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## Trophy triumph

The Jay County High School boys soccer team, including in front from left, Aryan Montes, Emmitt Reynolds, Alan Ortiz, Dylan Marentes and Peyton Yowell, celebrate with the sectional championship trophy after knocking off the unbeaten host Eastbrook Panthers 3-2 (4-3) in a penalty kick shootout Saturday night. The win gave the Patriots their second title in three years and sends them to play at Park Tudor in the regional semifinal at 6 p.m. Thursday. For more on the game, see page 8.

## There are various options to help

Tribune News Service

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security encourages all those who wish to donate to the relief efforts for recent hurricanes to do so through coordinating agencies and not self-deploy to the area.

Responding to a disaster is a complex, coordinated effort. With such widespread destruction in an event like Hurricane Helene, many roads are impassable or unsafe to travel. Active search and rescue efforts continue, and arriving vehicles with supplies could cause more harm than good at this early stage. Please avoid trying to deliver personnel or supplies without coordination through an active organization in the area.

"The first impulse for people is to want to help when they see the devastation on TV or have friends and family in the area. That is totally understandable," said Mary Moran, director of Emergency Management with IDHS. "Volunteer needs will continue for many weeks, months and even years, and there will be plenty of opportunities to help. But, it must be coordinated so as not to cause an increased burden on first responders."

Cash donations are the most effective and will be put to use immediately. Visit the FEMA Volunteer and Donate page for a list of reputable organizations.

Volunteers also are needed, but it must be coordinated through an organization currently working the disaster.

Helene hit North Carolina the hardest, and below are some reputable organizations to donate cash or arrange for volunteers or supplies to help:

- North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund
- NC Disaster Volunteer Opportunities
- National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD)
- Donate to North Carolina VOAD
- NC 211 Effort

For more information about IDHS, visit [dhs.in.gov](https://dhs.in.gov).

## Teaming to honor veterans

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Eighty-five veterans will fly from Fort Wayne to Washington, D.C., on Wednesday to visit memorials built in their honor.

Community foundations from across the northeast corner of the state made it possible.

Spurred by grant applications written by The Portland Foundation, 16 community foundations contributed \$112,530 toward the \$125,000 cost of sponsoring Northeast Indiana Honor Flight's 49th flight to the U.S. capital.

Doug Inman, executive director of The Portland Foundation, got the idea for seeking community foundation funding for a flight after making the trip with his dad Roger in 2022.

"At its core, every community

### Community foundations are sponsoring Wednesday flight to Washington, D.C.

foundation exists to enhance the quality of life in their respective communities," said Inman. "The quality of life that we all do have, that we enjoy as Americans, is provided by the fact that a man or a woman put on a uniform to protect this country in the armed services. So the freedoms that we enjoy, it's

here because of the people that served in the military ..."

Early this year, Inman started the process of writing grant applications to community foundations. Funding requests were based on the number of veterans from each community that had taken honor flights in recent years.

Of the 19 community founda-

tions that were approached, 16 approved funding. They represented foundations from Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Fulton, Grant, Huntington, Jay, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Miami, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties.

Contributions ranged from \$1,350 for smaller counties to \$40,000 split between two contributing foundations in Allen County.

"It was very gratifying to me to see the 15 other community foundations that said, 'Yes, we agree, this is very important to us also. Our veterans are very important to us,'" said Inman. "We're excited that this is happening."

Honor Flight was created in 2004, with the Northeast Indiana chapter following four years later. See **Honor** page 2

## Israel fires on Lebanon

By DAN WILLIAMS  
and MARISSA NEWMAN

Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

Israel said a fresh barrage of missiles was fired from Lebanon a day after a Hezbollah drone strike killed four soldiers, as cross-border fighting between the two sides intensified.

The Israeli military reported on Monday that 90 projectiles had crossed from Lebanon, and sirens were later heard across the center of the country. A large number of people rushed to bomb shelters, according to the Israel Defense Forces, which later said all threats aimed at the central region were intercepted.

Hezbollah's Sunday assault on the encampment south of Haifa injured more than 50 troops as well as killing four soldiers, one of the militant group's deadliest cross-border attacks in

at least a year. Lebanon's health ministry said an Israeli air strike in the remote district of Ehdn, well north of Beirut, killed nine people on Monday, as Israel widened its offensive in the neighboring country.

Hezbollah's attacks show it can still strike at least 25 miles into Israel despite weeks of attacks on its commanders and missile stockpile, part of Israel's effort to degrade the group after more than a year of clashes. The IDF has sent tanks and troops across the border, and the area's

hilly villages and dense forests have become a major battleground.

Israel's military is also stepping up strikes against Iran-backed Hamas in northern Gaza, where war has raged for more than a year. The Hamas-run health ministry in the territory said earlier Monday that 62 people had been killed in the past 24 hours.

Israeli strikes on southern and central Lebanon and the Bekaa valley on Sunday killed at least 51 people.

### At least four killed in cross-border attacks



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## Artistic evening

Delores Hart sketches out a design of the pond Friday afternoon at Hudson Family Park in Portland. The Alcove Artists' Collective members spent their evening painting at the park.

### Deaths

- Elmer Klenke, 100, Coldwater, Ohio
  - Raymond Paxson, 70, rural Pennville
  - Shirley Lehman, 79, Portland
  - Susan Quinn, 66, Portland
- Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 70 degrees Sunday. The low was 50.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the lower 30s with areas of frost developing after midnight. Skies will be mostly sunny Wednesday with highs in the mid 50s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Highway Department announced Monday that the county road 600 West bridge over the Salamonie River about a half-mile north of Indiana 26 will be closed until further notice. Signs will be placed to alert drivers of the closure.

### Coming up

**Wednesday** — Coverage of this week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

**Thursday** — Jeff Vaughn was named Midwest Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

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





## Capsule Reports

### Backing accident

A Geneva man backed into oncoming traffic at the intersection of Mount Pleasant Road and county road 550 South about 12:40 p.m. Saturday.

Charles E. Fear, 66, was backing his 2011 Chevrolet Silverado off county road 550 South onto Mount Pleasant Road. At the same time,

Diana L. Evans, 67, Union City, Ohio, was driving her 2006 Chevrolet Uplander northeast on Mount Pleasant Road when she began to turn onto county road 550 South. Fear backed into Evans' vehicle, hitting her driver's side door.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

## CR almanac

Wednesday 10/16	Thursday 10/17	Friday 10/18	Saturday 10/19	Sunday 10/20
<b>55/31</b>	<b>62/36</b>	<b>67/39</b>	<b>70/43</b>	<b>73/47</b>
Mostly sunny during the day, with frost expected in the early morning. Low around 31.	Thursday's forecast also shows frost in the morning. Otherwise, sunny skies.	Friday looks to be sunny with the high in the mid to upper 60s.	Sunny skies and warm temperatures Saturday, when the high will be 70.	Another day of sun is in the forecast for Sunday. The high may climb to 73.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$388 million	12-16-28-30-40-41-47-49-53-54-59-60-67-68-78 Cash 5: 3-6-20-24-43 Estimated jackpot: \$191,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$169 million	<b>Ohio</b> Sunday Midday Pick 3: 4-2-1 Pick 4: 9-5-8-6 Pick 5: 8-7-5-9-1 Evening Pick 3: 2-5-4 Pick 4: 0-9-5-2 Pick 5: 5-5-1-0-6 Rolling Cash 5: 4-6-16-18-38 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Sunday Midday Daily Three: 3-6-9 Daily Four: 7-9-5-5 Quick Draw: 2-5-6-8-9-12-17-22-23-27-28-31-32-43-44-53-56-57-63-78 Evening Daily Three: 9-1-1 Daily Four: 6-5-2-5 Quick Draw: 2-4-5-8-9	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms</b> <b>Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....3.61 Dec. corn .....3.91 Wheat .....4.89	Dec. beans .....9.92 Wheat ..... 5.39
<b>POET Biorefining</b> <b>Portland</b> Corn.....3.56 Dec. corn .....4.91 Jan. corn .....4.12	<b>ADM</b> <b>Montpelier</b> Corn.....3.60 Nov. corn .....3.62 Beans .....9.48 Nov. beans .....9.60 Wheat .....5.28
<b>The Andersons</b> <b>Richland Township</b> Corn .....3.56 Nov. corn .....3.56 Beans .....9.43	<b>Heartland</b> <b>St. Anthony</b> Corn.....3.47 Nov. corn .....3.47 Beans .....9.34 Nov. beans .....9.49 Wheat .....5.10

## Today in history

In 1581, the first ballet, "Ballet Comique de la Reine," was performed in Paris.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte arrived on the island of St. Helena after being exiled.

In 1783, Jean-François Pilâtre de Rozier spent four minutes in the air in a balloon created by the Montgolfier brothers, Joseph-Michael and Jacques-Etienne. The act served as the world's first manned balloon flight, with the brothers having previously sent a duck on the ride.

In 1842, Karl Marx became the editor-in-chief of Rheinische Zeitung. The German philosopher and socialist later wrote "The Communist Manifesto" and "Das Kapital."

In 1878, inventor and businessman Thomas Edison and his investors formed the Edison Electric Light Company.

In 1951, the first episode of "I Love Lucy" aired on television. The series went on to produce 180 episodes through May 1957.

— The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 Mooney St.	<b>Monday</b> 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, Jay County Country Living, 1194 E. 200 South, Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6:30 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> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North, Portland.	
<b>Thursday</b> 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 Mooney St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	

## Obituaries

### Elmer Klenke

Sept. 26, 1924-Oct. 12, 2024

Elmer Joseph Klenke, age 100, of Coldwater, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at Mercer Health in Coldwater.

He was born on Sept. 26, 1924, in St. Henry, Ohio, to the late Norbert and Victoria (Thobe) Klenke.

In addition to his parents, Elmer was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lou (Sutter) Klenke, whom he married on Nov. 23, 1950, and who passed away on Dec. 12, 2021; his daughter, Jennifer Klenke; and his siblings, Bill (Frances) Klenke, Mildred (Urban) Knapke, Delores (Marvin) Muhlenkamp, Mary Lou (Harold) Ranly, Joan Ranly, Robert (June) Klenke, Don (Lillie) Klenke, Ivo Klenke, Paul Tobe and Daniel Goettmoeller.

Elmer is survived by his children, Janet (Gary) Brockman of Coldwater; James (Patty) Klenke of Coldwater; Jack (Nancy) Klenke of New Bremen, Ohio, and Julie (Mike) DiCesare of Fremont, Ohio; his German son, Marc Englert; his 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; his siblings, Esther Goettmoeller of Maria Stein, Ohio, Anna Tobe of Coldwater and Pat (Joe) Brockman of Portland, Indiana; and his in-laws, Ginnie Klenke of Lima, Ohio, and Dale (Annette) Sutter of Coldwater.

Elmer served his country honorably in the United States Army during World War II. After returning home, Elmer began working on his family's farm, which he continued for many years. He enjoyed being outdoors and tending to his crops. Later in life, he owned and operated Klenke Trash Service in Coldwater. In his free time, Elmer enjoyed playing cards and putting puzzles together.

He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, the Fort Recovery Knights of Columbus Council 3324, the Catholic Order of Foresters and the church's Men's Society. Elmer was also a member of the Fort Recovery VFW Post 6515 and the Coldwater American Legion Post 470.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, with Fr. Ethan Moore celebrating. Burial, with full military honors, will follow in the church cemetery.

Guests may visit with Elmer's family on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024, from 2 to 7 p.m. and again on Thursday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home in Fort Recovery. A Knights of Columbus prayer service will be held on Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to EverHeart Hospice, 1350 N. Broadway St., Greenville, OH 45331. Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockman-boeckmanfh.com.

### Raymond Paxson

Jan. 8, 1954-Oct. 10, 2024

Raymond D. Paxson, 70, a lifelong

resident of rural Pennville, Indiana. (Penn Township, Jay County) passed away at 9:52 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, at Per-simmon Ridge in Portland, Indiana.

He was born on Friday, Jan. 8, 1954, in Bluffton, Indiana. He married Sue Ellen (Rippy) Paxson on Friday, June 8, 1973, at the Pennville United Methodist Church. Ray graduated from Pennville High School in 1972 and from Purdue in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in horticulture and teaching.

Ray taught at Warren Central High School, worked at Production Credit in Portland, was vice president of Ossian State Bank and had also worked at Farm Credit in Bluffton. Ray also worked at Raymond James in Bluffton, Markle Bank in Bluffton and First Merchant's Bank in Bluffton, and retired as senior vice president.

He was a member of the Gilead Church, Bryant, Indiana, and was a Jay County farmer for many years. Ray received the Century Farm Award from the Jay County Fair Association in 2016 and had also received the Hoosier Homestead Farm award.

Ray will be forever missed by his wife Sue Ellen (Rippy) Paxson, Portland, Indiana; son Daniel (Angela) D. Paxson, Pennville, Indiana; daughter Angela (Jason) K. Shawver, Portland, Indiana; son Andrew (Heather) C. Paxson, Bryant, Indiana; grandchildren Nathaniel Paxson, Cameran Paxson, Avery Paxson, Carson Paxson, Kavyn Adams, Ainslee Paxson and Jacob Shawver; sister Donna Bense, Columbus, Indiana; brothers Edward Paxson, Carmel, Indiana, Richard Paxson, Bryant, Indiana, Max Paxson, Bryant, Indiana, and Bill Paxson, Bryant, Indiana; mother-in-law and step-father-in-law Alton and Nancy Swingley, Portland, Indiana; brother-in-law Brian (Shelly) Rippy, Winchester, Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Carl Paxson; mother Mabel Ilene (Hesher) Paxson; Ggrandchild Weslee Paxson; sister Connie Paxson; brother David Paxson; and father-in-law Kenneth Rippy.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, located at 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, Indiana, on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024, from 1 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to service on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024.

A service to celebrate Ray's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, with Pastor John Myers officiating. Interment will follow in the Twin Hill - I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville.

Memorials may be made to the Gilead Church, 8435 W. 650 North, Bryant, IN 47326; or to Rock Steady Boxing, 128 E. Market St., Bluffton, IN 46714.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com.



Paxson

### Shirley Lehman

June 10, 1945-Oct. 13, 2024

Shirley Lehman, age 79, a resident of Portland, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, at her home in Portland.

Shirley was born June 10, 1945, in Muncie, Indiana, the daughter of Edris and Marceil (Page) VanDeusen. She graduated from Redkey High School in 1963. She worked for Jay County Hospital in the billing department and retired in 2004 from Old National Bank in Portland.

Shirley married Marvin Lehman on Feb. 16, 1964, and he passed away on Nov. 18, 2023.

Survivors include: Her children — Kellie Grile (husband: Wayne), Redkey, Indiana, and Greg Lehman, Portland, Indiana

One sister — Judy Fugitt, Dothan, Alabama

Three grandchildren — Adam Grile (wife: Rachel), Portland, Indiana, Brittany Lehman, Gosport, Indiana, and Mackenzie Conatser (husband: Devin), Noblesville, Indiana

Six great-grandchildren — Ryan, Lucas, Caleb, Arabelle, Emma and Callahan

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 6 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be held at a later date in Green Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Jay County Cancer Society or Riley Hospital for Children.

### Susan Quinn

Jan. 29, 1945-Oct. 9, 2024

Susan Kae Quinn, age 66, of Portland passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

She was born in Portland on Jan. 29, 1958, the daughter of Richard "Dick" and Joyce (Tharp) Stewart. She had worked for MSSS in Portland.

Susan was a 1977 Winchester High School graduate, member of Portland Church of Christ and Optimist Club. She enjoyed reading.

Surviving is a daughter, Jessica Quinn of Fredericksburg, Virginia; her mother, Joyce Stewart of Ridgeville; one brother, Rick Stewart (wife: Turee) of Portland; and three grandchildren, Kaidyn, Steve and Xyon.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Flint Redwine presiding. Burial will follow in the Lawndale Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Portland Church of Christ, Portland Optimist Club or Autism Foundation.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



Lehman



Quinn

## Honor ...

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The organization, which provides free one-day trips to Washington, D.C., for veterans, originally focused exclusively on the World War II era but now also serves those who were in the military during the Korean War and Vietnam War.

Inman got involved with Honor Flight in 2022 when he served as the "guardian" for his father Roger's trip. Roger Inman was serving as an airplane and helicopter mechanic in Vung Tau, Vietnam, when his twin sons Doug and Dean were born on Veterans Day 1966. He met them for the first time eight months later.

Following his Honor Flight experience with his dad, Inman signed up as a volunteer for the organization, which led to more flights and eventually the effort to raise funds from community foundations.

"When the World War II era men and women see their memorial built for them, you just see the pride in their faces," Inman said. "The Vietnam wall is especially moving. You see men finding the names of comrades that were killed. ... They can do the etching of the name."

"It's a healing process for many of these men and women," he added.

He had the opportunity to be part of an Honor Flight last month that included Portland's Max Blowers.

Portland residents John Hart and Russell White will be on Wednesday's trip.

The community foundation fundraising effort for Northeast Indiana Honor Flight No. 49 was a first-of-its-kind effort. Typically, the organization has counted on groups such as VFW and American

Legion posts as well as businesses like Culver's restaurants and Phil's One Stop convenience stores for support. (Phil's is sponsoring the 50th honor flight in the spring.)

Inman plans to continue to seek support from foundations, noting that there are many private foundations in northeast Indiana that could support Honor Flight. He noted not only the need for funds for the flights themselves but also to replace equipment such as wheelchairs.

"It's just a really cool organization — a lot of people with huge hearts that just want to serve the veterans, make it special for them," he said.

## SERVICES

Thursday

**Klenke**, Elmer: 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Catholic Church, 471 St. Anthony Road, Fort Recovery.

**Paxson**, Raymond: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

**Quinn**, Susan: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Lehman**, Shirley: 6 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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**October 19, 2024**

**4:00 - 7:00 pm**

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BBQ Pulled Pork, Cheesy

Potatoes, Green Beans

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Drink & Dessert- Dine In Only

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# Work travel led to missed milestone

By CHRIS SCHANZ  
The Commercial Review

Mark it down as one milestone missed.

I don't want there to be another.

In my new career in the marketing department of a commercial roofing manufacturer, part of my role is to coordinate trade shows. It's a realm I never knew existed until I embarked on this new career.

Whether that's sending display material to sales representatives in California, securing booth space and registering attendees for regional shows in Texas or handling everything from start to finish for our company's biggest event, The International Roofing Expo, I can have a lot on my plate.

I often get asked "Will I see you at [insert show name here]?" or told "I look

## Parental Ponderings



forward to seeing you at [show name]!"

Therein lies the problem. The answer to the question is most often "No," or I reply to the latter statement with "Oh, I don't actually attend the shows, I just coordinate them."

But... Something rare happened last year: my supervisor, who usually attends these shows to represent our marketing department, had something come up, and she wasn't able to go. Because of this — and my desire to attend a trade

show to get the experience — she offered to let me go in her place to our second-largest regional show, the Western Roofing Expo in Las Vegas.

I had never been to Vegas before, so I jumped at the opportunity.

This year, I was fortunate enough to attend again. It was almost necessary this time around because we had a more intricate booth, and I needed to facilitate it being assembled correctly.

I almost wish I didn't go. One upside to my new, non-journalism career (despite the fact I've had some really cool freelance opportunities here in Michigan recently) is a more standard schedule. I've got an 8-to-5 gig. I rarely, if ever, work weekends and I am hardly away from my family.

As a first-time dad, it's monumental. I'm able to be home with my wife and daughter, ensuring we spend these formative days, months and years of Baby Schanz's life together. It also guarantees I'm around as our little one grows up. I'm sure I've mentioned this before, but I don't know how I could juggle being a husband and father with the amount of hours I was working while at The CR.

(I know things have changed since my departure, but it was a grind, for sure.)

My new job means I don't have to — or shouldn't — miss any of my daughter's milestones.

I still missed one, anyway. And it bothers me.

I was gone in Vegas from Sept. 28 to Oct. 2. I knew it was going to be tough on

my wife, having to be a single parent for five days. It was going to be tough on me too as it was going to be my first time away from them for more than a handful of hours.

The day after I left I got a text from my wife.

"[My day] has been good. [Baby Schanz] is a little fussy today with cutting a tooth. I can't believe it."

While our daughter is smack-dab in the middle of the 4-to-7-month range of cutting her first tooth, I was hoping it wouldn't happen until I returned.

Instead, my wonderful wife had to handle the crying and fussiness without her partner there. Although my mother-in-law was in town to help in my absence, it just wasn't the same.

It pained me to be three

time zones away, helpless as Chrissy was left to her own devices.

I love traveling, especially for work purposes. I don't do it often, either, as this was just the third time in two years getting to do so.

Next time I'm presented with the chance to travel for work, I may have to seriously consider the ramifications.

What milestone am I going to miss this time? Her first step? Her first report card? (God forbid) her first breakup?

I've already missed one. I'm not sure I could handle missing another.

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# Married woman tempted to become mistress

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 12 years. Things were good in the beginning. However, many times he has let me down by not helping with bills, stress, etc. He recently lost a job, which has added to my stress because we now have a child.

I have been communicating with an old work friend who makes me feel like we would be great together. He's married, too, but we are both unhappy in our marriages. He wants me to relocate and be with him, but although I can see us together, I'm not sure I want to move to where

## Dear Abby



he lives. Although he has admitted he's unhappy, he never mentions he wants a divorce. He has said only that he wants us to be together.

I'm torn, Abby. Do I stay in an unhappy marriage for the sake of my child, or divorce and relocate,

hoping everything will work out? — TROUBLED IN TEXAS

DEAR TROUBLED: From what you have written, it appears that while your "old work friend" may be unhappy in his marriage, he has NO plans to divorce his wife although he would like you to dump your husband, uproot your and your child's lives and be more geographically convenient — for HIM. Following this road map, hoping everything will work out with no guarantee about stability for you and your child, could end in disaster. Please take your

head out of the clouds and start thinking strategically and rationally. Right now, you are doing neither.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband of 20-plus years had two kids with his first wife. (I have none.) One of his kids, who answers no voice-mails, emails or texts from us, now has two kids under age 5 from his own second marriage. They live less than an hour away. My husband and I saw the younger child once, almost a year ago. It was the last time we saw my husband's son and his kids. My husband has seen his grand-

kids less than four times in four years. Have you any suggestions on how to repair this emotional cutoff? — UNWORTHY IN MARYLAND

DEAR UNWORTHY: Has your husband told his son that he would like to have a closer relationship with him and his family? When exactly did this estrangement begin? Do you know what caused it? Once you have the answers to those questions, if apologies are in order, your husband should offer them verbally, in writing or in person. The ball will then be in your stepson's court.

# Community Calendar

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

## Today

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY 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 Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — 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 MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend.

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

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for

Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based 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 St., Portland.

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## Thursday

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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# Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

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

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# DeHoffs offer their thanks

To the editor:  
To everyone who has supported us following the death of our beloved Mark Lee DeHoff, we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation.

**Letters to the Editor**

The many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow. I could not have asked to live in a better community. God has blessed us.

Hebrews 13:16 says, "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

We have witnessed this from all of you.

The DeHoff family  
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"IT'S BEEN AN HOUR... SHOULDN'T WE BE HAVING ANOTHER HURRICANE BY NOW?"

# Brain drain is worsening

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

I write often of the economic damage caused by the sharp decline of Hoosiers attending college. Most of that focuses on statewide effects. Because we are now a full decade into this problem, it is time to start talking about where in Indiana the worst economic damage will occur.

The college going rate in Indiana peaked in 2015 and has declined ever since. If there's good news, it is that the declines have leveled out a bit in recent years, with Indiana sending kids to college at about 80 percent of the national rate. This puts us in the bottom five states nationally — closer to West Virginia than Illinois — in sending kids to college.

At the same time, the demand for workers is heavily skewed towards college graduates. Indeed, the U.S. has not created a single net job for people who haven't been to college since 1992 — the first year for which we have data.

Despite happy talk to the contrary, there's no growing demand for trades. There are fewer jobs in the trades in Indiana today than at the turn of the century, and inflation-adjusted wages for those workers are lower now than when Bill Clinton was president. Vocational and trade education won't replace the wage premium or labor market security of college, no matter how much we wish it to be so.

Almost all the internal migration of people within the U.S. is from places with low levels of educational attainment to places with high levels of educational attainment. This is true for people with graduate degrees, high school dropouts and everyone in between. This has been increasingly the case since the end of World War II, and the trend is accelerating.

These four facts spell doom for most of Indiana. But there's at least one more dimension to the problem: Many Hoosier cities host colleges and universities that are at significant risk.

The decline in college attendance across Indiana has not been random. The number of Hoosiers attending out-of-state public colleges and universities has not changed since 2015. Also, the number of Hoosiers attending private universities has not changed since 2015. That means all the declining enrollment has occurred within public universities.

Within Indiana's public univer-

Michael J. Hicks



sities, only Indiana University and Purdue University have managed to increase the number of in-state, first-year college students since 2015. This growth is just over 1,000 students, good news for those two communities.

Across Indiana's other public four-year schools, first-year, in-state enrollment is down about 5,000 students. That is bad news for Indianapolis and Fort Wayne. It is disastrous news for Muncie, Terre Haute, Evansville and other smaller cities across the state.

Omitting Ball State, whose 2015 data is missing from the national database, Indiana's major public universities lost more than 3,300 in-state, first-year students from 2015 to 2022. Over the same period, in-state private universities saw enrollment gains of about 100 students.

This points to the crux of the problem — state support for higher education.

Had Indiana continued to support higher education spending at the same share of GDP we did in the final years of the Mitch Daniels administration, we'd be spending almost \$500 million more per year. I mention this only to note that declining educational attainment has a policy dimension to it. If it were just bad luck, or our slice of a national trend due to COVID-19, it would still be unwelcome. It is worse than that.

The declining educational spending at state universities should be of big interest to elected officials in all the towns around public universities. It seems very likely to undo decades of hard work towards rebuilding these communities. Even if enrollment stabilizes, most state schools are about to see their rankings slip.

At the local level, we should be most worried that at least two public universities in Indiana will lose their designations as R2 Institutions, or Doctoral Universities with High Research Activity. Loss of this designation, which seems probable, will be especially damaging to universities in their roles as the economic engines of their host cities.

So, at first blush, all this would seem to be the problem of a few places, maybe a dozen cities in the state. But there's a deeper problem that will be felt everywhere except perhaps the greater Indianapolis region.

Where students attend college affects the likelihood they remain in the state. Students who leave Indiana to attend college are very unlikely to return to build a life and career. Students who attend private universities inside Indiana are also unlikely to remain in Indiana.

The students who are most likely to remain in Indiana are those who attend public universities. And, among public universities, the ones with the highest rate of students remaining in Indiana are the very ones that have seen the biggest declines. These are the schools that are most sensitive to state funding cuts — and have lost the lion's share of young Hoosiers heading to college.

To put it bluntly, if you were to craft a public policy most likely to contribute to brain drain, you would cut funding to regional universities. This policy would hardly matter to flagship universities, which are able to bolster numbers by admitting a higher share of out-of-state students. For example, for every 10 new in-state students IU or Purdue has brought to campus, they've added 37 to 39 new out-of-state students.

That is not a criticism of IU or Purdue. It is great for both institutions and the cities that host them. It is a good way to replace lost state funding, and they are wise to do so. But it won't make Indiana a better-educated state. Those out-of-state students will stay in Indiana at much lower rates than Hoosier kids attending any state school.

The next two decades will offer some painful evidence of this growing problem. The economic pain will be concentrated, particularly in college towns outside of Bloomington and West Lafayette. But policies that exacerbate, rather than try to slow the loss of educated Hoosiers, can only end in tears.

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# Cuts for rich create division

By INDIVAR DUTTA-GUPTA

OtherWords

Supporters of tax cuts for the wealthy have long claimed that they lead to economic growth. The evidence is in: They don't. High-end tax cuts have failed to meaningfully grow our economy, but they do grow our divides — economic and political.

Over the past four decades, repeated reductions in the average federal tax rates paid by the wealthiest Americans have contributed significantly to rising income inequality. These tax cuts disproportionately benefit the richest individuals, increase the cost of the federal debt, and leave less revenue for public programs that could support hundreds of millions of Americans.

And that hurts our democracy, too.

When they pay less in taxes, wealthy individuals and corporations have more to spend on flexing their political power, influencing elections through campaign contributions and policy decisions by lobbying. This concentration of power allows a small elite to shape policies in their favor while sidelining the broader public interest.

Unsurprisingly, this inequality also fosters social division. As wealth becomes increasingly concentrated, public trust in government erodes and social cohesion weakens. People may feel disenfranchised and alienated, perceiving that the system is rigged against them. This can lead to increased polarization and conflict.

The research bears this out. While the relationship is complex, evidence suggests that growing income inequality has intensified our political polarization, partly by aligning political parties with bases whose economic interests may seem to diverge more and more. And this is a worldwide

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problem, with a similar trend appearing in recent European elections as well.

Next year, when some of the Trump tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans begin to expire, we'll have an opportunity to start building a more equitable system where all of us pay our fair share.

A more equitable tax system could strengthen our democracy by ensuring that all citizens have a fair stake in our prosperity. Why would the working class or middle class have any interest in economic growth if living standards rise only for those who are already better off?

Progressive taxation — requiring the wealthiest to pay higher rates than the poorest — can help push back on these harmful divides and help fund essential public services like caregiving, education, and health care that benefit everyone. By reducing inequality, we can foster a more inclusive society where citizens feel invested in our democracy.

While tax cuts for the rich come with promises of economic benefits, they consistently fail to deliver anything but deeper economic inequality and division. A fairer tax system is crucial for both the shared economic prosperity and the responsive democracy all Americans deserve.

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# Meeker's BOND leads round for Asaas

An investment firm headed by a Portland native led a fundraising round for a Brazilian technology firm.

BOND Capital led a \$148 million investment round for Asaas, a company that makes financial software for small- and medium-sized businesses. PitchBook reported the fundraising round last week.

Jay County High School graduate Mary Meeker is a principal with BOND Capital.

Other participants in the round for Asaas included SoftBank, Endeavor Catalyst and 23s Capital. The company had last raised \$16.75 million in June 2023.

## Bank holding drives

First Financial Bank will host a food drive from Oct. 7 through 25.

Bank branches will accept canned and non-perishable boxed food donations in bins at:

- Portland — 112 N. Meridian St.
- Hartford City — 101 W. Washington St.

The items donated will be distributed to local organizations.

Last year, First Financial Bank associates and volunteers donated over 6,600 food items throughout its four states of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois.

## Job fairs set

The U.S. Postal Service is hosting job fairs this week.

Job fairs are set for 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the USPS District Conference Center, 8765 Guion Road, Indianapolis.

There will also be fairs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, for the following offices that are hiring rural carriers:

## Business roundup

•Winchester — 130 N. Meridian St.

•Berne — 215 W. Main St.

The job fairs are designed to provide information and answer questions about open positions. Applications are accepted online only at [usps.com/careers](https://usps.com/careers).

## Position created

Indianapolis pharmaceuticals firm Eli Lilly and Company announced last week that it has appointed Thomas J. Fuchs as its first chief AI officer.

In the new role, Fuchs will "provide vision, strategic direction and overall leadership of AI initiatives across Lilly, including drug discovery, clinical trials, manufacturing, commercial activities and internal functions." He will start in his new position Monday.

Fuchs previously served as the dean and inaugural department chair for AI and Human Health at Mount Sinai.

"In this new era of technology, the potential for artificial intelligence and machine learning to revolutionize health care is immense," said Diogo Rau, Lilly executive vice president and chief information and digital officer, in a press release. "Dr. Fuchs will contribute to Lilly's breakthroughs in AI, aiding in the discovery and development of new medicines while enhancing patient outcomes. We are

committed to leveraging these cutting-edge technologies to drive innovation and make a meaningful impact on lives around the world."

## Donated for relief

Walmart announced Thursday that it will provide an additional \$6 million to hurricane relief efforts while Dollar General announced Friday that it will donate \$1 million to the American Red Cross in support of the hurricane response.

Walmart also launched a nationwide campaign allowing customers and members to donate to the American Red Cross' hurricane relief efforts at checkout in stores, clubs and on [Walmart.com](https://walmart.com).

"We are heartbroken for our communities dealing with the damage caused by Hurricane Milton," said Walmart U.S. president and CEO John Furner in a press release. "Walmart, our associates and our customers always step up when there's a need, and the support we've seen throughout the past two storms has been overwhelming. Florida can expect us to continue to step up for them, just as we've been doing for those in communities impacted by Hurricane Helene."

"In the wake of the devastating impact of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, we are proud to support the Red Cross' efforts to help restore hope during this time of recovery and rebuilding," said Denine Torr, Dollar General's vice president of corporate social responsibility and philanthropy, in a press release. "We continue to leverage our vast store and distribution center footprint across the impacted

areas in addition to our various non-profit partnerships and initiatives to help our neighbors and communities impacted by the recent storms."

## Ardagh launches

Ardagh Glass Packaging — Europe announced last week that it has launched a new range of lightweight standard wine bottles.

The new bottles, which will be 360 grams compared to the previous 410 grams, will be produced in Germany. They will be available in both screw cap and cork styles.

Ardagh operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester.

## Training scheduled

ServSafe training is held at John Jay Center for Learning in Portland.

The next session is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Another session is set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 26.

The certification course is open to all food service employees and emphasizes safe food and beverage-handling practices to minimize the risk of food-borne illnesses.

For more information, or to register, call (260) 729-5525.

## Awards are scheduled

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce annual awards dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13.

The dinner will be held at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis. NBC chief political analyst Chuck Todd will be the guest speaker.

To register, visit [indianachamber.com](https://indianachamber.com).

Also, the chamber's 2025 Indiana Safety and Health Conference has been scheduled for Feb. 24 through 26 at the Indiana Convention Center. The event will feature the Indiana forklift rodeo, various speakers, educational breakout sessions and an innovation showcase featuring safety tools and products. Continuing education credits will be available for wastewater operators.

To reserve a spot, visit [inconf.com/registration](https://inconf.com/registration).

## Chicken Mac introduced

McDonald's introduced the Chicken Big Mac for the first time last week.

The sandwich features traditional Big Mac toppings — special sauce, lettuce, cheese and pickles — but with tempura-battered chicken patties instead of beef. The sandwich was originally launched at the company's McDonnell's L.A. dining experience.

## Deal reached

Comcast and Fox reached an agreement Thursday that will make the Big Ten Network available on a basic cable tier on the west coast.

The television companies had been in a dispute since the summer. The agreement makes the Big Ten Network available to Comcast customers in Oregon, Washington and California.

Fox owns the Big Ten Network.

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# Boeing is laying off 10% of its workforce

By LAURA ROSENBLATT  
The Seattle Times  
Tribune News Service

Boeing will lay off 10% of its workforce in the coming months and cut its production amid a month-old strike that has left the company burning through cash as its factories sit idle.

The company said Friday it would end production of its Everett-built 767 freighter in 2027, after it completed current orders for 29 jets. It also delayed the rollout of another Everett, Washington-built plane, its new 777X, to 2026, following years of certification delays and the recent discovery of a defective part that grounded test flights earlier this year.

The job cuts will impact roughly 17,000 workers across all levels of the company, Boeing said Friday. It's not clear how the cuts will impact the company's 66,000-person Washington workforce, or the striking machinists. In a note to employees Friday,



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Jeremy Niethamer pickets Friday outside the Boeing plant in Everett, Washington. Boeing will lay off 10 percent of workforce and stop 767 commercial production as the strike drags on.

new Boeing CEO Kelly Ortberg told workers the company had to "reset our workforce levels to align with our financial reality."

"We need to be clear-eyed about the work we face and realistic about the time it will take to achieve key milestones on the path

to recovery," Ortberg continued.

"We also need to focus our resources on performing and innovating in the areas that are core to who we are, rather than spreading ourselves across too many efforts that can often result in underperform-

mance and underinvestment," he said.

After a year of slow production following a panel blow out in January, Boeing was already in a weakened financial position when more than 33,000 machinists walked off the job on Sept. 13.

Now, as the strike nears its fourth week, both parties have accused the other of refusing to negotiate in good faith and the two remain deeply split on the terms of a new contract, particularly around wage increases and retirement benefits. Talks broke down this week after two days at the bargaining table, leading Boeing to withdraw its most recent offer.

On Friday, Boeing said it expected to lose \$1.3 billion in operating cash flow during the third quarter this year, in financial results released ahead of its scheduled earnings call later this month. It expected third quarter revenue of \$17.8 billion, and a loss of \$9.97 per share.

"We know these deci-

sions will cause difficulty for you, your families and our team, and I sincerely wish we could avoid taking them," Ortberg wrote to employees Friday. "However, the state of our business and our future recovery require tough actions."

Shortly after the machinists walked out in September, Boeing initiated one-week furloughs for non-union employees to preserve money as its factories sat idle. On Friday, Boeing said it would end the cycle of furloughs and reduce its workforce by 10% over the coming months.

The layoffs will affect all functions across Boeing's 170,000-person workforce, from executives to managers to frontline employees.

Boeing leadership will share detailed information with workers next week, Ortberg said.

On Friday, the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace, the union that represents white-collar engineering

workers at Boeing, said it had asked the company for more details regarding the layoffs.

"Rather than resolve the IAM strike and focus the company's resources on rebuilding the trust of regulators and customers, Boeing leadership has decided to harm every aspect of the company," SPEEA Executive Director Ray Goforth said in a prepared statement. "This doesn't inspire confidence that there's an actual plan to save Boeing from its self-inflicted wounds."

In its early financial results released Friday, Boeing said it expected to report \$5 billion in losses for the third quarter this year. It expected it lost \$3 billion on the 777X and 767 programs in its commercial division.

It pushed the first delivery of 777-9 to 2026 and 777-8 freighter to 2028, resulting in a \$2.6 billion loss.

The defense, space and security division reported \$5.5 billion in revenue and \$2 billion in losses.

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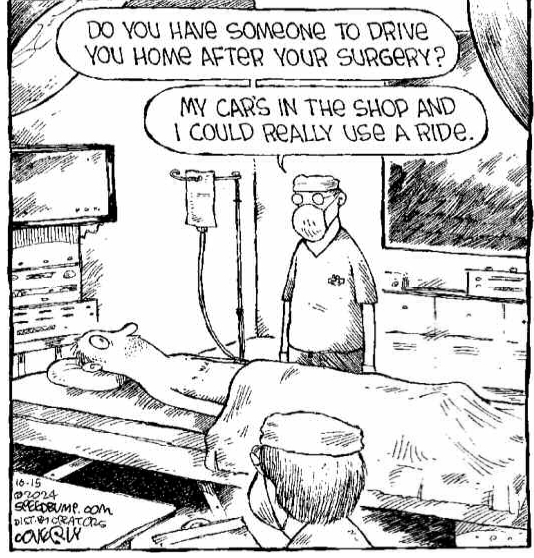
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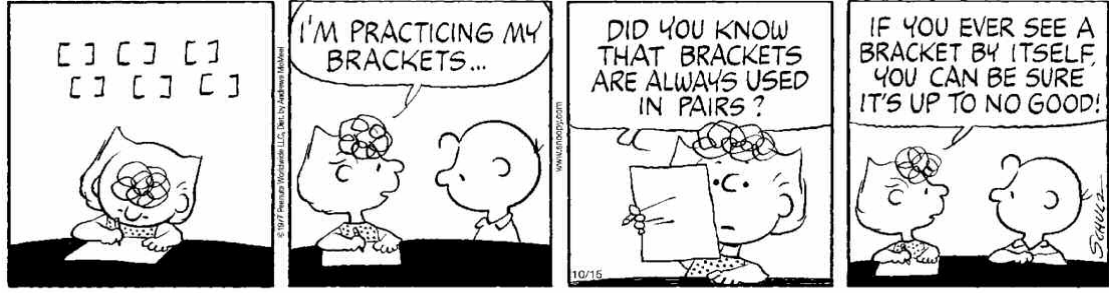
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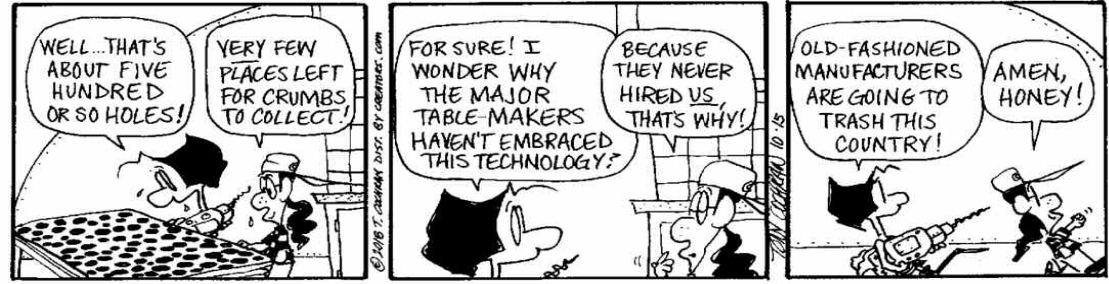
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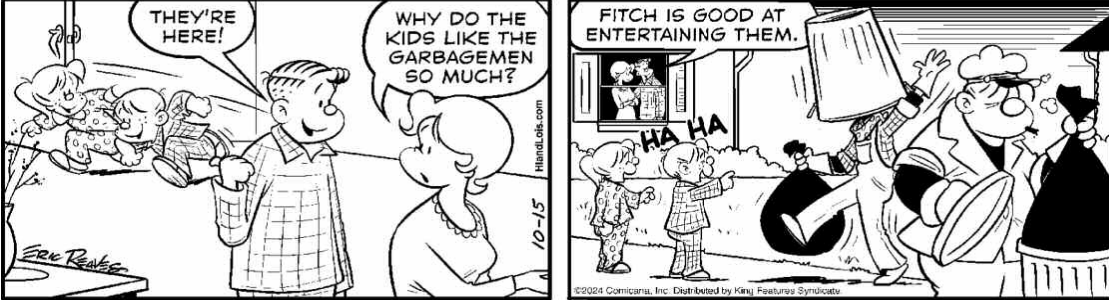
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The Jay County boys soccer team charges to meet teammates Levi Muhlenkamp (7) and Dylan Marentes (6) after receiving the IHSAA Class 2A Sectional 23 trophy on Saturday. Marentes scored a key goal for the Patriots with just over two minutes remaining in regulation to force overtime.

## Breaks ...

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Defensively, Jay County needed a similar effort. On the five penalty shots taken by Eastbrook, Peyton Yowell correctly guessed the direction on four of them. While he didn't manage to get a hand on the ball, the threat caused a pair of misses by the Panthers.  
"It's stressful ... terrifying," Yowell said. "I know that we have good penalty kickers on our team, but part of it's up to me. They have a goalie that's really good and I needed to play my part. ... It's milliseconds that you have to react. Watching their hips is mostly where it comes from."  
The first shot came from Isaiah Ross, who got it past Yowell's outstretched arms on the left side. Graeson Secrest took the second shot, which sailed wide right of the goal, with the JCHS junior

right there to make an attempt if it was within the posts.  
Yowell's sole wrong guess came on Draven Collins' kick, as he jumped left and the ball found the right half of the net.  
Jesus Marin put the ball in the top right corner, past Yowell, but Sam Moser's shot wound up wide left, failing to force sudden death and giving the Patriots the title.  
Jay County needed that level of near-perfection in regulation as well.  
While the defensive line consisting of Montes, Ashton Castillo, Iker Nelson and Brenden Runyon limited opportunities for the Panthers, they still found ways to score.  
The first came four minutes into the game, as Marin laced a shot into the top left corner of the goal from 35 yards out.  
With 30 minutes, 32 seconds remaining in the second half,

Ross delivered a free kick from 35 yards out to Jonathan Olson, who headed the ball in for a 2-1 advantage.  
Yowell made seven saves on the Panthers, and got some breaks as a pair of shots clanged off the crossbar (one late in the second half and other in the closing seconds of the second overtime).  
"This is a talented group of guys," said EHS coach Adam Hallis. "Everyone on that field, offensively, has the ability to score. ... We're just unlucky tonight with the post a little bit. There's a few that (were) a couple of inches (off), but it's a game of inches."  
It took JCHS 12 minutes to answer the first goal. On the second corner kick of the day, Marentes sent the ball in the direction of Muhlenkamp and Montes. The latter used his height - standing at 6 feet, 3 inches,

Montes was the second tallest player between both teams - he got off a clean header for the goal.  
The Patriots caught another break to help score their second goal.  
As the clock ticked down, Jay County faced elimination if they couldn't tie the game up. Marentes got fouled by Ross just outside of the 18-yard box with only 2:27 remaining in the game. Marentes sent the direct free kick towards the line of defending Panthers and while the ball traveled, Aupperle got in position for the save. However, the ball ricocheted off of one of the Eastbrook defenders, and redirected to the right half of the goal without enough time for the goalkeeper to adjust, tying the game with 1:56 remaining.  
"It's unbelievable how Dylan tied that game," Reynolds said.

"That shot was crazy. He found a will and a way. You couldn't ask for a more perfect shot at the right time."  
Next up, Jay County will travel to Indianapolis on Thursday to face off with the No. 6 Park Tudor Panthers at 6 p.m. A victory over PTHS would punch a ticket to the regional final on Oct. 19 at Concordia Lutheran against the winner of Northwestern and West Lafayette, which finished 11th in the ISCA poll.  
"The biggest thing is just a shout out to these kids, their families and my assistant coaches," Reynolds closed with. "They're wonderful. I couldn't do it without them. It takes a team to win, and I think we have a team here."  
"Next up is going to be a challenge. You're talking a very good team, but we're going to go out there and give it everything we've got."

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Fort Recovery — Volleyball scrimmage at Lehman Catholic — 4:30 p.m.; Middle school football at Anna — 5 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
Fort Recovery — Volleyball sectional opener vs. Yellow Springs at Arcanum — 5:30 p.m.

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7:30 p.m. — NHL: Minnesota wild at St. Louis Blues (ESPN)  
7:37 p.m. — MLB ALCS: New York Yankees vs. TBA (TBS)  
8 p.m. — NHL: Seattle Kraken at Nashville Predators (ABC)  
10 p.m. — NHL: Philadelphia Flyers

at Edmonton Oilers (ESPN)  
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**Wednesday**  
7 p.m. — NHL: Buffalo Sabres at Pittsburgh Penguins (TNT)  
7 p.m. — College football: Western Kentucky at Sam Houston (ESPN2)  
7 p.m. — College volleyball: Indiana at Illinois (BTN)  
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# Sports

## Small breaks is all it takes

*Patriots pick off Panthers in PKs with nearly perfect game to reclaim sectional title*

By **ANDREW BALKO**

**MARION** — An undefeated team, at home, looking for its third sectional title.

A goalkeeper that had only let the ball slip past him five times on the year.

An offense that has scored 78 times between the regular season and the first two games of the sectional tournament.

The Patriots needed to play their best game to pick off the Panthers.

The defense showed up, but still a few balls found their way to the net.

The Panthers locked down the all-time leading scorer, but the rest of the offense found ways to match their opponents.

Without either team finding a way to score in the overtime periods, the championship would be decided by penalty kicks.

It turns out, a few small breaks is all it takes.

The Jay County High School boys soccer team took home its second sectional title in three years as it made four of five penalty kicks, while the hosting Eastbrook Panthers only made three in the IHSAA Class 2A Sectional 23 final on Saturday night for the 3-2 victory.

Eastbrook (14-1-3) finished 13th in the final Indiana Soccer Coaches Association voting poll and went undefeated prior to the matchup with Jay County (14-2) while outsourcing opponents 78-5. The last time Eastbrook hosted the sectional, back in 2018, the Panthers took home the title.

Jay County claimed its sixth sectional championship in 2022, while falling in the final to Mississinewa 2-1 in 2023. First-year head coach Rondey Reynolds and his squad reclaimed the title with the upset. The win earns them a date in the regional opener at Park Tutor on Thursday.

"Everything you could possibly picture has been in my head," Reynolds said. "I can't say enough about this team. They fought and they fought and they fought and they fought, even when they were tired they just kept fighting."

"We told them all week long, 'You've got to find it. You've got to find your innermost inside and make it come out when you're tired.' And they did."

"They found the will to win. That's what it is."

The Patriots had to be nearly perfect with their penalty kicks to come out on top.

After winning the coin toss, they chose to kick first. Levi Muhlenkamp started things off with a shot to the bottom right half and Dylan Marentes followed up to hit the second shot for Jay County in the bottom left.

When Aryan Montes stepped up to the spot, his kick didn't go as well, as the Eastbrook goalkeeper, Reid Aupperle, made the save. After Montes had walked back, the assistant referee ruled that Aupperle left the goal line early, awarding the JCHS sophomore another shot.

Montes took advantage of the second attempts, getting the ball further from the middle of the net and closer to the left post for the score.

"I was so happy and nervous, because I didn't want to miss again," Montes said. "I hit it harder and more to the side, because the first time it was more towards the middle and he was able to get to it easier."

Cayden Buckland nailed the fourth Patriot PK with a shot to the top right corner, before freshman Jaxson DeHoff's shot sailed high off the crossbar. Jay County was nearly perfect with four of five penalty kicks, but it got the job done.

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Jay County High School's Blake Collins battles with Eastbrook's Graeson Secrest to win a header during the IHSAA Class 2A Sectional 23 championship on Saturday. The Patriots claimed their second title in three years after nailing 4-of-5 penalty kicks.

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## JCHS girls claim ACAC title

**BLUFFTON** — On Oct. 5, the Patriots picked up a pair of victories to get them rolling into the postseason.

One week later, the girls repeated, giving them some more momentum for the sectional.

The Jay County High School girls cross country team earned the Allen County Athletic Conference championship title on Saturday by 11 points, while the boys finished third in the field of 7.

The girls' score of 49 was enough to edge out Adams Central (65), while the boys finished with 90, falling behind host Bluffton (38) and South Adams (85).

Abby Fifer paced the girls to earn a spot on the first-team All-ACAC with a time of 21 minutes, 14.2 seconds.

The other four girls to score made the second team All-ACAC, all finishing consecutively from ninth to 12th. Ava May crossed the line first in 21:43.2, followed by Jesse Homan (21:49.5), Alexis Sibray (21:51.0) and Brooklynn Byrum (22:19.0).

Caleb Garringer (16:41.7) and Dash Thacker (16:47.4) both claimed spots on the first team All-ACAC with fifth and sixth-place finishes.

Rounding out the score were Joseph Boggs (18:00.2 - 15th), Dougie Cox (18:57.7 - 27th) and Beckett Brandenburg (19:58.0 - 37th).

### Patriots get Braves

The Jay County football team learned they will be traveling to Belmont in two weeks when the IHSAA released the football sectional tournament brackets Sunday evening.

The Class 3A Sectional 28 game between Jay County and Belmont will be played in Decatur on Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

### Local roundup

The Patriots (2-6) got its best matchup as the Braves (0-8) have yet to crack into the winning column this year and have been outscored 433-30. Their closest game has been a 39-point loss to Heritage in week No. 1.

A victory against Bellmont would bring the Patriots back home to Portland for a matchup against the winner of Norwell (2-6) and No. 10 Bishop Luers (5-3).

In the bottom half of the bracket, Heritage will travel to Delta and Oak Hill will face off against No. 2 Mississinewa. Heritage (7-1) and Mississinewa (8-0) are favored to win their games to set up a semifinal between the two teams with the highest sagarin ratings in the sectional.

**Kaup paces**  
COLDWATER, Ohio — Joelle Kaup had the highest finish of the Fort Recovery cross country teams on Saturday in the Midwest Athletic Conference Championships hosted by Coldwater.

Kaup's 12th-place finish in 20 minutes, 27.55 seconds led the girls team to sixth place out of nine teams. The Tribe finished with 137 points, while perennial state powerhouse Minster won the meet with 30.

Versailles took the top spot in the boys race with 26, while the Indians fell to ninth of 10 teams with 229.

Following Kaup was Riley Heitkamp (21:34.1) in 25th, Makenna Huelkamp (21:41.24) in 28th, Maddie Heitkamp

(22:19.72) in 39th and Anna Roessner (22:27.96) in 42nd.

Reese Diller's 26th-place finish in 17:51.97 topped the boys team.

Making up the rest of the team score were Evan Evers (19:21.56) in 64th, Russell Hart (19:41.69) in 69th, Evan Diller (19:59.87) in 73rd and Milo Filey (20:23.47) in 79th.

### Spikers finish strong

**LIBERTY** — The Jay County volleyball team finished the regular season strong with a trio of wins and only one loss at Union County on Saturday.

The Patriots started the day with a 25-12, 25-20 sweep of host Union County. Eight kills from Hallie Schwieterman and six blocks, three from Elizabeth Barnett, powered the win for Jay County (14-12).

JCHS didn't manage a sweep of Whiteland, but still came out on top 15-25, 25-15, 15-4. Maria Hemmelgarn put a lot of work into the match, gathering seven kills and four blocks.

Jay County swept its third match of the day 25-12, 25-20 against Alexandria-Monroe. Hemmelgarn again led the attack at the net with seven kills, while Mya Kunkler and Brenna Schmiesing led the defensive effort at the net with five and three blocks, respectively.

Seton Catholic took down Jay County 27-25, 25-23 in the final match of the regular season. Despite the loss, Schwieterman and Barnett put in a solid offensive effort with eight and seven kills, respectively.

The Patriots next match will come on Oct. 19 in the sectional semifinal against Connersville at 11 a.m. hosted by New Castle.