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Main Street sets up meetings

Organization working to help improve downtown

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Two downtown buildings were demolished this year.

A local organization is working to spearhead an effort to help building owners and businesses moving forward.

Reda Theurer-Miller of Portland Main Street Connect visited Portland City Council on Monday to explain efforts that the organization is making and invite them to meetings scheduled for next month.

Theurer-Miller explained that Portland Main Street Connect has distributed surveys to 51 downtown building and business owners seeking basic information about owners and tenants. Of those, 26 have been returned. The process is the first step in gathering information in order to be able to reach out and work with those involved in the downtown area in order to help it thrive.

"The obvious hope is that we would have responses from owners who have buildings that are unoccupied," she said. "And we also want businesses who are doing well and those who have challenges to be present because they can share with each other."

The effort is in part in response to the recent demolitions of the Bailey Building in the west 200 block of Main Street and the former Hunt's building in the north 200 block of Meridian Street.

Theurer-Miller also invited council members Kent McClung, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Dave Golden, Mike Aker, Ashley Hilfiker and Ron May to attend meetings that are scheduled for 1 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Community Resource Center Downtown business and building owners will be invited, with the meetings to offer information about funding opportunities, building permits, occupancy and safety. Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to share their own needs and obstacles as well as advice on what has been successful.

"We care about the present business owners as well as are concerned about the owners who are doing nothing with their buildings," Theurer-Miller said.

She also informed council that Portland Main Street Connect is partnering with Asbury United Methodist Church and the city's street department on a clean-up day on Sunday, Nov. 10. Main Street members and the street department will focus on the downtown area while church volunteers will handle parks. Anyone interested in volunteering should meet at 10 a.m. Nov. 10 in the John Jay Center for Learning parking lot behind Portland Post Office.

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Black Hawk up

About 80 Jay County Junior-Senior High School students who are involved in the JROTC program and some school staff had the opportunity to fly in a Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk military helicopter Wednesday. Students were taken on about a 10-minute flight in the helicopter out of the Indiana National Guard 38th Combat Aviation Brigade in Shelbyville. The Black Hawk is a utility transport and air assault aircraft.

North Korean troops are in Russia

By TRACY WILKINSON

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

The United States on Wednesday said North Korean troops have been deployed to Russia, raising the possibility they will be sent to fight in Ukraine — an assertion made by South Korea and the Ukrainian government in Kyiv.

The move may show that Moscow's shortage of manpower amid exorbitant casualties is worse "than most people realize," Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III said.

"We are seeing evidence that that there are [North Korean] troops that have gone to Russia," Austin told reporters traveling with him in Rome. "What, exact-

ly, they're doing is left to be seen."

It was the first official U.S. confirmation of reports from South Korean intelligence agencies that thousands of North Korean troops recently showed up in eastern Russia to undergo training. Austin said the U.S. is still trying to determine whether they will be deployed

into Ukraine. If so, he warned, it would be a significant escalation.

"If they're a co-belligerent, their intention is to participate in this war on Russia's behalf, that is a very, very serious issue," Austin said.

South Korea has said 3,000 North Korean troops are already in Russia and receiving train-

ing. Ukraine seconded those claims.

Moscow and the North Korean government in Pyongyang have expanded their military ties in recent months as part of an anti-U.S. partnership. Both countries previously denied South Korea's assertions about North Korean troops being prepared for fighting in Ukraine.

Austin warns deploying to Ukraine would be considered significant escalation

Campaigns have focused on Pennsylvania



Tribune News Service/The Morning Call/April Gamiz

Buses arrive for a Team Trump Bus Tour stop Monday in the Valley Family Restaurant parking lot in Bethlehem Township, Pennsylvania. The tour comes before the Nov. 5 election as both Republicans and Democrats make their final push to win what is expected to be a close race in Pennsylvania, which could be the decisive state in winning the White House.

By JULIA TERRUSO

The Philadelphia Inquirer
Tribune News Service

PHILADELPHIA — From Allentown to Erie, mailboxes are bursting with campaign literature like trash cans at the end of a music festival.

Television, TikTok, and sports talk radio broadcast a barrage of blunt ads and Pennsylvanians' commutes are increasingly snarled by candidates headed to a McDonald's or a historical site, or a podium in another swingy part of this internationally-known battleground state.

The 2024 presidential election moved into Pennsylvania and never left, an Inquirer analysis of the last year of campaigning shows.

Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump, and

their allies, have dumped more than \$538 million in advertising dollars to reach Pennsylvania voters.

That's the most of any swing state and about \$185 million more than the next closest battleground, Michigan, according to ad tracker AdImpact.

The presidential election since January has drawn the top candidates and their running mates to the state 76 times — 90 including visits President Joe Biden made as the nominee — with most of those visits occurring since the start of August.

And with 13 days to go, it's all added up to a dead heat.

Harris and Trump have spent the bulk of their campaign money and resources in Pennsylvania, aware that the state, with its 19 electoral college votes, is

the key to the White House.

Their strategies here reflect their different paths to victory but collectively amount to an unprecedented investment in one state. Add in money spent on Senate and Congressional races here and election spending is approaching \$1 billion in the state.

Trump has prioritized Rust Belt towns like Wilkes-Barre and Johnstown.

Trump has spent most of his time in the state's Rust Belt areas which are home to his white, working-class base.

Eighteen out of Trump's 25 campaign stops to the state have been outside of Philadelphia, its collar countries, and Pittsburgh. In recent months, he's rallied in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton in the Northeast, and Kittanning and Indiana in the West.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 79 degrees Tuesday. The low was 46.

Tonight's low will be in the lower 40s. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with a high of 70.

There is a 50% chance of showers with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour. Highs will be in the 60s Saturday and upper 50s Sunday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Asbury United Methodist Church will host its As-BOO-ry event from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday. It will include a scarecrow contest, candy, haunted rooms and food at the church at 204 E. Arch St., Portland.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of the FRHS volleyball district semi-final versus Arcanum.

Saturday — Results from the Jay County football sectional opener at Bellmont.

Tuesday — Coverage of the cross country regional meet at Huntington University.



Meetings ...

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Theurer-Miller also noted that Christmas lights will be put up in the downtown area but planters, which were removed to accommodate the ongoing Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) project on Meridian Street (U.S. 27), will not be put back in place until the spring.

Later in the meeting, Portland Mayor Jeff Westlake said INDOT officials have told him paving of Meridian Street from county road 200 South to county road 100 North is expected to be complete in the first week of November. Striping is scheduled for Nov. 4 through 8. (The project also involves sidewalk work and new traffic signals.)

Prior to the meeting, council members got a primer from Craig Frazee of Dynamic Business Solutions regarding the new system that has been installed for livestreaming and recording meetings. Monday's meeting was livestreamed as a test of the system.

Microphones and cameras have been installed but there is some wiring work left to be completed, Frazee said. Following Monday's test, Dynamic Business Solutions planned to make adjustments as needed.

By state law, government meetings must be livestreamed and recorded beginning July 1, 2025.

In other business, the council:

- Heard a complaint from Portland resident Bryan Alexander regarding ordinances that seem to be contradictory or are otherwise confusing, specifically referencing an issue he had with water service. He suggested that ordinances be reviewed and clarified, adding that he feels they should be approached in a resident-friendly manner. He heard some support from council members for making such changes.
- Learned from Westlake that the Jay County Chamber of Commerce Merchant Trick-or-Treat will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, in the Jay Community Center parking lot.
- Heard May suggest that the

guardrails along the new Indiana 26 bridge over the Salamonie River on the east side of the city be painted blue, similar to the bridge that was removed. He was informed that it would be an Indiana Department of Transportation issue.

- Heard Hilfiker ask about upkeep at the street department building — Westlake and clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips said plans are in the works — and suggested the city consider installing covered bus stops for students in heavily used locations.
- Had a discussion about whether police vehicles should be marked as "City of Portland." May raised the issue, saying he feels they need to be

identified as such. Several other council members agreed, while Hilfiker expressed concern about picking fights with the police department.

- Approved ordinances adjusting language regarding discipline for city employees and authorizing the clerk-treasurer to make necessary transfers to balance the city's budget.
- Heard May raise questions about multiple families living in a single home, saying he feels it needs to be addressed. It led to discussion about how many resources would be needed to investigate such issues.
- Approved a street closure for Main Street between Meridian and Harrison streets for 2 to 8 p.m. Nov. 16 for a festival.

CR almanac				
Friday 10/25	Saturday 10/26	Sunday 10/27	Monday 10/28	Tuesday 10/29
70/42	60/32	58/36	66/52	74/60
There's a 50% chance of showers before 2 p.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Saturday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high near 60 degrees.	Sunny with highs in the mid to upper 50s. At night, the low may hit 32.	Monday looks to be sunny with a high in the mid to upper 60s.	Mostly sunny on Tuesday. The high may reach into the mid 70s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$478 million	Evening Daily Three: 3-4-4 Daily Four: 4-5-8-0 Quick Draw: 3-9-10-13-14-17-21-23-29-40-43-47-50-59-60-61-67-74-76-80
Mega Millions 8-43-48-58-60 Mega Ball: 4 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$229 million	Ohio Tuesday MIDDAY Pick 3: 9-5-6 Pick 4: 4-1-3-0 Pick 5: 9-4-0-6-2 Evening Pick 3: 3-5-1 Pick 4: 5-3-5-0 Pick 5: 7-0-2-8-7 Rolling Cash: 3-24-34-35-38 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Hoosier Tuesday MIDDAY Daily Three: 5-0-5 Daily Four: 7-1-9-1 Quick Draw: 5-7-12-14-17-20-25-28-32-38-40-44-47-54-62-63-69-70-75-78	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.81 Dec. corn.....3.99 Wheat.....4.81	Nov. beans.....9.49 Wheat.....5.31
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.84 Dec. corn.....3.99 Jan. corn.....4.17	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.72 Nov. corn.....3.72 Beans.....9.49 Nov. beans.....9.57 Wheat.....5.21
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....3.74 Nov. corn.....3.74 Beans.....9.49	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....3.64 Oct. corn.....3.69 Beans.....9.34 Jan. beans.....9.44 Wheat.....5.00

Today in history

In 1861, the first transcontinental telegraph arrived via telegraph, bringing an end to the need for the Pony Express. The telegraph became the new way to transmit messages from coast to coast.

In 1917, more than 600,000 Italians surrendered at the Battle of Caporetto during World War I.

In 1926, escape artist Harry Houdini performed for the last time at Garrick Theater in Detroit, Michigan.

In 1929, stockholders traded more than \$12.89 million in shares, causing the infamous stock market crash of 1929, also known as "Black Thursday." In related history, nearly eight decades later on the same day in 2008, stocks worldwide had record-breaking steep declines, earning the day the name "Bloody Friday."

In 1940, the United States Fair Labor Standards Act enacted the 40-hour work week. It has become the industry standard in today's world.

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Citizen's calendar

Friday 8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	Floral Ave., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Monday 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board special meeting, General Shanks, 414 E.	Tuesday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council special meeting, park cabin, 50 Mooney St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council public hearing and meeting, Pennville Town Hall, 105 N. Washington St.

Capsule Reports

Passing accident

A Lynn man attempted to pass the truck an Ohio man was driving at the intersection of U.S. 27 and county road 400 South, causing an accident about 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Carlos L. Stivers, 47, was driving a 2011 Chevrolet Traverse south on the highway and approaching the intersection with county road 400 South. Tyler C. Forsthoefel, 31, New Weston, Ohio, was driving a 2020 Kenworth T880 in front of Stivers and started to turn east onto county road 400 South. Stivers told police he noticed Forsthoefel's turn signal and attempted to pass him on the east side of the road, causing Forsthoefel to crash into the passenger side of the vehicle driven by Stivers.

The vehicle driven by Stivers was towed. Stivers was cited for driving without a license. He was also arrested Tuesday and preliminarily charged with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. Stivers was being held on a \$1,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

The semi driven by Forsthoefel is registered to Forsthoefel Trucking of

New Weston, Ohio. Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

CVS hit

A Portland woman drove into CVS Pharmacy while attempting to park about 2:12 p.m. Monday.

Nora L. Stephens, 74, was driving her 2017 Honda Accord as she began to park at 802 N. Meridian St. She told police her foot slipped off the brake pedal and onto the accelerator, causing her car to go forward into the building.

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

Lost control

A Ridgeville man lost control of the semi he was driving, causing him to strike a utility pole along county road 400 South about 2:09 p.m. Monday.

Logan M. Dull, 33, was driving a 2010 International truck west on the road near county road 1100 West when he drove off the side of the road and hit an American Electric Power pole.

The truck — it's registered to Gloria J. Osterholt of Portland — was towed, with damage estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Felony arrests

Residential entry

A Redkey man was arrested Tuesday for residential entry.

Chase H. Louck, 31, 20 E. Logan St., is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony, along with a

Class A misdemeanor for battery resulting in bodily injury and a Class B misdemeanor for criminal mischief.

He was being held on \$4,500 in bonds at Jay County Jail.

Felony courts

Narcotics

A Portland resident was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of a narcotic drug.

Austin M. George, 21, 1212 North Franklin St., Portland, pleaded guilty to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 450 days in Jay County Jail and given 98 days credit for time served. George was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe was dismissed.

Found guilty

A Portland man was sentenced to prison after he was found guilty of unlawful possession of a syringe.

Shane L. Williams, 48, 166 E. High St., was found guilty by a Jay Superior Court jury of the Level 6

felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in Indiana Department of Correction and given 46 days credit for time served. Williams was assessed \$189 in court costs.

Criminal trespassing

A Pennville resident was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to criminal trespassing.

Dakota C. Nicklay, 31, 200 E. South St., Pennville, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to criminal trespassing, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Indiana Department of Correction and given 262 days credit for time served. Nicklay was fined \$25 and assessed \$189 in court costs.

Cases dismissed

Indiana v. William A. Lawhorn, Level 5 felony
Indiana v. Stephanie R. Loveless-Williams, Level 4 felony

SERVICES

Today

Hudson, Janice: 10 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Friday

Stephen, Lonnie: 10 a.m., Antioch Cemetery, Portland.

Saturday

Bechtol, Kim: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery.

Oct. 29

Pendleton, John: 2 p.m., Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City.

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One of a Kind Auction slated for Nov. 3

These items are one of a kind.

Fort Recovery Historical Society and Project Recovery host their annual One of a Kind Auction from 5 to 9 p.m. Nov. 3 in the auditorium at Fort Recovery Elementary Middle School. This year's theme is "Americana," specifically the history, folklore, cultural heritage and geography of Fort Recovery and the United States.

Some Auction Items featured at this year's event include a week at a Mystic Dunes Florida Condo, a seven-day stay at Siesta Keys, Ohio State University and Indianapolis Colts football tickets, an Indiana

Taking Note

Beach lakehouse rental, a bowling party at Miracle Lanes and pool party and pavilion rental at Ambassador Park.

The auction supports Fort Recovery historical site maintenance, educational endeavors and the village's Visitors Center.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Be You Boutique or Fort Recovery Historical Society and Project Recovery.

Unlock the box

Fort Recovery Public Library is putting on a different twist on escape rooms.

Unlock the Box, an "escape room in reverse," will be offered at the library from Nov. 2 through Nov. 11. Participants can use hidden clues in the room to solve puzzles and riddles, leading them to unlock keys and unravel a mystery, according to a press release from the library. Registration is ongoing for this year's free event, "A New Sheriff In Town." Call (419) 375-2869 to register.

Statehouse interns

It's not too late to apply

to be an intern with Indiana House Republicans for the 2025 legislative session.

The Indiana House of Representatives offers a spring semester internship at the statehouse in Indianapolis during the session, which starts in January and concludes in April. House interns earn \$900 biweekly and work full-time through the week.

The program offers opportunities for students to work in various departments related to their studies, including legislative operations, policy and communications.

Internships are open to college students and

recent graduates of all majors. Interns get career and professional development assistance, enrollment access to an Indiana government class and opportunities to earn academic credits through their school.

They're also eligible to apply for a \$3,000 scholarship to use toward school expenses.

Applications are available online at indianahousepublicans.com/internship and are due by Oct. 31.

Offering program

A new program to help develop technology skills is offered for east central Indiana residents.

East Central Indiana Regional Planning District recently announced a partnership with Northstar for the Digital Literacy Program.

The program, which is free through the end of the year, provides lessons on computer basics including email usage, operating systems and software including Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint and Google Docs. There are also modules regarding social media, distance learning and managing your digital footprint.

To access the Digital Literacy Program for free, visit bit.ly/JayCoDLP and click "sign up as a learner."

Man ready to begin new chapter without wife

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for quite a long time, and I am seriously contemplating walking away from it. We no longer have anything in common. I'm active and hike, bike, play golf and lift weights. My wife is 100% sedentary and wants no part of any of these activities that could keep us both healthy. It has taken a toll on her to the point that she has become obese and has mobility issues. Even a small amount of exertion exhausts her, which leaves me doing almost everything. I did not sign up to be someone's caretaker because she didn't take care of herself.

For a long time, I have become friendly with a woman who is active and healthy like me. We have much more in common than just being active. She tells

Dear Abby



me she loves my intelligence and what a great career I had. I never received any support from my wife. I am tired of being a slave. I want a partner. Your thoughts? — FIT IN NEW YORK

DEAR FIT: I think your marriage started failing before you met this active, health-conscious woman. As it stands, you are emotionally divorced before being legally divorced. Talk to an attorney,

then tell your wife that you haven't felt emotionally supported by her for a long time and you want a divorce so you can be with someone whose interests and lifestyle more closely align with yours. From what you have written, I doubt your marriage could be saved by counseling because, emotionally, you have already moved on.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single female in my 60s. I'm very much a loner and mostly keep to myself. While I know my lifestyle may be unconventional, it is the one I choose.

My concern is the possibility of dying alone in my house. I have serious health issues and don't expect to live a long life. I sometimes go weeks without

contact with another human being, and if I should meet my demise, there's a very real possibility that it could go completely unnoticed for quite some time. I am not asking that you offer advice to fix my solitary life because, frankly, I accept it. What I would like to know is if there is a way — a service or device or something — that would alert someone in the likely event that I am alone when I meet my end. — FLYING SOLO IN TEXAS

DEAR SOLO: Great question. If you have a newspaper delivered, your carrier would notice if they were starting to pile up on your doorstep. The same would apply if your mail carrier noticed your mail starting to accumulate. There are also apps

and services that will check in daily with you to be sure you are OK.

One I have heard about is the Telephone Reassurance program. It is often a free service provided by a county's department of aging and disabilities. Volunteers place daily phone calls to older or disabled adults to help them remain independent in their homes for as long as possible. If this isn't available in your area, check with your local senior center, AARP or department of senior services for recommendations.

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

Community Calendar

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

Today

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

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 Out-

patient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

MISSISSINAWA CHAPTER NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Jay County Historical Society. For questions, call Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 5:30 p.m. at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre, 200 N. Park St., Portland.

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addic-

tion Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday

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

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all 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

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

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

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

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

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

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

Sudoku

	3					7		
	1						2	8
		9	8	5	4			
3		1	5	7		9		
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				6				
9		6						
					6		8	
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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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

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Nov. 27 Thanksgiving edition

Ads must run in November

Most Hoosiers remain in Indiana

By **MORTON J. MARCUS**

Every year the Census Bureau obliges our curiosity about our neighbors with data on the geographic mobility of the American population.

The following data for 2023 were released last week. They are not biased, while the data released by moving companies which tend to have an exclusive clientele.

In 2023, Indiana was in the middle of the pack for most measures. Of the 6.7 million Hoosiers age 1 and older, 87.5% were living in the same residence as a year earlier. That ranked 31st of the 50 states, just above Georgia (87.4%) and only slightly below the national figure of 87.9%.
But don't worry, we're among

Eye on the Pie



the top states in movers who came from within the same state. With 9.8% of our population moving within Indiana, even within the same county, we're 11th in the nation, sandwiched between Nevada and Arizona. Who would have thought we had anything in common with those water leeches?

Now, if you've kept a running total, you've noticed that the stay-

putters and the same-staters together account for 97.3% of Indiana's population age 1 or older. That means "aliens" from Ohio and other exotic locales represented just 2.7% of our state's population in 2023.

Following this thread, we find eight of 10 "aliens" came from other states in our Union. That left only 0.2% of today's Hoosiers actually from abroad.

Who were these "furrenors?" Some may be among the "hoards bursting our borders," but others may just be Hoosiers returning home — students, retirees or business representatives living in foreign lands temporarily.

This latest Census report also includes data on the interchange of population between Indiana

and other states.

Once again, Illinois does not win the prize for sending the most people to, and receiving Hoosiers from, Indiana. It is a favorite story with folks living in northwest Indiana. The persistent myth is that Illini are lusting to be Hoosiers and our residents have an uncontrollable urge to live in the Land of Lincoln.

The interchange between Indiana and Illinois was 11,600 leaving Indiana and 12,500 moving east to the Hoosier Holyland. We enjoyed a net in-migration of only 900 from Illinois. That was only 3.5% of the 26,700 net in migration for Indiana in 2023.

Florida was the state with which Indiana had the greatest migration exchange. That figure

was 44,400, made up of 15,000 going to Florida and 29,500 moving to Indiana. (Note: That was before Helene and Milton toured the Sunshine State.)

In the competition for honors of the gross population interchange with Indiana, behind Florida, and ahead of Illinois, was Ohio. But it will take more evidence beyond 2023 to make a case for major trends and understanding the factors influencing such movements.

Only hysterical politicians and naïve administrators go nuts over a single year's migration data.

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Take steps to prevent suicide

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Unfortunately, suicide is a leading cause of death among all Americans, especially veterans. In fact, suicide is the 13th leading cause of death for veterans, and the 2nd leading cause of death for veterans under the age of 45.

Every day, 17 veterans die by suicide.

More than 6,390 veterans died by suicide in 2021, including 140 Hoosier veterans. Each of these deaths represents a life ended tragically and prematurely. Each of these deaths is still mourned by family and friends. Each of these veterans deserves to be here today.

The Department of Veterans Affairs produces a National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, which outlined seven recommendations to address veteran suicide:

1. Promote secure firearm storage for veteran suicide prevention: 72% of veteran suicides were by firearm in 2021. 1 in 3 veterans store at least 1 firearm unlocked and loaded. Securing firearms has been found to reduce suicide.
2. Implement and sustain community collaborations to reach more veterans: Over 60% of veterans who died by suicide in 2021 were not seen at a VA facility. More partnerships in the community focused on preventing veteran suicide would save more lives.
3. Continued expansion of crisis intervention services: Access to crisis prevention services is available 24 hours a day by calling 988.
4. Improve prevention and intervention services: Create culturally sensitive interventions to address the unique sub-populations with higher suicide rates, including American Indian/Alaskan Natives, younger veterans, transitioning service members, and women.
5. Incorporate suicide prevention in non-clinical settings: Suicide risk factors include factors beyond mental health, including financial, work related, legal and social factors. Reducing strain in employment, housing, legal support and financial strain is suicide prevention.
6. Increase access to

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and utilization of mental healthcare: Mental health challenges increased for everyone during the pandemic, including veterans. Making access to mental health care is a critical piece of suicide prevention.

7. Integrate suicide prevention within medical settings to reach all veterans: Suicide screening, assessment, and safety planning should be an integral part of all medical settings.

Community organizations, including non-profits like HVAF, must be focused on suicide prevention when serving vulnerable populations. While veterans are nearly twice as likely to die by suicide as non-veterans, veterans experiencing homelessness have an even higher risk of suicide. HVAF staff participate annually in SAVE training to understand the increased suicide risk veterans face, how to recognize warning signs, and how to intervene and offer support.

Suicide prevention is possible. To complete an online, self-led suicide prevention training, please visit SAVE's website. The life you save might be that of a Hoosier Hero.

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Economy is envy of the world

The Philadelphia Inquirer
Tribune News Service

It might be amusing if it weren't so vexing to see news reporters interview people shopping for luxury items, eating out at fancy restaurants, or vacationing at some resort while complaining about how bad the U.S. economy is.

Compared to what?

Just as frustrating but more pertinent are the countless interviews with people who say they are struggling to pay their bills. As the Bible says, "the poor you will always have with you," which means surveying those truly in need may not be the best way to gauge a country's economy.

Even so, polls consistently suggest Americans are so concerned about pocketbook issues that the economy is the central issue that may determine their vote for president.

It's as if those being polled have completely forgotten the economic quagmires this country struggled to get out of during both the Great Recession and the COVID-19 pandemic. The impact of those calamities on businesses, prices, and employment provides needed context to accurately view today's economy.

The recession from December 2007 to June 2009 was the nation's longest since World War II. The unemployment rate jumped from 5% to 10%, the S&P 500 stock exchange index dropped 57%, and the net worth of American households and nonprofits fell from \$69 trillion to \$55 trillion.

That was the economy President Barack Obama inherited from President George W. Bush.

Obama's response included the American Recovery Act, which was signed into law in 2009 despite not receiving a single Republican vote in the House and only three in the Senate. The \$800 billion stimulus package included tax cuts, loan guarantees, financial assistance to

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families, and funding for infrastructure, renewable energy, and small businesses. It helped bring the recession to an earlier end.

The virus that led to the COVID-19 pandemic was first discovered in December 2019 in Wuhan, China. The disease eventually made its way to the United States, left more than 1.2 million Americans dead, and sent the U.S. economy into another tailspin.

For the second time in only 11 years, America again found itself in a history-making recession. By April 2020, the unemployment rate reached an unprecedented 14.8%. Some workers were more affected than others. With most people staying home to avoid being infected, the unemployment rate for the leisure and hospitality industry was 39.3%.

That was the economy President Joe Biden inherited from President Donald Trump.

Trump signed legislation before leaving office to keep the economy from falling into an abyss, but not before calling the bill a "disgrace." Three subsequent stimulus bills signed into law by Biden have been credited with helping to make the two-month COVID-19 recession the shortest in U.S. history. Biden's American Rescue Act of 2021 pushed the economy further from a pandemic-related collapse.

So how's the U.S. economy doing now?

September's 2.4% annual inflation rate is lower than it was before the pandemic. So is the September unemployment rate of 4.1%, though that's slightly higher

than the 3.8% it was a year ago. More than 250,000 jobs were added to U.S. payrolls in September, which far exceeded economists' predictions of 140,000 new jobs, and helped push the Dow Jones Industrial Average to a record high.

Pennsylvania hasn't done as well as the nation as a whole. Fifty-one of its 67 counties lost jobs during the pandemic, and most haven't recovered. But the state's 3.4% unemployment rate is lower than the national average, and the number of nonfarm jobs in the state reached a record high of more than 6.1 million this year, with most of those new jobs, 4,500, in education and health services.

Those numbers don't mean we shouldn't worry about the economy.

Too many people are either unemployed or not making enough money to pay their bills. And who knows when another pandemic or some other unforeseen crisis will steer financial markets into a nosedive that leads to massive job losses, less consumer spending, bank bailouts, or other drastic measures to avoid another recession, if not a depression?

Even when you consider those calamitous possibilities, however, there's more to like than fear about today's economy. So why do polls suggest most Americans think the U.S. economy is in terrible shape?

Maybe because they don't know what to believe. Too many rely on dubious online news sources despite knowing the internet is rife with fake information and images. Too many trust political leaders who blatantly manipulate the truth for personal gain. Too many don't take the extra time needed to find the truth.

Do that and they will discover the U.S. economy, with all its challenges, remains the envy of the world.

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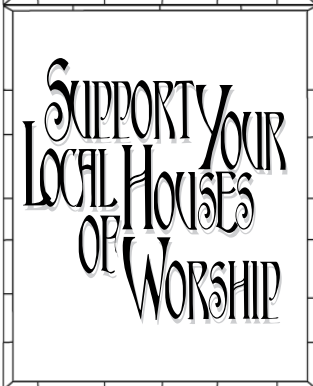
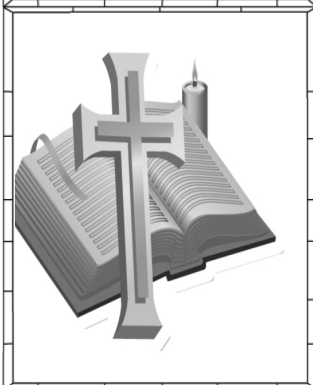
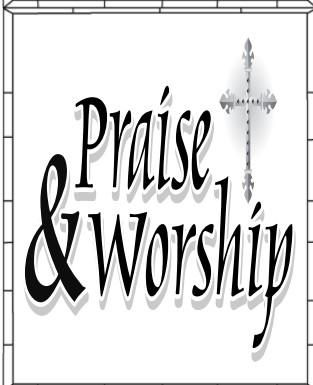
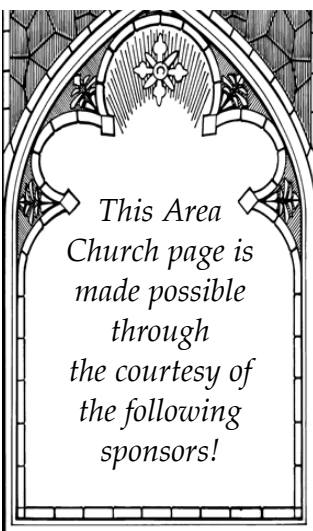
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(260) 726-8464
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asburyministries.org

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440 S. 600 East
Pamela Freeman
Services: 9 a.m.

Bluff Point Friends
80 E. 650 South
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Boundary St. Paul
Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East
Ava Gannon
(260) 726-2373
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Bryant Wesleyan
209 S. Hendricks St.
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bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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(419) 733-1469
christchapel.fr.com

Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)
8472 S. 800 East, Union City
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Church of God of Prophecy
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Nanette Weesner
(260) 766-9334
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nanybell@yahoo.com

Church of the Brethren
Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland
Kevin McClung
(260) 729-7295
Services: 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God
South Broad Street, Dunkirk
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

Collett Nazarene
450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27
Billy Stanton
(260) 251-2403
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Cornerstone Baptist
211 E. Main St., Portland
Wayne Ward
(260) 726-7714
Services: 10 a.m.

Cornerstone Church of Pennville
190 W. Main St., Pennville
David Davidson
(260) 202-9718
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Dunkirk Nazarene
226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
Tom Fett
(765) 768-6199
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Evangelical Methodist
930 W. Main St., Portland
Steve Arnold
(260) 251-0970
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Fairview United Methodist/Jay County
2875 E. 200 South
Pamela Freeman
Lay leader: Beth Stephen
(260) 726-9184
Services: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
Joe Schmit
(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center
200 E. Elder St., Portland
Ronald Willis
(260) 726-4844
Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

Fellowship Baptist
289 S. 200 West
Hugh Kelly
(260) 726-8873
Services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

First American Baptist
427 S. Main St., Dunkirk
Dan Coffman
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1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery
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fcfcrecovery.org

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341 S. Meridian St., Redkey
Everett Bilbrey Jr.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; 7 p.m. Wednesday

First Free Will Baptist
12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

First Presbyterian
402 N. Ship St., Portland
Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
(260) 726-8462
Services: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.
firstpcportland.org

Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene
401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff
(419) 375-4680
Services: 10:30 a.m.
frnaz@frontier.com

Fort Recovery United Methodist
309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Rev. Carol McKay
(304) 617-0101
Services: 9 a.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle
468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
Robert Thomas
(765) 348-4620
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

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100 W. Line St., Geneva
Barry McCune
(260) 368-7655
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Geneva Nazarene
225 Decatur St., Geneva
(260) 525-8609
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

Gilead Church
County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren
Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
Earl Doll
(260) 731-4477
Services: 10:30 a.m.

High Street United Methodist
435 High St., Geneva
Rev. Joseph Hampton
(260) 368-7233
Services: 9 a.m.

Holy Trinity Catholic
7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
Services: 8 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday

Hopewell of Life Ministries
County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
Rev. Ruth Funk
(260) 251-8581
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic
506 E. Walnut St., Portland
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
(260) 726-7055
Services: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Kingsley Full Gospel
4030 S. 700 East, Dunkirk
Stuart Phillips
Services: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

Mary Help of Christians
403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
(419) 375-4153
Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

Mount Tabor Community Church
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
Scott McClain
(765) 768-7273
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist
County roads 600 East and 200 North
Rev. Darrell Borders
(260) 726-4786
Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
4017 W. 200 South
Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship
1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
(260) 251-0063
Services: 10:30 a.m.

New Life Ministries
415 S. Helen St., Portland
Dr. Kay Fairchild
(260) 223-2961
Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
Services: 9 a.m.

Noble Congregational Christian
1964 N. 800 East
Aaron Huey
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove United Methodist
829 S. Indiana 1
Neil Butcher
(765) 760-9085
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Pleasant Hill
9945 N. 800 East, Union City
Bruce Bryan
(765) 964-3664
Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
mypleasanthillchurch.org

Portland Church of Christ
1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
Bob Graham
(260) 726-7777
Bible class: 9:15 a.m.
Services: 10:20 a.m.
Bible School: 6 p.m. Wednesday
portlandcoc.com

Portland First Church of Nazarene
920 S. Shank St., Portland
Steve Cecil
(260) 726-8040
Services: 10:45 a.m.

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Redkey Faith Ministries
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RedkeyFaith.org

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Union and Malin streets
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redkeynaz.org
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3900 S. 600 East
Bruce Phillips
(260) 335-2017
Services: 9 a.m.

Second Chance at Life Ministries
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Dave Keen (260) 251-8792
Mike Eads (260) 703-0733
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1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery
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St. Mary's Catholic
346 S. Broad St., Dunkirk
Rev. Kevin Hurley
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St. Paul Catholic
517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 11 a.m. Sunday

St. Peter Catholic
1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 9 a.m. Sunday

Sugar Grove Nazarene
3984 N. 550 West, Portland
Pastor Mike Heckman
(615) 517-1017
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Bible study: 6 p.m. Wednesday

Sugar Grove Church
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Scott McClain
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Services: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday
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templebaptistin.com

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Services: 10:15 a.m.
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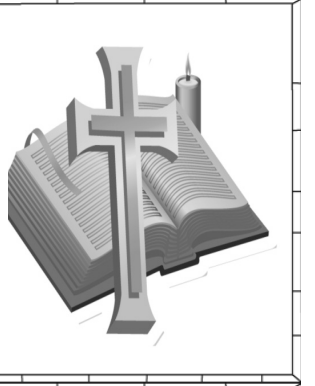
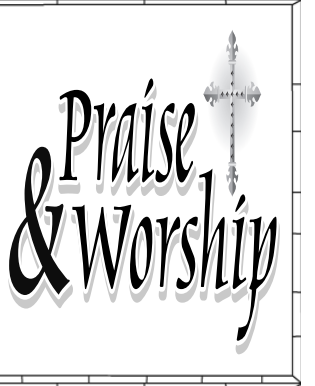
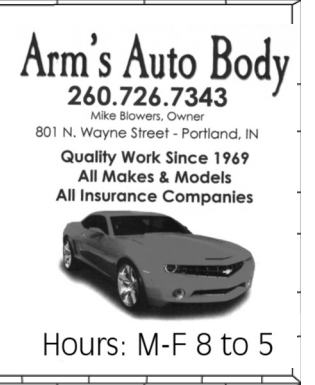
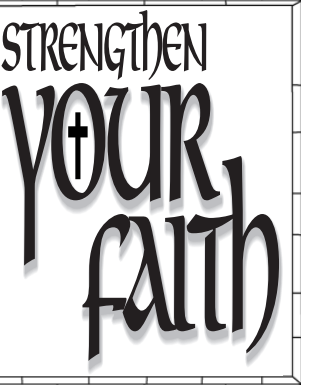
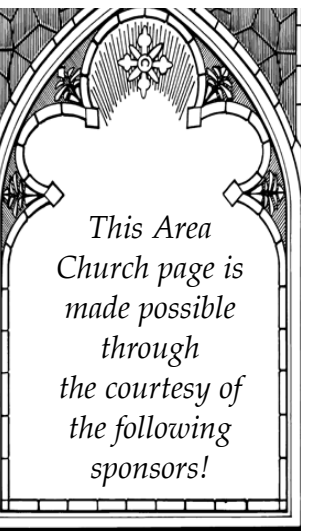
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Fred Stevens
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Walnut Corner
County roads 200 North and 500 West
Steve Rogers
(260) 251-1113
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

West Walnut Church of Christ
204 W. Walnut St., Portland
Gil Alicea
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westwalnutchurchofchrist.org

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zionlutheranportland@gm ail.com
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A 4-1 shot

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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♠ Q 7 6 4
♥ 10 3
♦ A 8 5 2
♣ J 10 4

EAST
♠ 10 9 3
♥ 6
♦ J 9 7 6 4 3
♣ 9 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K
♥ A K 9 8 7 4 2
♦ —
♣ A K 6 3

The bidding:
South West North East
2♠ Pass 2NT Pass
3♥ Pass 3NT Pass
6♥

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Opening lead — king of diamonds.
Assume you're in six hearts and West leads the king of diamonds. How would you play the hand?
To give yourself the best chance for the contract, ruff the diamond and playing the A-K of trump. If the opposing trumps are divided 2-2, you can assure the contract by cashing the ace of clubs and continuing with a low club. (You can't afford to cash both the ace and king, because you would lose two tricks in the suit if either opponent had four or five clubs headed by the queen.)
If the trumps turn out to be divided 3-1 with East having three of them, cash the A-K of spades and ace of clubs before leading a third trump. If East returns a spade or a diamond, you'll have 12 iron-clad tricks, so he will presumably return a club. All you can do in that case is to finesse and hope for the best.
If West turns up with three trumps — as in the actual case — you put him on lead with a trump after cashing the A-K of spades. He is then forced to return a spade, a diamond or a club, any of which puts you in clover. Twelve tricks, easy as pie.
By adopting the recommended approach, you give yourself about a 4-to-1 shot for the contract, which is the best you can do under the circumstances.
Note, however, that if you win the opening diamond lead with dummy's ace, you seriously jeopardize your chances of making the slam, and in the actual case, you'll go down one.

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9 Sheep
12 Celeb's aide
13 Grand tale
14 Mess up
15 "Little Women" girl
17 Pampering, for short
18 Sargasso wriggler
19 Community spirit
21 Egyptian sun god
22 Wartime riveter
24 Taverns
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28 Wine region
31 Flamenco cheer
32 Ginger
33 Singer Fogelberg
34 -bitty
36 They may report to a CEO

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2 "Got it"
3 Nick and Nora's dog
4 Everyone else
5 Repeat
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9 Maryland city
10 Guthrie of folk
11 Curved lines
16 — culpa
20 Spanish aunt

22 Polo
23 Raw minerals
24 Luau dish (Abbr.)
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27 Cleveland team, for short
29 Sailor
30 Hostel
35 Talk and talk ...
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Indians ...

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“The goal this week is just going to be talking to them about racing. Put a good race together, focus on controlling what you can control and not worrying about times. ... The goal is always for them to be happy and not have regrets.”

Among the 11-team field are four teams ranked in the state and one more receiving votes. Madeira, Summit Country Day, West Liberty Salem and Fort Loramie are all ranked third through sixth in Division III, while Botkins finished 17th in the voting.

Diller follows in the footsteps of recent graduate Trevor Heitkamp by competing as an individual alongside the girls. To advance to the state tournament, the sophomore would need to place within the top-12 finishers not already on advancing teams.

Outside of Diller's 17:23.02 at the district, his career best time came at the Troy Twilight, albeit a slightly

different course at Troy High School, with a 16:24.00. Rather than aiming for a particular time, he will be focused more on the placement of his competitors.

“I run better when I run for a place,” Diller said. “I don't do great when I get too focused on the time. ... I'm pretty much happy just that I made it. If I run a similar time this week and place well, that's fine with me.”

Seniors Joelle Kaup and Anna Roessner also ran some of their best times at Troy. Kaup ran her career best time of 20:11.7 at the meet, while Roessner's 22:07.4 was her third best performance of the season.

Fort Recovery also recently got Makena Huelskamp back after suffering an injury during the basketball season. She has finished third in all three meets she's competed in, behind Kaup and breakout freshman Riley Heitkamp.

Riley Heitkamp (77), Joelle Kaup (73) and Anna Roessner (74) of Fort Recovery High School lead the field in a dual cross country meet at Jay County on Aug. 28. The girls team, along with Reese Diller, will compete at the regional meet on Saturday.

Review preview

Friday - 7 p.m.
Class 3A sectional quarterfinal

Jay County Patriots



Portland, 2-7 (1-5)
Coach: Grant Zgunda, fourth year (27th overall)
Conference: Allen County Athletic Conference
Last week at Heritage: The Patriots marched downfield to score on the opening drive before Heritage took control to hand JCHS a 35-13 loss. Five turnovers, four of which came in the second half, hurt Jay County's bid at a comeback. Heritage was a common opponent, beating Jay County by 22 points and Belmont by 39.

Season leaders: Passing — Sean Bailey — 76-of-152 for 1,091 yards and nine TDs. Rushing — Bailey — 94 carries for 430 yards and four TDs. Receiving — Benson Ward — 15 receptions for 373 yards and three TDs. Defense — Lucas Strait — 85 tackles, four sacks and two interceptions.

Bellmont Braves



Decatur, 0-9 (0-7)
Coach: Nick Hall, fifth year
Conference: Northeast 8
Last week vs. East Noble: The Braves gave up 10 touchdowns on only 541 offensive yards in a 75-7 loss. The loss pushed Belmont to 0-9, in which it has been outscored 508-37.

Season leaders: Passing — Easton Curtis — 49-of-123 for 446 yards and two TDs. Rushing — Jason Lykins — 35 carries for 119 yards. Receiving — Will Franze — 13 receptions for 128 yards and one TD. Defense — Oliver Werling — 90 tackles including seven tackles for a loss and three sacks.

Last meeting: The Patriots took down the Braves 28-21 in the 2002 sectional opener to tie the all-time series at 2-2. Mark “Tank” Addington scored his lone career touchdown in the fourth to power the victory, before Jay County got shut out 20-0 by Muncie Central the next week. The other three matchups against Belmont came before the 1994 season.

Game notes: Jay County has lost six straight sectional openers, with its last tournament victory coming by a 22-21 score over Logansport in the 2017 opening round. During the losing streak, it has dropped games by a combined 244-42. ... The Patriots enter the playoffs with a six game losing streak. The Braves last won a sectional game in 2018 with a 16-6 victory over Garrett. ... made it to the semi-state game falling just short as New Prairie beat them 10-9. ... Belmont has dropped 31 consecutive games, with its last win coming in 2021. ... John Harrell predicts Jay County to win 38-17, while Calpreps.com also has the Patriots as 21-point favorites.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Friday
Jay County — Football sectional opener at Belmont — 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football at Minister — 7 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Cross country regional at Huntington University — 10:30 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country regional at Troy — 10 a.m.

TV sports

Tuesday
7 p.m. — College football: Georgia Southern at Old Dominion (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — College volleyball: Wisconsin at Indiana (FS1)

7:30 p.m. — NBA: San Antonio Spurs at Dallas Mavericks (TNT)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Syracuse at Pittsburgh (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — International friendly women's soccer: Iceland at United States (TBS)
9 p.m. — College volleyball: Penn State at UCLA (BTN)
10 p.m. — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at Denver Nuggets (TNT)
11 p.m. — College volleyball: Michigan State at USC (BTN)

7:30 p.m. — College football: Louisville at Boston College (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — College basketball exhibition: Toledo at Michigan (ESPN)
8 p.m. — Horse racing: Breeders Crown (FS1)
8:08 p.m. — MLB World Series: New York Yankees (FOX)
10 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)
11 p.m. — College football: Rutgers at USC (FOX)

Local notes

Final race
The final race in the Adams County 5K Challenge is the Rainbow Lake 5K Run/Walk, will take place on Nov. 26. Preregistration can be done at adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

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Muhlenkamp led Jay County with 35 goals, while Marentes had the most assists at 19. They each were the runner-up in the other's leading statistic, with Marentes putting in 10 goals and Muhlenkamp dishing out five assists. They connected 15 times on the

year. Marentes assisted Muhlenkamp 12 times, including the goal to break the school record of 80 career goals. (Muhlenkamp finished with 82 career goals). Muhlenkamp assisted Marentes three times, including two in the playoffs.

The duo played a huge role in Jay County's 14-3 record and a second regional appearance in three years, as at least one of them scored in every game.

"It's straight leadership," coach Rodney Reynolds said. "Levi is a kid you want on your team every year. He never complains, shows up to practice, does not argue. Straight leadership and proves it time and time again."

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Erasmio Ramirez (Union City senior) — nine goals, seven assists

Defenders

Ashton Castillo (Jay County senior) — one save
Luke Hewitt (Delta junior) — three assists, one goal
Iker Nelson (Jay County senior) — two assists

Goalkeeper

Elijah Bell (Delta junior) — 113 saves, 27 goals allowed, one goal

Honorable mentions

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Jed Vanator (sophomore), Delta — Midfield, eight goals, four assists
Eduin Velasquez (freshman), Union City — Forward, 16 goals, eight assists
Cohen Walls (senior), Blackford — Defender

Indians happy to be at regional

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

The Indians are used to running in the postseason.

The Tribe has run at the regional meet and advanced to the state finals the past four seasons.

With four key athletes graduating from a year ago, it would be a tall task to make it a fifth consecutive trip. Moving to a new regional that only lets three teams and 12 individuals out makes it an even bigger ask. Adding in four ranked teams ranked in the top-10 of Division III also hurts the Indians' odds at a fifth straight trip to Fort Obetz.

Yet, with the odds against them and the pressure taken off, the Tribe runners will lace up their spikes, put on their bibs and look to give it their all this weekend.

The Fort Recovery High School girls cross country team, along with Reese Diller from the boys team, will race in the OHSAA Division III Southwest Regional 12 at Troy High School on Saturday.

To reach the regional meet, the Indians needed to finish in the top seven teams at the district meet at Cedarville on Oct. 19. A score of 178 secured the seventh place, the final spot, in the regional. For Reese Diller to make the regional, he had to place in the top-28 finishers not on qualifying teams. Coming in 27th overall with a time

Odds are stacked against Fort Recovery in loaded field that only allows three to move on

of 17 minutes, 23.02 seconds, made that mark. (He claimed the 12th spot.)

The barriers to make the regional last year were more relaxed in the Northwest District, as 23 teams and 92 individuals qualified across the regionals.

"I'm really proud of the kids for stepping up because it would have been easy to fold knowing that it was a harder course than what we've had previously at district and just knowing we're in a more challenging district team wise," said coach Christy Diller. "We just want the kids going out there and racing. We're probably seeded anywhere from seventh to ninth, so not top three. The teams that are seeded ahead of us, routinely place in the top three to five at state, so we know that's a very tall ask."

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