a match for a grant, while larger communities can easily max out but receive paltry sums compared to their funding needs.

Bentley also said those up north face struggle with the program's two annual calls for projects because of their shorter construction seasons.

# Capsule Reports

## Intersection accident

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000 after vehicles collided near the intersection of Indiana 67 and county road 700 West about 4:20 p.m. Wednesday.

Morgan D. Davis, 18, Redkey, was driving his 2000 Chevrolet Silverado southwest on Indiana 67 behind a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado driven by 73-year-old Margaret A. Pitsner of Albany, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.

Davis started to turn east onto county road 700 West. Pitsner told police the sun impaired her vision and she wasn't able to see Davis attempting to turn. Pitsner entered the northbound lane as Davis began turning, causing Davis' vehicle to strike Pitsner's truck.

# Felony arrests

## Failed to appear

A Dunkirk man was arrested Wednesday for failing to appear in court.

Taylor S. Carroll, 31, 129 E. Washington St., failed to appear Tuesday in Jay Superior Court.

He's charged with a Level 6 felony

for theft and a Class B misdemeanor for public intoxication.

Carroll is being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

### SERVICES

**Friday**

**Turner**, Carolyn: 2 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

**Brown**, Scherlene: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Saturday**

**Stump**, Carol: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Duran**, Agustin: 4 p.m., Bryant Wesleyan Church, 209 S. Hendricks St., Bryant.

**Monday**

**Morrical**, Jerry: 2 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

**Guntle**, Janet: 2 p.m., Gravel Hill Cemetery.

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# Plan ...

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He told the board wildlife assessment visits to the airport will conclude this month, with a report on recommendations to follow.

The board also OK'd a grant reimbursement request totaled at \$3,773.01 for the apron expansion design and wildlife assessment.

In other business, the board:

- Heard from Tavzel that 6,185 gallons of fuel were sold at the airport in October for a total of \$31,397.64. He also reported that insulation work has been completed in hangars and that a few trees were taken down on the property.
- Approved continuing to use Miles and Sons for snow plowing at a rate of \$100 per hour. (There was no increase from previous years.)
- Learned from Tavzel that the new Sonrise Aviation hangar will be complete in "a month or so." It also approved an update to the lease agreement with Sonrise Aviation with a rate increase of \$50 per month.

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## FFA Degrees

Seven Jay County graduates earned their American FFA Degrees Nov. 4 at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. They are Cassie Guffey (pictured at right) and Emily Chenoweth (pictured in center below surrounded by other FFA members). Not pictured are Kelsey Braun, Lizzie Dollar, Lindy Mercer, Hannah Muhlenkamp and Taylor Walker. The award is the highest degree the FFA organization can bestow on a member, and less than 1% of the FFA members attain it.



Photos provided



## Emotionally abused husband has support

**DEAR ABBY:** My best friend "Owen's" wife, "Shirley," is a narcissist, and she's driving everyone away from him. They have been married for 10 years. I've known Owen since high school. He has always been a quiet, easygoing guy. Shirley is a nightmare. She has berated him at work and has left him by himself on holidays, including birthdays. She orders him around, and she runs everything without hardly paying for anything. I am divorced and I've been through it.

I don't know how to tell Owen that there's a safety net for him. I know telling him his wife is a crazy narcissist and he should leave isn't the answer. She has berated me for "getting in their marriage." My friend is afraid he has no support if he leaves because Shirley has alienated him from all of his friends, and the only family he has are his parents and sister, who live many miles away. She has pushed me away from him as well. What can I say to Owen to make him understand that there are people here who are just waiting for him to ask for help without his feeling I am pressuring him? — HAS HIS BACK IN FLORIDA

**DEAR HAS HIS BACK:** There is more than one kind of partner abuse. Although most people associate the term with physical violence, another is emotional. It appears Owen is the victim of many years of emotional battery. Because he is scared, a group that might lend him emotional support is Stop Abuse for Everyone (stopabuseforeveryone.org). It's a nonprofit that provides services for domestic violence victims of all ages, genders and sexual orientations and helps those who typically fall between the cracks of domestic violence

Dear Abby



services. Please mention it to Owen and remind him that he may not be as isolated as he fears, because his friends are waiting to support him when he is ready.

**DEAR ABBY:** My family doesn't know I have cancer in my kidneys, and I don't want to tell them. I feel that when the time comes, it comes, but my boyfriend keeps pushing me to tell them. I don't want anybody to be worried about me or my health.

I've been the black sheep of the family since I was a child. Nobody was there for me except my grandmother, but she's no longer living. I just feel my family doesn't need to know anything. Am I being selfish about what I'm going through, wanting to keep my illness to myself and, when the time comes, let my boyfriend tell them what happened? — BLACK SHEEP IN NEW YORK

**DEAR BLACK SHEEP:** I'm sorry about your diagnosis. You are not being selfish. If your family hasn't been there for you in the past, I understand your reluctance to court further rejection. While it might be nice to give them an opportunity to atone for their past behavior, there are no guarantees they will. Your health status is YOUR business and no one else's, so don't allow your boyfriend (as well-meaning as he may be) to push you into anything you don't want at this point.

## Community Calendar

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

**Today**  
**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.

**CINCINNATUS LEAGUE** — Will meet at noon Friday, Nov. 17, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

**Saturday**  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

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

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

**Sunday**  
**A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8

p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

**Monday**  
**PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS** — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

**PING PONG** — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

**EUCHRE** — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)** — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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

**BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL** — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland.  
**PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB** — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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

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

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

**A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

### Thursday's Solution

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

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# Sorority says thank you for support

To the editor:  
Xi Chapter, Delta Theta Tau, Portland, would like to thank the many individuals that participated in the success of Xi Chapter's 38th annual Delts' Holiday Craft & Gift Show.

The support, cooperation and understanding of the administrators, faculty and staff at Jay County Junior-Senior High School makes this event possible. Thank you.

A very special thank you to all of the following: Each custodian that was a part of the Friday evening set-up, which is consuming for them and upsets their regular routine and schedule, but "requires" them to be willing to help us out with many issues; each custodian that was a part of the show on Saturday. You helped with each situation that came up before, during the show and clean-up; the students that helped mark and tape booths Thursday and Friday; the swim teams and coach Matt

## Guest Editorial

Slavik and all other coaches; the wrestling team, coach Eric Myers and all other coaches; the girls basketball team and coach Sherri McIntire; student council members and sponsor Jessica Lloyd; the foreign exchange students; the students earning their senior service hours; students from the choir; our Tri Kappa sisters, and all other groups or individuals that helped in any way. Their hard work is appreciated and necessary.

A sincere thank you to the Jay County Sheriff's Office reserve Tom Borders.

Thank you to Santa for taking his time to visit the show.

We value all our participating vendors. They participate by displaying their arts, crafts and gift items but also by renting booth space, buying raffle tickets, purchasing food items and their generous donations to Secret Families for their auction. The dealers play a valuable part with enabling us in being able to do the giving back. Also, thank you for your generosity in donations for the hourly drawing. Thank you.

Our show would not be the success that it is without the patronage and enthusiasm of the patrons from our community and surrounding communities. Your support makes it possible to give back to those needing a helping hand. Thank you. Also, the local businesses that you visit in Jay County that day appreciate your support.

We would like to congratulate Tasha Allen, the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

We would also like to congratulate

the following vendors that each won a 5-foot booth for next year's show: Amanda Cox; Shawna Bye; Virginia Wise "Wisely Crafted"; Amy Hawbaker; and Dyanna Brewer.

We extend a sincere thank you to each of our sisters that are associate members or members-at-large that are willing to help by volunteering their time providing baked goods or donations.

And to our families, we could not survive without your understanding, encouragement and your hard work. You are there to do anything that we ask. And we ask so much of you. The show would not be possible or be as successful without you.

We would like to take this time to acknowledge and praise each of our Delta sisters. Without each of you and your commitment to Delta Theta Tau and what we represent, the Holiday Craft and Gift Show would not exist. The rewards that we

receive are many. Each time we can extend a helping hand to someone, we realize how significant and satisfying all the work, tired muscles and hours of planning are to our community. It is our time to give back and this event makes that possible. The realization that the success of this event has enabled Xi Chapter to give back over \$600,000 in the last 38 years is overwhelming and fills our hearts with pride.

If you helped in any way and we forgot to mention you, we sincerely apologize. But please know that it takes many helping hands to achieve the success of this event and, in turn, allows Xi Chapter, Delta Theta Tau, to give back to our community.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Linda Ashman  
Representing the members of Xi Chapter  
Delta Theta Tau  
Portland

# Perry helped us overcome shame

By SEAN DANIELS  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

We're still waiting for the official cause of death for Matthew Perry, who was famous for starring in "Friends" and struggling mightily with substance abuse. Even in the addiction recovery world, I've heard people suggest Perry's legacy depends on whether the pending toxicology reports show he suffered a relapse.

They couldn't be more wrong.

Yes, Perry died of still unknown causes. More important, he changed the conversation about addiction in our country. More people will get help because of his bravery. Fewer people will die.

But ... did it get him in the end? And shouldn't we know that before we talk about his recovery — whether it stuck or not?

That type of thinking is exactly what keeps people sick. Shame is an ally of addiction, and this notion threatens people in recovery with the possibility of extra shame: that no matter what you do to get sober, if it ends poorly, it was all worth nothing.

Even in the recovery world, where we say "relapse is part of recovery," the most valued story is that of a person seen as fully recovered. We value time, the unspoken message to a newcomer being that those with the most time know the most.

So when you're a relapser like me — and I was really a professional relapser — what you hear is that everything you learned during your last sober stint is worthless and you're now back to square one. And how many times can you hear that before you're tired of starting over?

If you were driving across the country and your car broke down, would you get it fixed and then go back to where you started your trip to begin again? That doesn't make any sense, but it's exactly how we talk about addiction and relapse.

Learning, growth, healing, amends, reconnection — none of these

Sean Daniels



aspects of recovery have to happen in a straight line. If you can do any of them at all during your lifetime, it's a success.

From my perspective, the world record for sobriety is 24 hours.

Yes, of course there's value in having 12 years compared with seven days: The cravings have weakened, you're not sweating through the sheets at night, and, sure, you probably don't have a parole officer anymore.

But I'm not sure time in recovery guarantees that you become a truly empathetic or inspirational person. I know lots of sober jerks, and I know plenty of people who are bettering the world even though they just can't beat this beast of addiction.

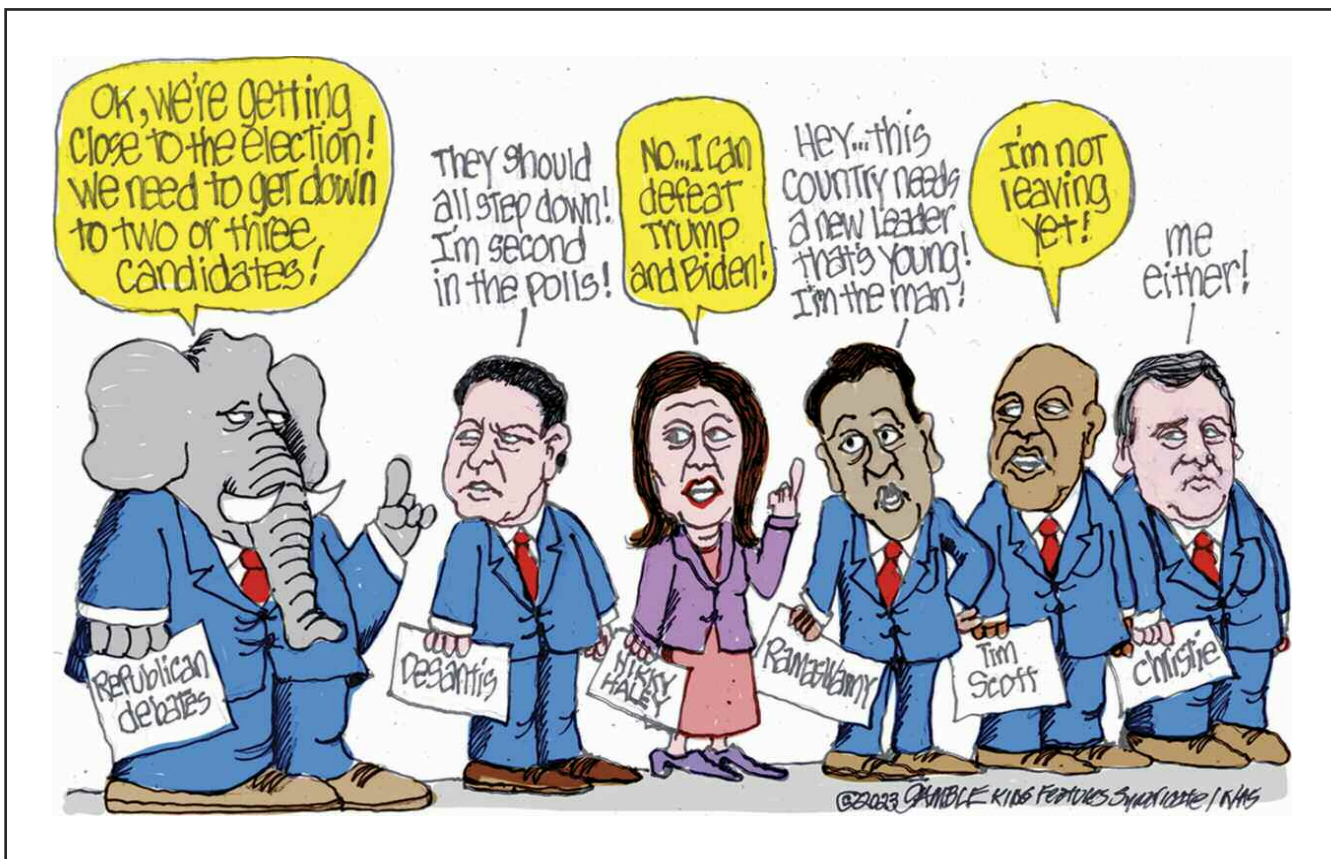
Let's tell the newcomer, "Every day you don't drink and you don't use is a victory. No one will take it from you."

I remember when the idea of going an hour seemed impossible. A day was a victory. And when it took me two years to string together 90 days together in a row, I felt like I was doing it for the first time because I had internalized the shame about relapse. In reality, I had been fighting it for two years, not just 90 days. So I'm not shaming the next person who faces a similar struggle.

I hope the toxicology results for Perry, whatever they are, give his family some answers. But all the rest of us need to know is that the world is better off, and more people still live in it, because he was here. Matthew Perry 1, shame 0.

Now let's follow his example and celebrate any 24 hours of sobriety that anyone has. After all, they're tying the world record.

Daniels is in long-term recovery and runs the Recovery Project at Florida Studio Theatre in Sarasota.



# Indiana is now surrounded

By MICHAEL LEPPERT  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

With a few vital exceptions across America, the 2023 election was scheduled to deal with local government. Tip O'Neill famously coined the phrase, "all politics is local." Oh, if the former Speaker of the House, who held the gavel for virtually all of the 1980's, could see the America we are living in today.

O'Neill's iconic statement still rings true more often than not. Maybe. Sometimes. However, there is no question that our neighboring states have turned Indiana into a political island. And when I think of another island to which Indiana might compare, I conclude we are less like Maui or Mackinac, and more like Gilligan's. Island politics are absolutely local.

Ohio really made a statement last week on two issues that are the polar opposite of where Indiana is, because, you know, Hoosiers' and Ohioans' sharply diverge on lots of basics. Actually, I contend that if people of each state traded their sports teams' gear with those of the other, no one outside of the region would even notice.

The voters to our east voted to enshrine the right to abortion care in the Ohio Constitution, and to statutorily legalize recreational use of marijuana. Both of the separate votes to approve each measure won by nearly fourteen points. Two landslides. No surprise.

Why not? The entire region sees these policies through a similar lens. That's why Illinois and Michigan already allow both things. Wisconsin's new supreme court is headed that way on abortion. These are the states I name when someone asks me to define the Midwest.

Like my predicted results of the gear trade with Ohio, that same deal can be made to our north and our

Michael Leppert



west. The main thing we apparently differ on these days, is how we govern. Our neighbors are implementing policies that the people of their state want, and government in Indiana is keeping those same things from us. It's a stark contrast that is the beginning of an era of defining conflicts with the will of the public.

Former U.S. senator and conservative political commentator, Rick Santorum, made the comment that apparently matches Hoosiers best with, "pure democracies are not the way to run a country." I guess I might be tempted to say such a thing if I were in the minority camp on these issues too. But the comment is a little silly in that it diminishes how hard it is to get over 700,000 signatures on a petition to get the questions on the ballot in Ohio.

I know, I know. I've been here before, comparing our state to where the grass is greener in one direction or another. And who would have thought that Kentucky Bluegrass is actually greener than it used to be too. Yes, Kentucky already has a law allowing the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes. But they have now affirmatively voted on the abortion issue twice as well.

As reported by PBS a year ago, "Kentucky voters rejected a ballot measure aimed at denying any constitutional protections for abortion, handing a victory to abortion-rights supporters who have seen access to the procedure eroded by Republican lawmakers in the deeply red state."

They followed that vote up this year by reelecting Democrat Gov. Andy Beshear, who ran on a pro-choice platform.

How did Hoosiers become so different from everyone around us? Is it the excessive consumption of breaded pork tenderloin sandwiches? Or maybe it's that we spent too many late nights playing Euchre and pretending the game is complicated enough for us to argue about who is good or bad at it.

The truth is, we aren't different than everyone around us. The people of this state disagree with Indiana government on both issues. Hoosiers oppose the abortion ban the Indiana General Assembly passed last year. Hoosiers also oppose the ban on marijuana. If the question were asked here like it was in Ohio, the result would have gone straight-up Buckeye.

More importantly, it matters.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science reported in July, "Abortion laws are driving academics out of state—and keeping others from coming." HR Dive reported in August that employers announcing reproductive healthcare benefits received more interest in job openings compared to those who didn't. Again, no surprise.

Clinging to unpopular policies is more than just an inconsequential pain in the neck for the majority. It leads to all kinds of erosion in our communities.

This isn't a great island on which to be stranded. The best people aren't lining up to come here now. Hoosiers need to speak up sooner rather than later. And louder rather than softer. Erosion turns to rot quickly these days. Or haven't we heard that either?

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# Fresh access

## Partners are looking at growth alternatives

By LINDA GEIST  
Missouri Ag News

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — University of Missouri Extension, the Missouri Institute for Defense and Energy at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Veterans Community Project are working on a problem shared by deployed military personnel and urban residents: access to fresh food.

The partners are looking at controlled-environment agriculture (CEA) as an alternative way to grow fresh and local food. Extension horticulturists plan to teach growing food with hydroponics, a technique that uses a nutrient solution rather than soil.

Using hydroponics and other systems, CEA farming allows plants to grow in their ideal environments without the usual constraints of temperature, water, sunlight, soil or location. It can also lessen shortages due to supply chain interruptions, says Juan Cabrera-Garcia, a horticulture specialist with a dual appointment at MU Extension and UMKC's Missouri Institute for Defense and Energy (MIDE).

Cabrera-Garcia leads horticulture training in a pilot program to teach veterans to use CEA to grow food in Kansas City. The USDA Beginning Farmers and Ranchers program and the UMKC Entrepreneurship Innovation Program through the Kauffman Foundation fund the three-year From Seed to Table program.

The program is the brainchild of Angela Cottrell, director of research and institute programs for MIDE and adjunct instructor at UMKC. She envisioned a program in which veterans could gain new skills, receive pay, find future employment in agriculture or begin a new farming business.

Cottrell oversees three shipping containers retrofitted to grow hydroponic crops and indoor mushrooms. The container units are near the Veterans Community Project at 89th Street and Troost Avenue in Kansas City. The non-profit project supports 49 nearby tiny homes and other services for military veterans where hopefulness replaces homelessness.

Hydroponics is not new to agriculture or the military. USDA plant scientists have studied hydroponics for more than a century. The U.S. Army used hydro-



UMKC Vanguard Magazine/Brandon Parigo

Juan Cabrera-Garcia, a horticulture specialist with a dual appointment at Missouri University Extension and University of Missouri – Kansas City, leads horticulture training in a pilot program to teach veterans to grow food in controlled environments in Kansas City.

ponics to grow food on infertile islands during World War II. Cottrell says controlled-environment agriculture is expected to be a \$170 billion industry by 2025.

Hydroponics does not compete with or replace traditional agriculture, she says. Instead, it supplements existing ways to grow fresh food for urban residents and military personnel in places where it is difficult or impossible to grow food.

Cottrell says the versatility of CEA systems allows the military to drop a grow container into a military forward operating base so that soldiers can have

fresh, safe food regardless of location or climate. CEA systems also increase resilience in urban food systems where traditional agriculture is not suitable due to lack of space. This brings food production closer to consumers.

A retired veteran's daughter, Cottrell explains how the veterans put their produce-safety training into practice in the container farm. "We want our customers to know that our product is clean and safe," she says.

Cottrell and Cabrera-Garcia oversee growing and harvesting of basil and mushrooms in the containers. Basil grows in a circu-

lating nutrient solution under timed grow lights. Mushrooms grow in an inoculated medium such as sawdust or soy hulls in a room with controlled temperature, humidity and carbon dioxide levels. The team plans to add a third container for hydroponic strawberries.

The project's goal is to train 50 military veterans, most within driving distance of Kansas City, to become beginning farmers, and for at least half of them to move on to full-time employment in agriculture.

"The purpose of this project is not to give any sort of employment, but meaningful employment,

where our military veterans can feel proud of what they are doing and can carry this experience with them long-term," says Bryan Meyer, CEO and co-founder of the Veterans Community Project.

Others will gain skills and certifications that open doors, he says. If the program is successful, Veterans Community Project hopes to implement it in five other states.

Cabrera-Garcia trains 12 veterans at a time, and there is a waiting list. MU Extension specialists and others give lectures and hands-on training on horticulture, pesticide safety, food safety, business skills and marketing. "They are always willing to learn," he says. "It's something the veterans find interesting."

In addition to practical skills, veterans gain peace of mind while growing produce and friendships with other veterans.

"Join the program if you get a chance," says Steve, one of the participants. "There is tremendous peace of mind with being able to grow your own food indoors when land is really expensive and food costs are becoming more expensive."

Ryan, another participant, agrees. "The more I work with plants and produce, it calms that part of me that I could never get calmed."

Veterans sell basil and mushrooms from the containers under the name Chow Hall Farms at farmers markets and to upscale restaurants in Kansas City.

MU Extension is increasing its efforts to teach hydroponics because consumers increasingly value locally grown fresh food, says Cabrera-Garcia.

Cabrera-Garcia and MU Extension horticulturist Donna Aufdenberg are leading an effort to train specialists about hydroponics so that they can teach classes statewide. The Missouri Department of Agriculture's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program funds the training. Cabrera-Garcia teaches some of the classes in both English and Spanish.

UMKC also is exploring an option to offer a minor in hydroponics. UMKC recently received a \$29,998 grant from National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Higher Education Challenge Program to survey the CEA industry to identify training needs and assess interest among UMKC students in developing a hydroponics program.

# New seed admin named

By LINDSEY BEREBITSKY  
Purdue Ag News

Jessica McVay, who has worked as a seed analyst, feed microscopist and laboratory coordinator for the Indiana Seed Regulatory Agency for 11 years, has been selected as the new seed administrator in the Office of Indiana State Chemist. In this role, McVay works closely with seedsmen, state and federal regulators, the seed trade industry, and consumers to monitor the compliance of seeds sold and distributed according to the Indiana Seed Law.

McVay, a certified seed analyst in both purity and germination, worked closely with Don Robinson, the previous seed administrator. She knows that established strong relationships with partners are essential to the Indiana State Seed Lab and plans to continue to develop those relationships in her new position.

Mark LeBlanc, director of the Indiana State Chemist office, remarked on McVay's experience. "During her tenure with the Office of Indiana State Chemist seed program, Jessica has been a skilled, dedicated and hard-working part of our team. She has regularly gone above and beyond to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the seed program. We look forward to her leadership in her new role."

McVay shared that this position is more than just a job to her. "My grandmother was a seed analyst years before me — I still use the same purity board that she did! She laid a foundation in the seed lab, and it's been fun to follow in her footsteps. I am excited for this new opportunity within the Office of Indiana State Chemist and the ability to continue to serve and educate the seed industry."

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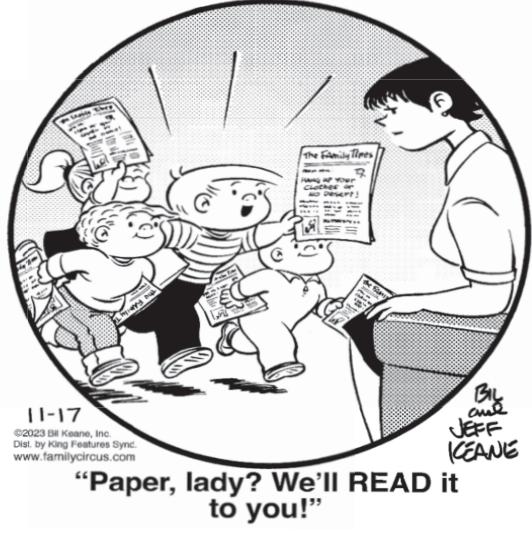
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Pictured is the 2023-24 Jay County High school boys basketball team. Front row from left are Levi Muhlenkamp, Eli Dirksen, Aiden Phillips, Jackson Edwards, Carter Fuggett and Parker Nichols. Middle row are Trevin Dunnington, Wesley Bihn, Cole Forthofer, Gradin Swoveland and Liam Garringer. Back row are assistant coach Aaron Daniels, coach Jerry Bomholt, assistant coach Doug Arbuckle and manager Luke Vormohr. Not pictured are Ben Crouch, manager Caden Gambill and assistant coach Jared Kahlig.

## Excited ...

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“He turned down a lot of open situations, but he’s going to be a really good player.”

Joining Swoveland as wings will be seniors Liam Garringer and Jackson Edwards. Both players will provide the Patriots with solid three-point shooting, something Bomholt expects to be a strength this year.

Garringer is expected to start to add an extra bit of height to the lineup. Garringer is listed at 6 foot, 2 inches while Swoveland is six foot, 7 inches. The extra height will help with rebounding efforts for the squad that will continue to use Bomholt’s 1-2-2 zone defense.

Once Crouch gets healthy, he will be competing with seniors Wesley Bihn and Trevin Dunnington. Bihn provides physicality for the Patriots while Dunnington’s length will help with rebounding to make it a strength along with the three-point shooting.

“We got guys that we think are really, really good shooters,” Bomholt said. “So we hope that’s a strength for

us. That would be a big plus, especially if we end up being a good rebounding team. That’s two things I’ll take every year we play, if we can shoot it and we can rebound it.”

While shooting and rebounding will be strengths for the Patriots, turnovers may cause problems early in the year as the team learns the offensive scheme. Bomholt will turn to senior Parker Nichols to run the team as the point guard to run the offense and limit the team’s turnovers to a minimum.

Nichols has also stepped up as a leader of the team early in the season.

“I told him a year ago if he was going to be our point guard that I had to see some kind of leadership, whether it be by example, or verbally,” Bomholt said. “And he’s taking it by the horns. ... We’ll see if he can do it. We’ll know by Christmas time what kind of team we have.”

Bomholt is keeping the goals high for Jay County this season. The first goal is to win the ACAC. After earning two championships, they tied

with Adams Central last year, and by a head-to-head tiebreaker, was determined to be the runner-up.

The second goal is to win a sectional title for the first time since 2011 when Jay County was in Class 4A. While Bomholt recognized it won’t be easy, he thinks it is within reason for this group to win a sectional title.

“These kids, they want to win a sectional,” Bomholt said. “They want to try to advance in a tournament. And for us, that’s going to be difficult ... but they think they can do it. I’ve seen a lot of confidence, shown so far in preseason.”

Jay County opens its season at Elwood on Tuesday. While there may be some question marks and some growing pains, Bomholt is excited for what’s to come.

“I’ve really enjoyed this year, as much as any I can remember for a long time because they’re a good group,” Bomholt said. “They want to earn what’s in front of them. And I think that’s always a good sign because when you earn it, then you appreciate it a lot more.”

## 2023-24 schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Tuesday, Nov. 21	Elwood	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Nov. 25</b>	<b>Richmond</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, Dec. 1</b>	<b>Woodlan</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Dec. 2	Fort Recovery	6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9	New Castle	6 p.m.
<b>Friday, Dec. 15</b>	<b>Delta</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec. 23</b>	<b>Wapahani</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Dec. 30	Muncie Central	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 3	Bishop Luers	6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6	Adams Central	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9-13	ACAC Tournament	6 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 16</b>	<b>Bishop Luers</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, Jan. 19</b>	<b>South Adams</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, Jan. 20</b>	<b>Hagerstown</b>	<b>noon</b>
Friday, Jan. 26	Bluffton	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Jan. 27</b>	<b>Blackford</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, Feb. 1</b>	<b>Southern Wells</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Friday, Feb. 9	Heritage	6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10	Yorktown	6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 16	Norwell	6 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 20</b>	<b>Winchester</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Friday, Feb. 23	Bellmont	6 p.m.

Home games in bold

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Girls basketball at Bellmont — 6 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Jay County — Girls wrestling at Ben Davis — 9 a.m.; Swimming at Westfield — 10 a.m.; Girls basketball at Winchester — 6 p.m.; JV boys wrestling at Carroll — 9 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys bowling vs. Greenville — 9:15 a.m.; Girls basketball

scrimmage vs. Bradford — 10 a.m.; Boys basketball scrimmage at Franklin Monroe — 11 a.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
3 a.m. — Formula 1: Las Vegas Grand Prix (ESPN2)  
4 a.m. — U17 World Cup: Argentina vs. Poland (FS1)  
2:45 p.m. — Euro Qualification: Malta at England (FS1)  
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: But-

ler at Michigan State (FS1)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA in-season tournament: Sacramento Kings at Toronto Raptors (ESPN)  
8:30 p.m. — College basketball: Maryland at Villanova (FS1)  
9 p.m. — College football: South Florida at UTSA (ESPN2)  
10 p.m. — NBA in-season tournament: Phoenix Suns at Utah Jazz (ESPN)  
10:30 p.m. — College football: Colorado at Washington State (FS1)  
11:59 p.m. — College basketball: Washington vs. Xavier (ESPN2)

**Saturday**  
3 a.m. — Formula 1: Las Vegas Grand Prix (ESPN)  
4 a.m. — U17 World Cup: Venezuela vs. Germany (FS1)  
7 a.m. — U17 World Cup: France vs. United States (FS1)  
9 a.m. — Euro Qualification: Wales at Armenia (FS1)  
12 p.m. — College football: Louisville at Miami (ABC); SMU at Memphis (ESPN2); Michigan at Maryland (FOX); Rutgers at Penn State (FS1); Oklahoma at BYU (ESPN); Michigan State at Indi-

ana (BTN); Purdue at Northwestern (BTN)  
1 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Illinois at Notre Dame (NBC)  
3:30 p.m. — College football: Wake Forest at Notre Dame (NBC); North Carolina at Clemson (ESPN); Georgia at Tennessee (CBS); Illinois at Iowa (FS1); UCLA at USC (ABC)  
4 p.m. — College football: Minnesota at Ohio State (BTN); Oklahoma State at Houston (ESPN2); Oregon at Arizona State (FOX)  
7 p.m. — College football: Kansas State at Kansas (FS1)

7:30 p.m. — College football: Washington at Oregon State (ABC); Florida at Missouri (ESPN); Nebraska at Wisconsin (NBC)  
8 p.m. — College football: Texas at Iowa State (FOX); Georgia State at LSU (ESPN2)  
10:30 p.m. — College football: New Mexico at Fresno State (FS1)  
10:30 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Los Angeles Kings (Bally Indiana)  
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To have an event listed in “Sports on tap,” email details to sports@thecr.com.

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located : 822 S 500 W, Portland, IN.  
Friday Morning, NOVEMBER 17, 2023 10:00 A. M.  
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Bench; Mats; Dog Cage; Clay Targets; Tannerite; Stihl Safety Helmet, Pants, and Chaps; Propane Burner; Shop Vacs; Come Alongs; and other items not listed.  
AUCTIONEERS NOTE: EQUIPMENT, TRUCK AND CLUB CAR WILL BE SOLD VIA LIVE AND ONLINE BIDDING THRU EQUIPMENT-FACTS. 3% CONVENIENCE FEE FOR ONLINE BIDDING. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT GARY LOY, AUCTIONEER AT (260) 726-5160.

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Gary Loy AU01031608  
Travis Theurer AU11200131  
Aaron Loy AU11200112  
**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2023 9:00 A.M.  
LOCATED: 3430 W State Road 67, Portland, IN or 3 1/2 miles west of Portland at the corner of Hwy 67 and County Road 200 South.  
FARM TRACTORS—FARM EQUIP.—CONSTRUCTION EQUIP.—TRUCKS—TRAILER—VEHICLES—RIDING MOWERS—ATVS—ATTACHMENTS—MISC.  
NOW ACCEPTING CONSIGNMENTS UNTIL 5p.m. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023. Statements made sale day take precedence over written ad.  
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### 90 SALE CALENDAR

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall, Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN  
Saturday Morning NOVEMBER 18, 2023 9:30 A.M.  
HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS  
(2) Oak desks (came from 1 st National Bank in Portland); Whirlpool upright freezer; Frigidaire Bronze color electric stove; retro yellow color table with 6 chairs; mantel clock; Willow Tree figurines; Syracuse china; Pink Depression; Longaberger baskets; linens; antique glassware; Homer Laughlin dishes; globe on stand; Lawn Boy push mower with bagger; wheelbarrow; lawn chairs; gas cans; and many other items not listed.  
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**Public Notice**  
ORDINANCE 2023-15  
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110 OF THE JAY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES  
BEIT ORDAINED that chapter 110, horse-drawn vehicles, is hereby amended as follows.  
Section 110.03 (A) is amended as follows: There is imposed upon each horse drawn vehicle using the highways or roads in the county a license fee in the sum of \$120.00.  
Section 110.03(B) is amended as follows: Each owner of each horse-drawn vehicle shall pay the license fee attributed to the horse-drawn vehicle, as set forth by this chapter, to the Jay County Auditor on or before May 15 of each year and each owner shall receive from the Auditor a numbered metallic tag for each horse-drawn vehicle. Each owner who shall fail to pay the license fee set forth herein before May 15 of each year shall be assessed a late fee of \$25.00 in addition to the license fee set forth in paragraph A, above.  
All other provisions not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.  
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Jay County Commissioners on the 13th day of November, 2023.  
Chad Aker, President  
Jay County Commissioners  
Attest: Emily Franks,  
Jay County Auditor  
CR 11-17,24-2023  
NS 11-22,29-2023-HSPAXLP

### 250 PUBLIC NOTICE

**Public Notice**  
NOTICE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION  
Notice is given (pursuant to IC 6-1-1-25-4.5) to Great Future LLC, any unknown heirs and any person who has a substantial interest in the following described real property located in Jay County, Indiana that it was sold at the Jay County Tax Sale on September 7, 2023 pursuant to judicial order for non-payment of property taxes and assessments:  
Legal Description: 105.5” x 130’ BLK 29 OP ADDRESS: 320 N. Indiana Dunkirk, IN 47336  
Parcel Number: 38-09-08-101-113.000-014  
Tax ID Number: 382300009  
The name of the purchaser is REBECCA ELY. A petition for tax deed will be filed on or after September 7, 2024. The purchaser is entitled to receive a tax deed for the real property if it is not redeemed before SEPTEMBER 7, 2024. The owner or person with a substantial interest of public record or any person is entitled to redeem the real property. The real property has not been redeemed. The amount required to redeem the real property includes delinquent taxes, title search costs, attorney fees and interest and the total shall be determined by the Jay County Auditor. The purchaser is entitled to reimbursement for additional taxes or special assessments on the real property paid subsequent to the tax sale and before redemption and any additional costs incurred. The date of expiration of the period of redemption is SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 and if the real property is not redeemed by that date then the owner of record at the time of the tax deed is issued may have a right to any tax sale surplus. The attorney representing the purchaser is Joshua A. Atkinson, 940 N. Meridian Street, Portland, IN 47371.  
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# Sports

## Schwieterman drops 28 points

Renna Schwieterman didn't play much in the 19-point loss in the season opener.

Her role immediately grew since then.

The 2023 Jay County High School graduate scored 34 points for the Purdue Fort Wayne women's basketball team in the second and third games of the season.

She dropped 28 points against Great Lakes Christian College. She shot the lights out from beyond the arc, going 6-for-8. She filled out the rest of the stat sheet with five rebounds, three steals, two assists and one block and no turnovers.

At Southern Illinois, the freshman shot scored six points in the 70-64 overtime win against the Salukis. She also had four steals, three rebounds, one assist and one block for the Mastodons (2-1).

### Paige Fortkamp FRHS — 2021

Was named to the first team All-Crossroads League on Tuesday.

Fortkamp was one of 14 players to earn first team honors, and was the only player from Saint Francis.

The junior finished the season third in the conference for kills per set with 3.39.

### Whitley Rammel FRHS — 2022

Succeeded on 16

## Collegiate Check-up

attacks over the East Tennessee State volleyball team's past three matches.

In a loss to The Citadel, Rammel had five kills and earned a .313 hitting percentage.

At Wofford, she finished off seven attacks. Rammel recorded four kills in the win against UNC Greensboro.

Rammel also had six blocks for the Buccaneers (6-22).

### Alli Vaughn FRHS — 2021

Scored nine points for the IU-East women's basketball team in a pair of losses.

In the 86-75 loss at Huntington, Vaughn was 2-for-3 from the field with a three pointer to tally seven points.

She also had four rebounds and one steal in the game.

Vaughn had only two points but pulled down five rebounds for IU-East (2-4) in its loss to Saint Francis.

### Olivia Patch FRHS — 2020

Made one basket for the Hillsdale women's basketball team.

Patch played three minutes over the first two games for the Chargers (0-2), making her only shot attempt.

# Young, excited

By **ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

The Patriots never quite lived up to their potential in 2023.

The team lost a majority of its rotation from a year ago as well.

Even though there is a lot of uncertainty surrounding this team, coach Jerry Bomholt is excited for this season.

The Jay County High School boys basketball team returns only two players with varsity experience, but is meshing well as a group in the early practices of the 2023-24 season.

The team has already gotten off on the right foot according to Bomholt, who is impressed with the team's chemistry on and off the court.

"We've got a really, really good group of kids, and they have worked extremely hard," Bomholt said.

## Patriots are gelling despite only having two players with varsity experience

"We've got some size, and we've got some shooters, these guys really get along."

"They saw that a year ago, there were some issues. When you don't recognize your teammates, you don't value your teammates, it can take a pretty good group and make it difficult to be successful. So these guys all the way down now ... have pretty good chemistry."

The main pieces that return from the team that finished 9-12, was co-champions in the Allen County Athletic Conference with Adams Central and was bounced from the

sectional tournament by Frankton in the opener are sophomore Gradin Swoveland and junior Ben Crouch.

Bomholt is looking for Swoveland to make a big jump offensively as he will get a starting spot as a wing. Crouch will be vying for a starting spot as a post player, but has been dealing with an illness early in the season that has kept him out of early practices.

"Swoveland has really improved his offensive play," Bomholt said. "(Last year), he didn't come close to working to his ability level because he was afraid to take shots."

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