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# Idea expanded



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Patriot Auto Sales and Service, a car maintenance and repair shop that opened earlier this year in Portland, recently started offering used vehicles for sale. Pictured above, general manager Zach Fullenkamp stands with a 2017 Chevrolet truck for sale in September at the business, 1509 N. Meridian St., Portland.

## Thought to use dealership to service fleet vehicles expanded into a full-fledged business opportunity

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

The Kohler's first intent with such as tires, brakes and rotors. the former Moser Motors proptive maintenance for their own lenkamp.

into a full-fledged business.

Patriot Auto Sales and Service opened its doors in April. The auto repair shop at 1509 N. Meridian St., Portland, also recently started offering used vehicles for sale.

Patriot Auto Sales and Service general manager Zach Fullenkamp explained they offer a full range of automotive services, including alignments, rota-

wear and tear needs on parts ing Center.

mission service,'

Within the last few months, That idea quickly changed Patriot Auto Sales and Service also started selling vehicles. Last month just under a dozen used cars of a variety of makes sat on the lot for sale. Hopes are to offer more vehicles — upwards of 40

– in the future. After Moser Motors' Portland location closed in December, Susan and Wade Kohler decided to purchase the property, which is directly west from their other businesses, Pioneer Packaging

tions and oil changes as well as and Toddlertown Early Learn- just run a maintenance team out

"We can do your typical transission service," added Fulenkamp.

"We can do your typical transnothing else they could use the
space as extra parking for Toddlertown, which opened its doors

"We can do your typical transnothing else they could use the
up," she continued.

As they began setting up the
lot to meet repair and maintein February.

When the Kohlers realized the equipment available to them in the former Moser Motors building, though, they hatched another plan.

"Then we looked inside, and like, 'OK, they've got nice lifts here, we could manage our own fleet here," said Kohler, specifically referencing their nondiesel service trucks and other company vehicles.

"We said, 'OK, we're going to

of this and do all of our repairs The Kohlers had considered if and get our own vehicles caught

> nance needs for their fleet, which includes roughly 60 vehicles, local residents began stopping by. Kohler noted folks asked her when they'd be ready to take on customers.

> "I just think we had a lot of interest, people asking us, 'Can you fix my car? When can you take the public in?" recalled Kohler. "Once we saw that, we were like, you know what? (Let's) get started."

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## **Hopefuls** meet in first of 2 debates

Braun and **McCormick** spar over various issues

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Two of Indiana's three gubernatorial candidates spent an hour Wednesday night trading barbs and promoting their campaign platforms in the first televised debate of the general election, hosted by Fox59 and CBS4.

Republican Mike Braun and Democrat Jennifer McCormick each met the polling threshold established by the networks for the gubernatorial debate. A third candidate, Libertarian Donald Rainwater, didn't meet that standard but will appear onstage for Thursday's gubernatorial debate with WISH-

**Topics** included a recently manipulated advertisement from the Braun campaign and the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor saying the other side invoked a "Jezebel spirit.

The conduct of Braun's running mate, described Christian nationalist Micah Beckwith, prompted the harshback-and-forth between the nominees, with McCormick repeatedly calling for an apology from the campaign.

"It's ridiculous. He's dangerous," she said of Beckwith.

Braun fired back by saying, "when you're focusing on a lieutenant governor, that means you're shaky on what your own plans are going to be. Obviously, in this state, a governor is going to call the shots ... when you focus on that, that means you're afraid you don't have enough to offer Hoosiers (and) address kitchen table issues."

But McCormick said she isn't afraid to lead.

"But I also know, and I'm crystal clear, it's about character. We need someone at the top of that ticket who will represent us well at the national level, and who will also have a running mate who will

serve us well." Braun repeatedly tied McCormick to national Democratic policies, though she has never held an elected position as a Democrat. McCormick, meanwhile, pointed to low quality of life metrics and education outcomes in Indiana under the last two decades of Republican control and called for a change in leadership.

Both candidates have released detailed plans outlining their priorities if elected governor, tackling topics such as property taxes, education and economic development.

Moderators asked specifically about ballot initiatives, which have been used in other states to enshrine reproductive health care access.

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### World is awaiting response against Iran

warplanes Israeli bombed Beirut and traded hostilities with Hezbollah fighters in southern Lebanon as the country's forces kept up their campaign against the Iranbacked militant group. Nine people died in the

By HENRY MEYER Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service

center of the Lebanese capital after an Israeli strike on a medical site affiliated with Hezbollah, according to local authorities. The Israel Defense Forces said it killed 15 Hezbollah militants in an overnight airstrike on a building used by the group in the town of Bint Jbeil, and ordered civilians in some areas to leave immediately.

The Lebanese army said few casualties. World pow-

one of its posts in the south of the country killed a soldier. Israel said Wednesday eight of its troops were killed in battles against Hezbollah, its first casualties since starting a ground incursion earlier week.

The Israeli government is yet to retaliate for Iran's barrage of missiles on Tuesday evening, which caused little damage and

an Israeli strike against ers are concerned that, should it strike key Iranian assets, the Islamic Republic will lash out and escalate the conflict, dragging in more countries and potentially disrupting global energy shipments.

U.S. President Joe Biden said Israel should hold off from targeting Iran's nuclear facilities, something Tehran has long warned would provoke an aggressive response.

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Tribune News Service/AFP via Getty Images

Smoke billows following an Israeli airstrike that targeted Beirut's southern suburbs Thursday. Israel kept up its bombardment of Beirut after Iran launched its second, and largest, attack on Israel in months, which prompted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to warn Tehran would pay.

### **Deaths**

Joyce Paxson, 61, Bluffton

Details on page 2.

### ---Jay County had a high temperature of 70 degrees Wednesday. The low was 45.

Weather

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 40s. Skies will be sunny Saturday with a high in the mid 70s. The high will climb into the upper 70s on

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

### In review

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

### Coming up

**Saturday** — Results from the JCHS football game against South Adams.

**Tuesday** — Photos from weekend activities including the Heritage Festival.

**Wednesday** — Coverage of next week's Portland City Council meeting.



## **Expanded**

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Earlier this year, the building underwent a slight facelift, with the crew swapping the carpeting for hardwood flooring and putting on fresh coats of paint or new wallpaper throughout the building. New furniture, blinds and other small additions also made their way into the office as it took shape.

"(We) just (wanted to) make it a nice, comfortable entry for those that need to come in and wait for the oil change," said Kohler. "(We wanted to) try to just focus on being attractive for the public and to match what we can offer."

Kohler noted the property's location along U.S. 27 (Meridian Street), making it an ideal spot for

traffic. The Kohlers began working with local auto part retail stores, including NAPA Auto Parts, to stock the parts their new business needed. After hearing more requests from customers about buying and selling vehicles, Patriot Auto Sales and Service implemented software to begin car

Kohler planned to work with local banks to set up financing options for customers purchasing vehicles.

"It'll assist the local, small-town people that want to be here and want to keep it local, which is great to see," she said. "Portland thrives on small business."

Fullenkamp previously served

as homestead quality livestock bedding manager and lumber inventory manager at Pioneer Packaging. He approached the Kohlers when they purchased the property in December and asked who they planned to hire as a manager for the new business.

"Always, growing up, I've always been interested in cars," he said. "When the opportunity arose, I just wanted to jump at it." The wheels started turning

from there.

'When you have an employee that does well, and is willing to step up to the next project, that's huge," said Kohler. "Especially because it's so different than what we're used to.'

So far, business has been booming. Fullenkamp noted their shop has had customers in and out each day since it first opened months ago.

Keeping local roots in a local business, Kohler pointed out, is a key to success in the communi-

"We named it 'Patriot Auto' because we are that town, you know, we're the Jay County Patriots, so we want to be able to support Jay County in that fashion." she said. "It was one of those things that we thought, 'it's a good representation of who we are.' And we are local, and we know the community will support us in that area."

### **Obituaries**

Joyce Ann Paxson, Bluffton, the sister of a Pennville woman, Feb. 25, 1963-Oct. 1, 2024. A service to celebrate her life will follow at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5. •••••

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of serv-

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

## CR almanac

		Monday 10/7	Tuesday 10/8	Wednesday 10/9
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75/56	80/46	66/41	66/41	68/43
Another day of sunny skies is expected Sat- urday with the low around 56	There's a slight chance of rain on Sun- day under sunny skies.	forecast	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Tuesday, when the low may hit 41 at	Sunny skies are expected Wednesday, when the high will be

dipping the 40s.

### **Powerball**

Power Ball: 21 Power Play: 3 Estimated

**Mega Millions** 

jackpot: Estimated

Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 5-7-4 Daily Four: 8-0-2-9 Quick Draw: 1-7-9-12-14-17-18-20-22-23-32-35-36-37-43-48-53-66-78-79 Evening

Daily Four: 0-7-4-5 Quick Draw: 1-2-3-20-21-34-36-37-38-39-43-44-54-55-58-60-61-63-69-71 Cash 5: 3-8-10-39-43

high will be

Estimated jackpot: \$95,000

### Ohio

Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 6-9-1 Pick 4: 3-6-4-8 Pick 5: 2-9-9-5-5 Evening Pick 3: 6-4-2 Pick 4: 6-9-9-4 Pick 5: 4-4-9-4-0

## **Hopefuls**

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Braun said he was open to such an effort if it gained momentum but affirmed his anti-abortion stance.

"We're a right to life state," Braun said, throwing his support behind the state's near-total abortion ban. "It is a bill that sanctifies life, we're a state that does that with reasonable exceptions. And I think the people have spoken, the Legislature listened and we got a bill that seems to be working."

Striking that ban has been a key part of McCormick's campaign and

Attacks

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whether the U.S. would

support such an attack by

Israel. "They have a right

to respond, but they have

to respond proportional-

Israel has carried out a

series of devastating

attacks in Lebanon since

last month that almost

"The answer is no," he

she claimed women have already died due to the ban. She said she would "absolutely" support an effort for ballot questions.

"I'm the only person on stage who's been pregnant; I'm the only person on this stage who's given birth ... and I understand firsthand the complexities associated with pregnancy," McCormick said. "I know my opponent said that ... he thought we got it right. And when you make comments like that, we put a lot of women's lives

wiped out the leadership southern Lebanon on

Republic blamed on Israel. try, Lebanon's govern-

Israel sent troops into ment says.

of Hezbollah, Iran's main

a terrorist organization by

the U.S. and other coun-

tries. Iran said its salvo

against Israel was because

of those assaults and the

assassination of a senior

Hamas official in Tehran

in July, which the Islamic

said to a question about proxy militia, considered Hezbollah

An educator and the state's last elected superintendent of public instruction, McCormick called for increasing teacher salaries to \$60,000, saying "if we can't get education right, we can't get the economy right."

"We do need to pay our teacher the way their non-educator peers are being paid or we're never going to attract them," McCormick said. "When I was in office, Indiana was ranked 35th in the nation ... since I left, we have fallen to 41st."

### **Lotteries**

### 1-2-21-37-43

jackpot: \$295 million

\$108 million

### Hoosier

Daily Three: 2-4-9

Rolling Cash: 11-18-21-24-31

\$280,000

### Estimated jackpot:

## Felony arrests

### Confinement

A Portland man was arrested Wednesday for confinement and related

Michael D. Malyska, 29, 609 S. Shank St., was preliminarily charged with a in Jay County Jail.

Level 3 felony for confinement, a Level 5 felony for battery, a Level 6 felony for domestic battery and a Level 6 felony for strangulation.

Monday in a bid to uproot

along the border. Hun-

dreds of Lebanese civil-

ians have died in Israeli

air strikes in the past two

weeks and a million peo-

ple have fled their homes

in the south and some

other parts of the coun-

militants

He was being held on a \$45,000 bond

### **SERVICES**

Saturday

Paxson, Joyce: 6 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

### Sunday

Horsman, John: 2 p.m., Shrine of Remembrance America the Beautiful Chapel, 1730 E. Fountain Blvd., Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Service listings provided by **PROGRESSIVE DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201

### **Markets**

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Corn	3.81	
Nov. corn	3.83	
Beans	9.99	

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ADM Montpelier	

Corn	3.8
Nov. corn	3.8
Beans	10.0
Nov. beans	10.1
Wheat	5.4

## Heartland

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Corn	3.66
Nov. corn	3.76
Beans	9.84
Nov. beans	9.99
Wheat	5.27

## **Today in history**

misaligned with the seadiscrepancy.

Turks declared war on owned the AM radio sta-Russia, officially starting the Crimean War. The Turks would later be joined by England football team denied a 2and France.

Union launched the first 27-26 victory. Quarterartificial satellite, Sput- back Clay Schmitz's 1nik 1, which orbited yard run with 3:08 Early until the following year. The 184-pound capsule circled the earth an their 20-0 lead disapeven 96 minutes.

## In 1582, the Gregori- Joplin died of an acci-

an calendar was introduced. Slight inaccuracies in the Julian calendar had led to it being sons. The Gregorian calendar, which was proclaimed by Pope Gregory XIII which is the one that is still widely used today, adjusted for the

In 1970, singer Janis

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St. Anthony	
Corn	3.66
Nov. corn	3.76
Beans	9.84
Nov. beans	9.99
Wheat	5.27

dental heroin overdose. She was inducted into

Fame in 1995. In 1972, Glen West said he planned to continue to pursue an effort for a new FM radio station in Portland a day after the Federal Communications Commission denied his applica-In 1853, Ottoman tion. At the time, West

the Rock & Roll Hall of

tion in Portland. In 2019, the Fort Recovery High School point conversion try by In 1957, the Soviet Parkway to hold on for a remaining had put the Indians ahead after peared.

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

### **Monday**

5:30 p.m. — Portland chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recov-

ery Village Council, vil-

lage hall, 201 S. Main St.

### Wednesday

7 a.m. — Jay County City Council, council Board of Health, health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland.

6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

## Capsule Reports

### **Drunk driving**

arrested for drunk drivhit a deer along New Mount Pleasant Road about 12:50 p.m. Thurs-

Robert M. Vore, 29, was driving a 2012 Harley Davidson south on the road near county road 200 South when a deer ran in front of his path, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. He crashed into the deer and lost control of his vehicle, causing him to leave the

Vore smelled of alcohol and was administered a

preliminary breath test breath alcohol content. ing after his motorcycle He complained of head pain and had visible marks on his forehead, according to the report. He was transported to IU Health Jay and administered a blood alcohol test with results pending.

Vore was arrested Thursday for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor. He was being held on a \$1,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

His motorcycle was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.



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### New barn

Jay County Fairgrounds celebrated its newly built harness barn before Jayland Trotting Association's harness race Sept. 21. The barn was built using grant funding from an Indiana State Fair Harness Racing grant. Pictured above, from left, are fair board members Gary Stewart, Brandon Swoveland and Dave Bricker, Jayland Trotting Association representatives Greg and Jane Ann Runyon, harness racing participant Lucien Bowlin, and fair board members Trent Paxson, Dalton VanSkyock and Rick Neargarder.

## Plein Air demo set for Oct. 12

A Plein Air Demonstration and Workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, in Greenville, Ohio.

The event on the front lawn of St. Clair Memorial Hall, 215 W. 4th St., Greenville, will open with a one-hour demonstration by artist Angie Siefring. Participants will then have the opportunity to complete their own paintings with personalized instruction from Siefring.

Registration for the workshop is \$55 and students will need to bring their own art supplies.

To register, or for more information, email visualarts@darkecountyarts.org or call (440) 813-

### **Backyard chickens** Those hoping to learn

more about raising chick-

### **Taking Note**

ens in their backyards are in luck. Emily Kring of Jay County Purdue Extension Office will be sharing information about "all things backyard chickens" from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at John Jay Center for Learning in Portland.

The event is part of a multi-session aimed at teaching the public about sustainable living with chickens, wildlife management and urban gardening.

To reserve a spot, call County Purdue Extension Office at (260)

## Relatives often drop by home without giving notice

DEAR ABBY: Some relatives come once or twice a year from out of state to stay at my inlaws' house. For the past 20-plus years, it has been the same routine. They show up, but we never know ahead of time when or how long they are staying. We are expected to drop everything to go over there to visit with schedule; we just sit around town. There are no plans and no they want to do. I'm so tired of

Dear Abby



them as long as they are in waiting for them to decide what BURDENED IN THE MIDWEST

it. I would prefer knowing ahead of time so I won't have to cancel my previous plans when they show up. It's nice to chat, but I'd **common courtesy.** like to know beforehand that has been going on for so long? —

DEAR BURDENED: Yes, for hours at your in-laws'. 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

known. What you are pro- these relatives — AND your posing is common sense and in-laws — would appreciate

Tell these relatives you they are coming so I can meet love seeing them but would them for a meal or activity like some advance notice gail Van Buren, also known as rather than sit for hours. Can I when they plan to be in Jeanne Phillips, and was make this request now that it town so you can adjust your founded by her mother, Pauline schedule and take them Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at somewhere rather than sit DearAbby.com or P.O. Box

you can make your wishes It's entirely possible that

Dear Abby is written by Abi-

## **Community Calendar**

Notices will appear in Saturday Community Calendar as mit an item, 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.

SERVICES — Peer Addic- 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk. 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.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Oct. 4, at Harmony Café in Portland.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYspace is available. To sub- MOUS — Will meet at 10 email 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. RECOVERY Gaunt Jewelry building,

0 a.m. and 5 p.m. each a.m. on the first Saturday Friday at the Jay County of each month in the West County Public Library. Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-

> MUSEUM OF THE SOL-DIER — 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 - BRI-

ANNA'S HOPE — A faithall kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

### **Monday**

JAY COUNTY HOSPI-TAL RETIREES — Will host a carry-in lunch for hospital retirees and fortion Support Team recovery support group meets | ROAD | RIDERS | FOR | mer | employees | from 11 | ery | support group meets | JESUS — Will meet at 10 | a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 7 in the community room at Jay Attendees are asked to bring their favorite dish to share and beverages. Contact Sharon Taylor at (765) 578-0357 with questions. No reservations needed.

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST 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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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 COM-MUNITY FAMILY MEAL Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — 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 St., Portland.

Eads at (260) 726-9625 or based recovery group for Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

### **Tuesday**

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOV-ERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

### **Wednesday**

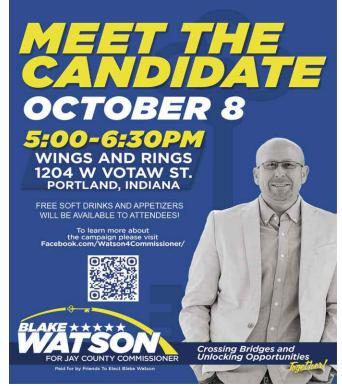
WEDNESDAY MORN-ING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

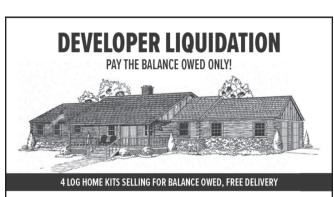
PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

BRYANT/NEW CORY-DON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

**COMMUNITY** FORCEMENT AND FAMI-LY TRAINING — A nonconfrontational, evidencebased intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center. Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw





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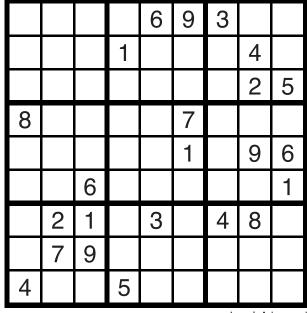
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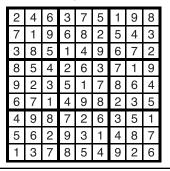
## Sudoku



Level: Advanced

### Thursday's Solution

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



## Judiciary becomes less transparent

**New York Daily News** 

Tribune News Service
The U.S. Judicial Conference's Guest Committee on Financial Disclosure, surveying the tangle of questions raised over Supreme Court Justices Clarence Thomas' and Sam Alito's records of receiving lavish gifts from ideologically-aligned billionaires, decided to issue some clarifications on disclosure rules for federal judges, including Supremes.

This would have been a good opportunity to show the public that the judiciary's oversight body takes seriously the possibility of misconduct and the need to preserve the public's trust in the institution. Instead, the updated rules are laxer in key regards, clearing the way for judges to

## **Editorial**

donations under the guise of receiving "personal hospitality" from friends.

Amid swirling controversies around the appearance of conflicts of interest, external entanglements and lack of transparency, moving in the direction of further chipping away at requirements and easing the path for the behavior at issue to continue under cover of official sanction can only be read as a provocation and a marker that accept significant undisclosed the courts' leadership is disinter-

ested in even appearing to avoid

Thomas, beneficiary of millions of dollars' worth of practically in-kind donations from the right-wing billionaire Harlan Crow, can feel free to keep having these get-togethers without worrying about subjecting himself to the prying eyes of public scruti-

Unlike a lot of the pretty complicated and often mind-numbingly arcane matters that the Supreme Court considers, almost any regular person would have an intuitive understanding of what is meant by personal hospitality: a friend having you over for dinner, or perhaps letting you stay a night or two at their place. Most would not understand it to mean a seldom-used country estate owned by a shell company,

Donald is scared to

debate me again because I beat him up in our first debate!

thing that the new rules would permit to happen without any disclosure whatsoever.

It would be easier to believe that all this lavishing on justices has no concerning real-world implications if the justices both hadn't seemed so keen on keeping these patronage relationships from coming to light, and if they hadn't embarked on a recent program of advancing policy from the bench.

Their decision in Loper Bright Enterprises vs. Raimondo overturned a longtime precedent allowing federal administrative agencies to make determinations about the application of ambiguous laws, which is now wreaking havoc across our regulatory framework.

On issues from guns to gerry-

but that is exactly the sort of mandering to regulation, the court has consistently pushed the envelope rightward, with the jewel in the crown being its decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and the right to an abortion, despite sworn Senate confirmation testimony from multiple justices that they'd respect the precedent on.

Now, we approach the first Monday in October and another Supreme Court term that promises to be no better, but certainly less transparent.

The other branches have no reason to accept this failure to self-police. Congress and the president have before them a range of options to constrain the court without getting into the messy business of court-packing and the like. It's past time to remind the court that they are a co-equal branch.

I Just asked them to tell us

What their plans are to fix

our border crisis, rising-food

prices and our crime rates

rising!

## Give measure another look

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Will you be voting in this fall's election?

You can bet I will, and I know my vote will be counted.

And matter.

Did you know in 2019 a city council race in Columbus was decided by one vote?

And that race also swung the political control of the body?

One vote! Imagine if you lived there and didn't vote. I don't want to have that kind of regret.

I hope other Hoosiers have the same sense of confidence I have, despite baseless claims in recent years of rampant election fraud.

In Indiana, voter registration isn't the problem. We have 4.7 million Hoosiers registered, according to the Indiana State's Secretary of Office. That is about 90% of those eligible to vote. Yes, there are likely some people who have moved, died or have duplicate entries in the state system. And there is an established process to vote is serious business.

Indiana's issue turnout. In recent general elec-

the high-water tions. mark for turnout was 65% in 2020. In 2022, that dipped to 40%. And primary turnout is even worse.

I am glad lawmakers have created the 30-day early voting period. Honestly, it means no one has an excuse for not casting their ballots.

There has occasionally been chatter about reducing the length of early voting. In 2022, Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales walked back a proposal to cut early voting as well as softened his previous comments on the 2020 election.

take away an option in a and I will stand by it and state that has safe and secure elections.

Then there is mail-in voting. It's technically called absentee voting in Indiana, but you can do it early, in-person or by mail.

Secretary many mail-in votes Indi- anacapitalchronicle.com.





ana has had in the last four general elections. In 2016 it was 155,582, or about 5.5%. That rose to 6.5% in 2018.

aly because state elections officials removed mail, or 18.3%.

More recently, the percentage dropped down to about 8.4% in 2022.

camaraderie of voting in person, but election days can be hectic. So early voting has been a great option for me over the years.

But there are lots of folks who are introverted and would prefer filling out their ballot in the privacy of their home. There winnow those out. But we are also students who live don't do it lightning out of state; senior citiquick because taking zens who struggle to get away a person's right to out; disabled Hoosiers that have no way to get to the polls. Heck, in some states you don't even need a reason. And in 8 states, all votes are cast by mail.

I'm not afraid of mailin voting. The Bipartisan Policy Center said mail voting has been in use since it helped soldiers cast ballots during the Civil War.

Of course, there are people who break the law both voting in person and by mail. There is no way to stop people from being stupid. But most of the examples bandied about were stopped by election officials enforcing the security processes already in place to thwart scofflaws. Or they were isolated in nature.

It's not a perfect system It makes no sense to but it's pretty damn good, participate wholeheart-

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State's Office ran a report nonprofit news organizafor ICC showing how tion. Its website is indi-

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The 2020 general elec-

tion is a bit of an anomperquisites to vote by mail as a way to ease fears around the pandemic. That year more than 563,000 Hoosiers voted by

I personally enjoy the

Kelly, editor-in-chief of

Indiana Capital Chronicle is an independent,

When asked whether he planned to endorse in this election cycle likelihood some thought would increase after his former Vice President Dick Cheney and his former attorney general, Alberto Gonzales, threw their support behind Vice President Kamalā Harris — Bush's office simply said "no." "President Bush retired from pres-

idential politics years ago," his office

By CYNTHIA M. ALLEN

During every election cycle, cross-

There is something oddly satisfy-

ing about the once-politically faithful

finding their respective party's can-

didate so deficient that it compels

them to publicly voice their protest

before crossing the aisle on Election

Donald Trump has driven that sen-

timent to another level, with almost

daily defections of former Republi-

can administration officials hitting

But the one prominent Republican

voice that has been notably absent

from the current political fray is that

of former President George W. Bush.

the election, instead keeping his head

down and his focus on the good work

of his Dallas-based foundation and

Indeed, he's said nary a word about

party endorsements snag a few head-

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the chyron.

The former president hasn't endorsed any candidate since Sen. Mitt Romney in 2012, and that was litmore than a passing comment offered from an elevator just before the doors slid shut. Hardly an attempt to assert political influence in the presidential race.

There's something undeniably refreshing about a politician who recognizes that his or her role as an influencer should have a shelf life.

And after carrying the weight of the world on his shoulders for so many years while receiving mostly criticism for it in the media, it does- true conservatives — like Bush — at cmallen@star-telegram.com.

Cynthia M. Allen

Leave George W. Bush alone

n't seem unfair or unpatriotic for

Bush to wish to live out his post-pres-

Indeed, it is rather fun to imagine

Bush in his library offices housed on

the Southern Methodist University

campus, characteristically chuckling

to himself as he reads the daily

paper, delighted to not be one of its

Alas, some people are trying to get

him back into the headlines, dogging

him mercilessly for his silence on the

candidacy of Trump and insisting

Ohio, be the final straw for George W.

Bush, who refused to demonize immigrants?" wrote Bill Kristol, the founder of the now defunct conserva-

tive magazine The Weekly Standard,

following the recent presidential

debate in which Trump's comments

about Haitian migrants went off the

Washington recently, Kristol told an

audience pointedly: "George W. Bush

really should say he's voting for

Kamala Harris," insisting that his

endorsement, as compared to

Cheney's backing, perhaps, would

years of relative silence on national

politics, Bush weighing in could

have an impact on the small crop of

undecided moderate voters in swing

states who will likely decide the elec-

But at what cost to his own princi-

Kristol is a long-time Never

Trumper, a position to which many

That may be true. After so many

Speaking at the Atlantic Festival in

'By the way, shouldn't Springfield,

regular subjects.

that he take a stand.

rails.

ples?

have some sway.

is mentally impaired!



has manifested in other, less relatable ways. One is his endorsement of Harris, a candidate whose record in the Senate was among the most progres-

sive — lest we forget that on issues from health care to fracking, Harris' record belies her sudden attempt at political moderation. But some former conservatives seem to think the two — denouncing

can relate, given Trump's proven

lack of principles on conservative

policy issues, from abortion to for-

His distaste for Trump, however.

Trump and endorsing his opponent are indivisible, that one must naturally follow the other. And for his part, Kristol seems to

have made it his personal mission to get the former president to agree.

To be clear, Bush and Trump are hardly friends, and Bush has criticized Trump for past comments and

The former president was not present at the GOP convention in August.

But it's one thing to denounce Trump for his personal transgressions, his lack of fitness for office, or whichever of the man's vices strike you on a given day.

It is another entirely to endorse a candidate who stands for policies and values that are diametrically opposed to your own and those that you pursued (and presumably maintain) as your life's work.

Bush and the former first lady, Laura Bush, reportedly supported neither of the major party candidates in the 2016 or 2020 presidential elections. George W. Bush told People magazine in 2021 that he wrote in the name of his former national security adviser and secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice, in 2020.

He could do so again next month with his conscience clear.

In the meantime, everyone should just leave him alone.

Allen is a columnist for the Fort Star-Telegram.

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## Farmers frustrated by bill failure

By KARINA ATKINS

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

Since the last farm bill was enacted in 2018, international wars and a pandemic have disrupted supply chains, inflation has skyrocketed and worsening climate change has put a renewed emphasis on conservation practices.

Farmers feel left behind and forgotten.

'I should be in a good mood. My Illini just won and I had a nice weekend with my family, but to be real honest, I'm frustrated," Jared Gregg, a seventhgeneration farmer from Piatt County, Illinois, told the Tribune in early September.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture had just called and asked him to complete a survey when he was in the midst of preparing for a busy harvest season. It was another reminder that the federal government is out of touch with farmers, said Gregg.

Yet again, Congress is unlikely to pass an updated farm bill.

The comprehensive package of legislation that sets agriculture and food policy is supposed to be updated every five years. But partisan gridlock got in the way last year, forcing Congress simply to extend the 2018 bill another year. That extension expires Sept. 30 and, with a presidential election less than two months away, Congress isn't focused on finalizing a new five-year plan. Experts say the lawmakers are likely to extend the 2018 bill again.

"I'd like to see the government put forward as much effort as American farmers are putting forward," Gregg said. "Watching them play politics is a tough pill to swallow when prices are down and expenses are up.

25% between 2019 and 2023 and rary farm bill overrides would



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Brian Duncan transfers corn into a red grain cart last week in Polo, Illinois. Family farming dates back to the 1900s for the Duncan family.

hasn't translated to extra income for farmers. The price hikes are getting tacked on due to supply chain issues between the farm and the store shelves.

Like all Americans, though, farmers' expenses from labor to equipment and fertilizer are ris-

"Who wants to live in an income world based in 2018 with an expense world based in 2024? That's the world we're chained to without an updated farm bill,' said Illinois Farm Bureau President Brian Duncan.

In the extremely unlikely event that Congress doesn't extend the 2018 farm bill by the end of the year, a permanent Consumer grocery prices rose New Deal-era law that the tempohave continued to rise, but this kick in, leaving farmers to oper-

ate with even more outdated legislation.

Rural economies in Illinois, the No. 1 producer of soybeans and the No. 2 producer of corn in the country, would be hard-hit. The state's agricultural industry supports nearly 2 million jobs and more than \$462 billion in economic output, according to House Agricultural Committee Communication Director Ben Goldey.

Jonathan Coppess, an agriculture policy expert at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is particularly worried that programs incentivizing sustainable farming could flounder without a new farm bill. Approximately 40% of valid Illinois applications already go unfunded, according to a letter a Democratic sent the U.S. Department of Agriculture in August.

'We're limiting the amount of funds available for farmers to do conservation, then we're expanding what we want them to do under conservation umbrellas.' he said, citing growing attention to the role poor agricultural practices play in the climate crisis and biodiversity loss.

Even in 2018, the farm bill funding available for conservation programs didn't meet the demand. The 2022 Inflation Reduction Act infused nearly \$20 billion over five years into these programs. But the backlog has persisted. Inflation has only exacerbated the problem.

Both the Democratic and Republican farm bill proposals delegation of Illinois lawmakers bolster conservation programs,

but the Republican version eliminates the programs' focus on reducing carbon emissions and sequestering carbon, a caveat the Democrats injected alongside the extra IRA Inflation Reduction Act funding.

Illinois has particularly struggled to secure conservation dollars in the current funding landscape. It has the fourth most cropland of any state but, from 2018 to 2022, received less conservation funding than 36 other states, according to the delegation of Illinois lawmakers.

Meanwhile, the lawmakers estimate that only 4% of Illinois' 22 million acres of cropland have employed conservation practices, a dismal number they attribute to "uniform, inflexible standards" for funding that are biased against the cropping practices, weather and terrain in Illinois.

The delegation, which included Sens. Tammy Duckworth and Dick Durbin, urged the U.S. Department of Agriculture to double or triple the nationwide conservation funding allocated to Illinois.

Gregg has two outstanding applications to experiment with pesticide mitigation strategies and to grow cover crops, both of which are proven to improve soil quality, reduce nutrient runoff that causes harmful algae blooms and foster pollinator habitats.

He's motivated by the possibility of tapping into new clean energy markets such as sustainable aviation fuel. The federal government opened the door for jet fuel to be made from corn that meets particular sustainability standards earlier this year.

"If they expect me to produce in a conservation-minded fashion, I'm holding up my end of the bargain. But I'm not seeing it happen on their end," said Gregg, who poured hours into conservation plans for his farm.

## **Sentiment** is lowest since '16

By MORGAN FRENCH Purdue Ag News

WEST LAFAYETTE — In September, the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Barometer Economy recorded its lowest readings since March 2016. Declining income expectations pushed farmer sentiment down as the barometer fell 12 points to 88, and the Index of Future Expectations dropped 14 points to to 76, which nearly matched levels seen in April 2020, during the height of COVID-19 concerns for farmers. This month's survey was conducted from Sept. 9-13, 2024.

September's revealed that farmers are increasingly worried about commodity prices, input costs, agricultural trade prospects and the potential impact of the upcoming election on their farm operations. When asked to identify their top concerns for the coming year, low commodity prices and high input costs were nearly tied, with 34% of farmers citing input prices and 33% pointing to lower output prices as their primary concerns. Interest rates trailed behind as a top concern for 17% of respondents. Proapprehensions about commodity prices matched up with their lack of confidence in the future U.S. agricultural exports; only 26% respondents expect exports to rise over the next five years, the most pessimistic response to this question since it was first introduced in 2019. Additionally, 78% of producers expressed concern that government policy changes following the fall 2024 elections could impact their

farms. "The continued drop in barometer reflects deepening concerns among farmers regarding expectations for farm income in 2024 and 2025," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "It's notable that producer sentiment dropped back to levels last seen in 2016 when the U.S. farm economy was in the early stages of an economic downturn. In addi-

and input costs weighing heavily on their operations, producers are also facing considerable uncertainty about what lies ahead for their farms with the possible government policy changes following the upcoming 2024 elections."

The Farm Financial Performance Index fell for the third consecutive month, dropping to 68 in Septemher from 72 in 94. The Index of Current Farmers' financial expecta-Conditions also fell 7 points tions have declined declined markedly compared to a year ago, as the index was at 86 in September 2023 — 18-point difference. While the Farm Capital Investment Index increased by 4 points from August to a survey reading of 35, it sits just above its all-time low, indicating that many producers believe it is not an opportune time for making large

investments. The Short-Term Farmland Value Expectations Index dropped by 10 points to 95. This is the first time since 2020 that the index fell below 100, indicating that more farmers are expecting a decline in farmland values over the next year than those who anticipate an increase. This month's shift from a positive to a weaker outlook is attributable to a significant decrease in the percentage of producers forecasting rising values and a rise in those who expect values to remain steady.

The September survey marks the fourth consecutive year that the barometer has included questions regarding cover crop usage among corn and soybean producers. Consistent with prior years' surveys, more than half of the respondents indicated that they currently plant cover crops on part of their farms, while an additional 1 in 5 farmers reported planting cover crops sometime in the past. Interestingly, farmers who currently use cover crops say they are devoting a larger proportion of their farm's acreage to cover crops than in the past. In 2021, 41% of cover crop users noted planting them on more than 25% of their farm's acreage. This figure rose to 50% in 2023, and in this year's survey, 68% of cover crop users indicated planting cover crops on more than onetion to commodity prices fourth of their farms.



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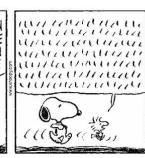
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"Why do you keep letting your beard grow if you're just gonna shave it off anyway?

### Peanuts

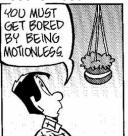






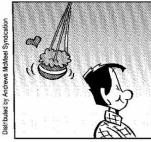


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### Test your play

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2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades, and North leads the ace of hearts. How would you play the hand? WEST 

♦ A Q J 10 • 7 5 4 2 1. The slam is a sure thing regardless of how the cards are divided. Ruff the club, draw trump, then play the ace and another spade. If North follows low, finesse the ten, thus assuring the contract whether the ten wins or loses. If North produces the jack or queen, you win with the king and again can be sure of losing only one spade trick whether South follows or not.

If North shows out on the first or second spade lead, the slam remains certain even though there seems to be two spade losers. After cashing both top spades, you next play the A-Q-5 of hearts.

First, let's suppose South shows out on the second or third round of hearts. In that case, you take the

king and return the ten, discarding a spade from dummy. North wins with the jack, but whatever he returns, you discard dummy's last spade as you ruff in your hand. All you lose is a heart trick.

Now let's say South follows low when you lead dummy's third heart. This time you finesse the ten. If it wins, you have 12 tricks, if it loses, you also have 12 tricks, because North must return a club, which you ruff in your hand after discarding a spade from dummy. You then cash the heart king, discarding dummy's last spade to make the slam.

slam.

2. The only danger is that South has the king of diamonds and North the ace of clubs. In that case, if you ruff the heart, cash a trump and take a diamond finesse, you could go down one with a club return from South.

To any account this the heat.

To guard against this, the best play is to discard a diamond on the ace of hearts! This ensures the con-

ace of hearts! This ensures the contract against any lie of the cards.

Let's say North shifts to a trump at trick two. You win and play the A-Q of diamonds. If South produces the king, you ruff and have 11 tricks. If South follows low, you discard a club, assuring 10 tricks even if North wins with the king.

The diamond discard at trick one

The diamond discard at trick one allows you to take a diamond finesse that can lose only to North,

the non-dangerous opponent.

Tomorrow: Far from hopeless.

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## **Sweep**

Continued from page 8 Pinkerton never gave Kyran Pegg much of a chance either, taking out the RSHS senior 6-1, 6-1. Normally the No. 3 singles match would have to wait for another position's contest to finish in the sectional semifinal to finish, but because the Rebels didn't have a No. 2 doubles team. they got to start in tow with the other three positions. It only took Pinkerton 51 minutes since the start of warmups to earn Jay County a trip to the sectional

championship. The Patriots previously beat Union City 4-1 earlier in the season, with the only loss at the No. 1 doubles position. The Indians have since changed up their lineup, splitting Brennan Hogto play at the No. 1 and 2

singles.

While the Patriots will have different matchups, Gillespie likes the direction his team is headed and is looking for it to claim its third straight sectional championship.

"We have to play with confidence," Gillespie said. "If my players play the best they can, that's all I can ask for as a coach. ...

'So if we come out and play like we did tonight and get beat, we'll congratulate them, but the goal has always been sectional. And believe me, I'm not going to sleep tonight because I'm going to be playing this thing out (in my head).

"But proud of the kids. A great night for Jay County tennis, and I couldn't be gatt and Jacob Thornburg happier for them."



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Eli Dirksen focuses on the tennis ball as he begins the motion for his forehand in Tuesday's sectional opener against Noah Allen. Dirksen cruised through the No. 1 singles contest for a 6-2, 6-0 victory over the RSHS junior.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule Jay County — Football vs. South Adams - 7

Fort Recovery — Football at Marion Local – 7

### Saturday

Jay County — Cross Country at Winchester Invitational - 9 a.m.; Volleyball in Patriot Invitational - 9:30 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Cross Country at Lions Meet at Coldwater - 9 a.m.; Volleyball at Fort Loramie -10 a.m.; JV football vs. Marion Local - 10 a.m.; Middle school cross country at Lions meet at

### TV sports

Today 1 a.m. — Asia Pacific Amateur Championship

golf (ESPN2) NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series:

5 p.m. -Love's RV Stop 250 (FS1) 7 p.m. — College volleyball: Oregon at Penn

State (BTN) 7:30 p.m. — College football: Houston at TCU (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — WNBA: Minnesota Lynx at Connecicut Sun (ESPN2)

9 p.m. — College football: Michigan State at Oregon (FOX); Syracuse at UNLV (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN2)

### **Saturday** 3 a.m. — Asia Pacific Amateur Championship

golf (ESPN2) - Premier League soccer: Liver-7:30 a.m.

pool at Crystal Palace (USA)

12 p.m. — College football: Missouri at Texas

A&M (ABC); Navy at Air Force (CBS); SMU at Louisville (ESPN); Pitt at North Carolina (ESPN2); UCLA at Penn State (FOX); Purdue at Wisconsin 12:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: NASCAR

Xfinity Sereies Race at Talladega (USA) 12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: New-castle United (NBC)

1:08 p.m. — MLB playoffs: Divisional round

1:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: YellaWood 500 (USA)

- College football: Weber State at 3 p.m.

Montana (CBS)

3:30 p.m. — College football: Aubrun at Georgia (ABC); lowa at Ohio State (CBS); Ole Miss at South Carolina (ESPN); Indiana at Northwestern

4 p.m. — College football: West Virginia at Oklahoma State (ESPN2); Rutgers at Nebraska

(FS1)

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State (ESPN) - NHL: Florida Panthers at Los Ange-

7 p.m. — NH les Kings (CBS) 7:30 p.m. — - College football: Tennessee at

Arkansas (ABC); Michigan at Washington (NBC); USC at Minnesota (BTN); Baylor at Iowa State

8 p.m. — College football: Kansas at Arizona State (ESPN2) 10:30 p.m. — College football: Miami at Cal

(ESPN) College football: Texas Tech at

### Arizona (FOX)

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION** Located: 2400 N 400 E Winchester, IN Saturday Morning October 12th, 2024 10:00 A.M. **REAL ESTATE** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, ranch style home 1232 sq. ft of living area and 2 car attached garage. Home has gas forced air furnace with central air, gas fireplace and a large rear composite deck with gazebo. 2 outbuildings. Property includes 20 acres with 2 acres tillable, a pond and woods. TRUCKS-MOWER-

**TOOLS** 2020 Chevrolet Silverado LT Z71- 4x4 Crew Cab Truck. Truck is in immaculate condition; 2000 Chevrolet SL; Simplicity 27hp Citation

KT Zero turn lawn mower; Craftsman 10" table saw; tap & die set; Dewalt 12v 20 v chargers: DEWALT BATTERY TOOLS; Polaris front blade; and other items

not listed. VENDING MACHINE-PADDLE BOAT-HOUSE-HOLD GOODS-OLD

**ITEMS** Vending machine (cans); Playmate paddle boat; (2) ping pong tables; Maytag washer & dryer: Haler chest freezer; cedar chest; (2) Fire King Tulip bowls; Faberware; Pepsi clock; Coke sign; buggy seat; wagon wheels; milk cans; and other items not listed. JAMES V. LEWIS **ESTATE** 

By Dave Tillman Personal Representative Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 Eric Robbins AY12100020 Kaden Khayyata

**PUBLIC AUCTION** Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 W Votaw St., Portland,

AY12400069

IN October 5th, 2024 9:30 A. M. ANTIQUE - OLD & **COLLECTORS ITEMS** (2) small buckboard wagons (NICE); Pie safes: Walnut corner cabinet; Grandmother Clock; Elgin pocket watches; BLUE DECO-RATIVE STONEWARE: assorted crockery items; Decatur Indiana foundry pieces; FENTON; BANKS; TOYS; 1800's wood soldier; tin wind up horse & wagon, and other toys not listed.

Coins; Jewelry. **GUNS-TOOLS** Stevens 22 caliber pocket rifle; Stevens A&T 22 caliber pistol. 12 gauge double barrel shotgun; Mantis hedge trimmer; Bostitch finish air nailer: concrete tools; hunting 7

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

fishing supplies; and other items not listed. **AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** Preview will be held Friday Oct. 4th from 4pm to 6pm. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. day of auction, Guns will sell approximately 1pm. AL HUSTON, **DECEASED** By JANET HUSTON & FRANCIS FAMILY Loy Auction

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**PUBLIC AUCTION** SATURDAY OCTOBER 12TH, 2024 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 715 E MAIN

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ST PORTLAND, IN. OPEN HOUSE SEPT. 29TH 1-3PM Both prop erties will be offered at 715 E Main St. REAL ESTATE

715 E Main St.-3 Bedroom, 1.5 bathroom bungalow containing 1984 sq ft finished living area. Central air, Det. garage w/heated shop. Move in

condition. 660 E Water St.-2 Bedroom home containing 936 sq ft finished living area, Central air 20" x 24 " detached garage.

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TURE-MISC Cedar chest, Shoe shine box, Victor combination safe, Old Radios, Coke Cooler, Wooden Keg, Sofa and coffee table. WOODWORKING-

SHOP-MISC Grizzly 10" table saw, Grizzly router, Powermatic 12" planer, roll away tool box, Utility carts and cabinets, V bottom aluminum boat and trailer, Fishing Poles and supplies, Several items not mentioned.

OWNERS: DONALD SUTTON ESTATE, HELEN (Toni) SUTTON Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.

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OPEN HOUSE Sunday

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# Sectional sweep

Jay County quickly takes down Rebels 5-0 to earn shot at sectional title

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review The Patriots got their best

matchup.

While they picked up wins against all three potential sectional opponents, the wides margin of victory came against the Rebels. Combine that fact with the Rebels needing to forfeit a point due to a lack of players for the No. 2 doubles position, and the Patriots were feeling good about their chances of making sectional championship the

Less than one hour later, they clinched their spot in the match.

The Jay County High School boys tennis team breezed through Randolph Southern, defeating the Rebels 5-0 in the IHSAA Sectional 53 opener on Wednesday to earn a chance at its third straight sectional title.

The victory earned them a shot to play in Thursday's sectional championship against the Union City Indians, who beat Winchester 3-2 on the other courts Wednesday.

"I'm very happy," said JCHS coach Donald Gillespie. "I think maybe that was the best performance of the year for my kids. I'm really happy that they got to that level. ... So, a great performance tonight, but that's only one night."

Back on Sept. 10, the Patriots traveled to Lynn to beat Randolph Southern 4-1. The sole loss came from Tucker Griffin in the No. 2 singles match as Braden Austin earned a 6-2, 6-7 (5-7), 10-4 victory

Griffin never let Austin sniff that level of success jumping out early to beat the RSHS junior 6-0,

The Jay County (8-10) senior attributed his success to growth over the tail end of the season and a focus on keeping the ball in. In the final game, that strategy paid off as three of his points came from balls he just kept in bounds that Austin mishandled, including the final point when Griffin delivered a forehand to the back line that the Rebel player hesitated on and sent into the



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County High School senior Tucker Griffin hits a one-handed backhand on the move during the IHSAA Sectional 53 opener against Randolph Southern. Griffin got revenge on the Rebels'Braden Austin for a 6-1, 6-1 victory that helped the Patriots sweep.

"I feel like I've gotten a lot better over the course of these few weeks," Griffin said. "I feel like he thought he was just going to beat me. ... I wasn't hitting it out of bounds. Last time I played him I hit it deep – it felt like – every time. So, I felt a lot more consistent today."

While Griffin has shown improvements, Eli Dirksen has been consistently dominant at the No. 1 singles position.

Dirksen pulled off a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Noah Allen to complete the sweep for Jay County just over an hour after warm ups started. The final game of the second set exemplified his dominance as he won it in short order to notch his 14th consecutive victory of the season.

"Once you get on a streak it's not as easy to lose," Dirksen said. "I think it's really nice that the

opposed to the harder competition I had at the beginning of the season, I just feel more confident.

While Dirksen and Griffin completed the sweep, No. 1 doubles duo Kadyn Carpenter and Alex Miller and No. 3 singles player Gabe Pinkerton pulled

Carpenter and Miller secured Flaugh's return. opponents I've played before has the first point for the Patriots,

built my confidence up. As running Jacob Flaugh and Kohwen Pegg off the court with a clean 6-0, 6-0 sweep in 47 minutes. The Patriot pair found success with Carpenter playing behind for court coverage and

Miller at the net to try and volley.
The match ended after with Miller hiding behind the net at center court as Carpenter served and then jumping up to volley

See **Sweep** page 7

## 23XI Racing, Front Row Motorports sue NASCAR

**By SHANE CONNUCK** 

The Charlotte Observer Tribune News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -Two Cup Series teams, have always been a fierce including the one owned by Michael Jordan, jointly

filed an antitrust lawsuit

against NASCAR. 23XI Racing, Huntersville-based team statement. "I love the sport Jordan co-owns with longtime driver Denny Hamlin, of our fans, but the way joined Front Row Motorsports to argue that the unfair to teams, drivers, sport's sanctioning body —

led by CEO Jim France —

has enriched itself through fight for a competitive mar-"unchecked monopolistic ket where everyone wins." practices."

"Everyone knows that I competitor, and that will to win is what drives me and the entire 23XI team each and every week out on the the track," Jordan said in a of racing and the passion NASCAR is run today is sponsors, and fans. Today's

Teams seeking injunction after refusing to sign charter agreement

NASCAR adopted its "charter" system in 2016, which makes its race teams operate like franchises in other professional sports. The current agreement expires on Dec. 31, and teams have been trying to negotiate an extension for more than two years.

23XI Racing and Front action shows I'm willing to Row Motorsports, a smaller would allow them to contin- a reality in racing.'

team owned by entrepre- ue racing under the current neur Bob Jenkins, both refused to sign a final offer presented by NASCAR on Sept. 6, two days before the first race of the Cup Series playoffs at Atlanta. Thirteen of 15 teams signed the take-it-or-leave-it offer, with some telling the Associated Press that they felt "threatened" or "coerced" by the sanctioning body.

The two teams are filing a preliminary injunction over the coming days that

charters without penalty while the case plays out.

"It's actually pretty simple in my opinion," Hamlin said. "When I look around, I see that the best and most competitive sports in the world understand that when teams thrive, fans benefit, and that everyone who invests in making the sport a success should share fairly in that success.

"With the right changes, we can certainly make that released Wednesday morning, the teams alleged that "NASCAR and the France family operate without transparency, have stifled competition, and control the sport of stock car racing in ways that unfairly benefit them at the expense of team owners, drivers, sponsors, partners, and fans."

The statement lists several practices it alleges have been monopolistic by NASCAR.



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