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## Decisions needed on ARPA \$

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

American Rescue Plan Act dollars need to be allocated by the end of the year.

With December only a few weeks away, options are limited. Jay County Council was reminded Wednesday about the looming Dec. 31 deadline to allocate American Rescue Plan Act dollars. Use of the federal funding provided to aid in community responses to the COVID-19 pandemic must fall within certain guidelines, and the money must be spent by Dec. 31, 2026.

"As you all know, we're rapidly approaching the end of the

### COVID relief money must be allocated by the end of the year

year, we have to have it allocated," said council president Matt Minnich. "We do not have any projects, I believe, that would be capable of having actually a contract in hand by the end of this year."

He suggested the county

approve an inter-local agreement with Jay County Redevelopment Commission to allocate the remaining American Rescue Plan Act dollars, which total just under \$2.2 million.

County attorney Wes Schemenaur noted the process may be

tricky to give redevelopment commission the funding.

"I don't think we can just say, here's \$2.2 million dollars redevelopment commission, do some projects with it," he said. "I think you're going to have to have a project that has a dollar figure attached, or projects, it could be more than one, but my fear is we're getting to the end of the line on that ..."

He pointed to items on Jay County Commissioners' capital improvement list and redevelopment commission's economic development plan that have broad estimates attached.

Other projects that have been

discussed as potential American Rescue Plan Act projects include building a multi-faceted public safety facility, purchasing new radios and related equipment for county emergency personnel and building infrastructure for broadband internet or housing.

Several of those projects have either come to a halt or likely won't have a contract ready to sign before the December deadline, said Schemenaur.

"We've had a plan A, a plan B, a plan C; I don't think they're going to work," he said. "So now it's time to look at D, E and F."

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### Noon grazing

A group of cows was in the pasture about noon Thursday along county road 100 North just west of county road 200 East. skies were overcast with temperatures in the mid 50s and intermittent drizzle.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

## Colleges make funding requests

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

The day after Indiana's higher education agency recommended limiting capital projects in the next two-year budget, colleges and universities told lawmakers they want more.

Higher Education Commissioner Chris Lowery on Tuesday recommended that the General Assembly fund each institution's single-biggest capital priority, for a total of \$464 million.

### IU, Ivy Tech, Purdue push for capital projects

He pushed for greater focus on renovating or maintaining existing facilities, noting the "significant" operating cost savings that work brings.

But Ivy Tech Community Col-

lege and Indiana University pointed out their numerous campuses as they unveiled price tags for multiple desired capital projects, while Purdue University asked for more attention on

semiconductors alongside its capital ask.

Some institutions pulled back on operations requests, noting the state's fiscal position. Education traditionally eats up half of Indiana's budget, and lawmakers have grown more anxious about fast-growing Medicaid spending following a \$1 billion shortfall last year.

Outgoing Ivy Tech President Sue Ellspermann said the system's 19 campuses provide accessible, affordable and effective education to low-income,

first-generation and older students, including those caring for dependent family members.

"At a time when Hoosiers are increasingly skeptical about the value of a college education or degree, Ivy Tech stands out," she said. "Because, simply put, Ivy Tech delivers."

Ivy Tech is Indiana's largest post-secondary institution, according to Ellspermann. But, she contended, the state has offered a larger proportion of funds to other institutions.

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## Thune elected leader

By JOHN T. BENNETT, JACOB FULTON and MARY ELLEN MCINTIRE

CQ-Roll Call  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Thune on Wednesday was elected the next Senate majority leader, as Republicans are set to take over the chamber in January — and with a demanding President-elect Donald Trump poised to return to power.

Having defeated Texas Sen. John Cornyn and Florida Sen. Rick Scott, the fourth-term South Dakotan will replace Mitch McConnell of Kentucky in January as the chamber's top Republican. McConnell had held the top GOP spot since taking his party's leadership reins in early 2007, making him minority leader in six Congresses and majority leader in three Congresses.

Thune defeated Cornyn 29-24 on the day's second

### S.D. senator will take over for McConnell

ballot, with Scott eliminated from contention after the first ballot, according to a source inside the Capitol's Old Senate Chamber, where Republicans chose their next leader.

Senate Republicans also selected Sens. James Lankford, R-Oklahoma, as Republican Conference vice chair; Shelley Moore Capito, R-West Virginia, as Republican Policy Committee chair; John Barrasso, R-Wyoming, as assistant majority leader; Tim Scott, R-South Carolina, as National Republican Senatorial Committee chair; and Tom Cotton, R-

Arkansas, as Republican Conference chair.

At a press conference after the secret ballot votes Wednesday, Thune, flanked by the other members of the incoming leadership team, said Republicans would look to roll back parts of the Biden administration's agenda while also addressing immigration and energy policies.

"We have a mandate from the American people, a mandate not only to clean up the mess left by the Biden-Harris-Schumer agenda, but also to deliver on President Trump's priorities," Thune said.

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Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Alex Wong

### Transition tradition

U.S. President Joe Biden shakes hands with U.S. President-elect Donald Trump in the Oval Office of the White House on Wednesday in Washington, D.C. Biden continued the tradition inviting the newly-elected president to meet at the White House after Trump won the presidential election on Nov. 5.

#### Deaths

Don Wood, 85, Marion  
Details on page 2.

#### Weather

Jay County's temperature topped out at 52 degrees Wednesday. The low was 34.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 40. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with a high in the mid 50s. The high is expected to reach 60 on Sunday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

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

#### Coming up

Saturday — Coverage of this week's Jay County Plan Commission meeting.

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS girls basketball game against Hamilton Heights.

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



# ARPA ...

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He advised council to meet with commissioners and the redevelopment commission to hash out how to spend the remaining funds.  
Minnich suggested council meet with commissioners at 6 p.m. Wednesday. (Redevelopment commission is scheduled to meet an hour prior in the same space — the auditorium at Jay County Courthouse.)  
In related business, auditor Emily Franks reminded council about the need for her office and Jay County Treasurer's Office to update financial software. Currently, their offices utilize outdated software that lacks customer support availability and software updates, among other issues.  
She proposed purchasing Low Associates' Windows Payroll Financial Software at \$256,521 with an additional \$70,000 in

annual software maintenance. (The county currently pays \$50,000 annually for software maintenance with its existing program.) She also suggested council could consider using American Rescue Plan Act funds for the purchase. Franks noted 69 other counties use Low Associates' software, and she said her anticipated date for the switch to the new software would be July 1.  
Council decided — absent Cindy Bracy and Jeanne Houchins — to meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Hopes are to hold a joint session with commissioners.  
Also Wednesday, council agreed unanimously after an earlier motion died for lack of a second to transfer \$17,643 in commissioners' budget from the group health insurance fund to workman's compensation fund and \$1,000 in Jay Superior Court's budget from the over-

time wages fund to the translation fund.  
The decisions initially had been lumped into one motion, but council later approved each transfer in separate motions.  
Franks explained this year's workman's compensation audit resulted in a substantially higher amount because of large raises given to employees and higher claims. After several seconds of silence, county clerk Jon Eads questioned what happens if the money isn't transferred. Franks said the county would still owe the money. Sheriff Ray Newton told council the county needs workman's compensation.  
"I'm not sure why we're not ... getting a second on this, but we need this," he said. "I mean, you have some dangerous jobs out there, so we need to cover these employees."  
Addressing the \$1,000 transfer, Franks noted the funds are

transferred in anticipation of translation services to be provided for court proceedings.  
In other business, council members Harold Towell, Dave Haines, Matt Minnich, Randy May and Faron Parr:  
•Took no action on an additional appropriation for services provided by consulting firm Rundell, Ernstberger and Associates after a motion by Parr died for lack of a second. The company worked on plans for development the county's 68 acres on the western edge of Portland.  
•Learned about a proposal from consulting firm Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele and Associates to conduct a salary analysis and update the county compensation system.  
•Made the following other additional appropriations: \$816,033.75 for work completed through an Indiana Department

of Transportation Community Crossings grant; \$50,000 for water leak repairs at Jay County Courthouse and \$9,000 for courthouse-related costs; \$25,000 for Jay County Health Department from an annual state grant; \$3,900 for absentee voter board wages in Jay County Clerk's budget; and \$2,031.40 for equipment repair in Jay County surveyor's budget.  
•Approved various other transfers, including \$20,000 in the commissioners' budget from employer Public Employees' Retirement Fund to juvenile secure detention, \$13,000 (Towell opposing) in Jay County Country Living's budget from the financial cook wages fund to county home part-time fund and \$12,000 (Towell also opposing) in the same budget from the repairs and maintenance wages to county home part-time fund.

## CR almanac

Saturday 11/16	Sunday 11/17	Monday 11/18	Tuesday 11/19	Wednesday 11/20
<b>54/43</b>	<b>61/47</b>	<b>60/51</b>	<b>65/46</b>	<b>54/35</b>
Mostly sunny skies on Saturday when the high will be in the mid 50s.	Sunday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of rain.	Monday's forecast looks to be mostly sunny with a 70% chance of showers late.	Mostly cloudy skies on Tuesday when there's a 70% chance of rain.	There's a 40% chance of showers Wednesday under mostly cloudy skies.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> 9-20-26-43-58 Power Ball: 9 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$130 million	Daily Four: 6-2-0-9 Quick Draw: 1-3-7-19-23-32-45-48-50-51-53-57-59-60-65-69-73-74-77-79 Cash 5: 5-10-11-19-25 Estimated jackpot: \$138,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$387 million	<b>Ohio</b> Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 3-9-9 Pick 4: 4-3-3-0 Pick 5: 4-4-7-6-2 Evening Pick 3: 1-8-3 Pick 4: 8-6-4-6 Pick 5: 3-6-1-8-7 Rolling Cash: 9-19-30-32-36 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 3-1-1 Daily Four: 3-0-7-4 Quick Draw: 3-4-12-19-21-24-26-39-40-44-48-49-61-65-69-71-74-76-79-80 Evening Daily Three: 3-1-2	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.30 Dec. corn.....4.27 Wheat.....4.31	Dec. beans.....9.81 Wheat.....4.81
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.40 Dec. corn.....4.40 Jan. corn.....4.42	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.20 Dec. corn.....4.21 Beans.....9.76 Dec. beans.....9.76 Wheat.....4.81
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....4.25 Dec. corn.....4.25 Beans.....9.81	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.22 Dec. corn.....4.22 Beans.....9.56 Dec. beans.....9.63 Wheat.....4.71

## Today in history

In 1972, Portland Park Board outlined its 20-year plan that included more neighborhood parks, picnic areas, volleyball/badminton courts, basketball courts, softball fields, a lighted ice skating rink and a public golf course.  
In 2001, Microsoft released the Xbox video game console. —The CR

In 2021, Jay School Board agreed to donate the former Judge Haynes Elementary School building to The Portland Foundation if a county effort to create a child care facility moved forward. After it stalled, the foundation purchased the building for \$35,000 in August 2022.

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board executive session, Jay County Country Living, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County	Country Living Advisory Board, Jay County Country Living dining hall, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 6 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St. <b>Tuesday</b> 2 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
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## Obituaries

### Donald Wood

April 28, 1939-Nov. 10, 2024  
Donald E. Wood, 85, formerly of Fort Recovery, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024, at Wesleyan Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion, Indiana.  
He was born on April 28, 1939, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Edward and Ruth (Jenisek) Wood.  
In addition to his parents, Donald was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Wood; his brothers-in-law, Phil Ahlers and Gary Lockwood; and his special companion, Martha Carlin.  
Donald is survived by his daughters, Angie (Josh) Morris of Pottersville, Michigan, Donette Wood of Barboursville, West Virginia, and Lynette Wood Phillips of Dacula, Georgia; his grandchildren, Lucy Morris, Nala Morris, Andrew

(Angel) Phillips and Grant Phillips; his great-grandson, Milo Phillips; his siblings, Barbara Lockwood of New Mexico, Ralph (Debbie) Wood of Missouri and Carolyn Huntsman of New Mexico; his sister-in-law, Virginia Wood of Fort Recovery; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Wood

After graduating from Fort Recovery High School, Donald enlisted in the United States Navy in 1957 and served his country until he was honorably discharged in 1961. Upon returning home, he worked for Huff's in Celina, and then later utilized his business skills and creative talents to run his own business. Later in life, Donald began driving Amish fami-

lies around the country, which was something he thoroughly enjoyed doing.  
Donald will be laid to rest during a private graveside service at Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.  
In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you do an act of kindness for a veteran in memory of Donald.  
Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockman-boeckmanfh.com.  
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

## Capsule Reports

### Intersection crash

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000 after a Bluffton man crashed into the back of the semi a Poneto man was driving at the intersection of Indiana 1 and Indiana 18 about 9 a.m. Wednesday.  
Jonathan M. Mygrant, 42, was

driving a 2024 Volvo truck south on Indiana 1. As he approached the intersection with Indiana 18, he stopped behind a 2014 Kenworth T680. Mygrant looked away from the road, and he told police later he thought the vehicle in front of him driven by 74-year-old Steven R.

Rush had continued into the intersection. Mygrant began driving forward and crashed into the back of the vehicle Rush was driving.  
The Volvo is registered to Maple Creek Logistics of Ossian, and the Kenworth is registered to Smith's Garage and Trucking of Poneto.

## Requests ...

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"Ivy Tech needs a bigger piece of the pie to deliver for Indiana, for employers and for Hoosiers," she said. "Despite the fact that Ivy Tech produced nearly half of post-secondary credentials last year, the college received 18% of higher education operating appropriations. Wouldn't it be rational for most investors to invest more in entities which deliver more?"  
Ellspermann noted the system is self-funding a capital project at a Fort Wayne campus, but needs state support for three other projects totaling nearly \$120 million. The campuses would raise and pay for the remaining 10% of costs for their projects.  
She outlined a \$67 million ask in Terre Haute, noting the campus' original 60-year-old building lacks a fire suppression system and has outdated labs. A \$35 million request

for the "landlocked" Evansville campus would replace a partially used strip mall with more room for health care, automotive technology and Industry 4.0 efforts. And \$15 million would take down the Michigan City campus' current facility, an old hospital, and build an advanced manufacturing facility.  
Ellspermann also asked lawmakers to keep a \$9 million line item aimed at graduating more nurses — it was initially approved during the pandemic's severe nursing crunch — and to add \$5 million so that Ivy Tech can keep offering high school students free summertime classes.  
IU President Pamela Whitten says the university system has already made some progress on its recently adopted strategic plan to support students, foster research and serve the state.

## Thune ...

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Trump did not formally endorse a Senate leader candidate, but Elon Musk, the tech giant who has become one of his advisers, did so on Sunday. He backed Scott. Trump addressed House Republicans Wednesday morning at a hotel near the Capitol, but multiple members said he did not address the Senate GOP leader race.  
Still, the president-elect congratulated Thune in a post on Truth Social, his social media platform.  
"Congratulations to Senator John Thune, the Newly Elected Senate Majority Leader. He moves quickly, and will do an outstanding job," Trump said.  
Ideologically, Scott was considered closest to Trump.

## SERVICES

<b>Today</b> <b>Clark</b> , Mary: noon, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Hough</b> , Norma: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva. <b>Morgan</b> , Sharon: 2 p.m., Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City.
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Hewson</b> , Gerald: 10 a.m., Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington.

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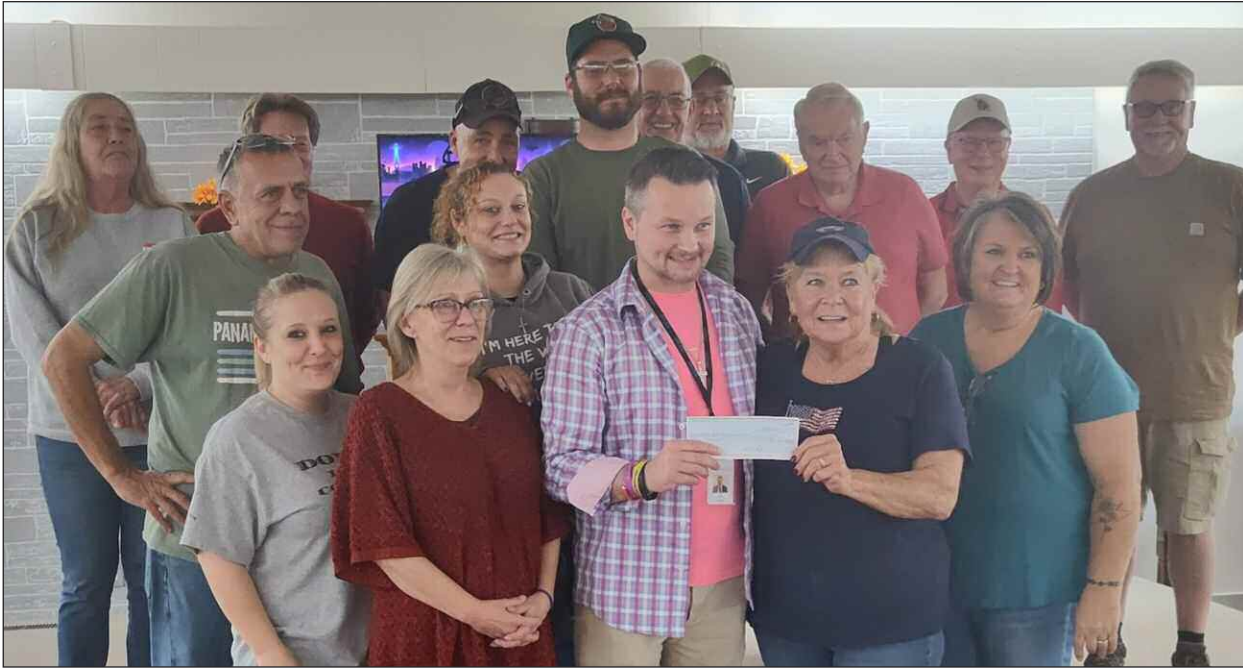


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## Grant accepted

Representatives of Dunkirk Brianna's Hope are shown above accepting a \$3,000 grant from Elks National Foundation presented by Vicky May, exalted ruler of Dunkirk Elks Lodge, and Elks members.

# Father frustrated with daughter's denial

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Virginia," age 27, lives with her boyfriend, "Ray," on the East Coast and teaches kindergarten. Last month, she confided that she had caught him cheating. She saw texts on his phone. When she confronted him, Ray immediately confessed and was very apologetic, but he also kept the woman's number in his phone.

Ray will soon be moving to another state, and her job will end in about three weeks. Virginia is seriously considering going with him and has also mentioned marriage. Her mother and I are divorced due to her mother's infidelity, but we agree that we will counsel her not to stay with him. Although he took responsibility, cheating is destructive in any serious relationship.

I have gone back and forth with Virginia via email, but sometimes she stops communicating. I haven't been harsh, but I did ask her why Ray would keep the other woman's number unless he wanted to remain in contact with her.

*Dear Abby*



Can you think of anything else a worried dad can do to help the situation? Obviously, Virginia can ignore parental advice and do what she wants. I am also wondering what I can say to Ray when I see him next. I neither want to give him a pass nor condemn him as a monster. — STRONG DAD IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR DAD: Talk with your daughter, face-to-face if possible. Tell her that, as an adult, she can do what she wants, but as a caring parent, you cannot stay silent. Remind her that Ray KEPT THE OTHER WOMAN'S NUMBER, which means he intends at some point to contact her. Explain**

that, to you, this means he is less committed to your daughter than he should be.

As to what you might say to Virginia's boyfriend, tell him you are disgusted by his selfishness and dishonesty, and he doesn't deserve your daughter. If you have any more thoughts on the subject you would like to share, feel free to air them.

DEAR ABBY: What would you say about a man who offered his wife's siblings an all-expense-paid trip to Paris, knowing that his wife could not consider going on such a trip because of mobility issues?

Full disclosure: The husband and wife have been to Paris in the past (when the wife's health was OK), but the husband feels the need to go again and has no one else to accompany him. His wife will be left home alone to fend for herself. Somehow, this whole deal leaves a bad taste in my mouth. Please set me straight. — HOME-BODY IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR HOMEBODY: People with physical disabilities travel internationally all the time. If the husband has the money to take his wife's siblings on an all-expense paid trip to Paris, surely he could afford to take his wife AND A CARE-GIVER with him on that trip down memory lane. That way, she would be looked after and still be able to enjoy the trip to the degree that she's able. Has no one suggested it besides me?

DEAR ABBY: Do you think it's unreasonable to ask an acquaintance/neighbor to send a quick text before dropping by? This neighbor lives within the same development I do. She is friendly enough, and we occasionally walk our dogs together, but she has a habit of coming by unannounced.

I was out one afternoon and noticed later while viewing my security camera that she had come by and brought with her

another woman and the woman's dog. I texted her and let her know that I saw that she had stopped by, and, in the future, I'd prefer she texted me before stopping over. Now she is offended and says she will "never stop over again."

I saw her walk by my house recently and came out to speak to her. When I tried to talk to her, she held up her hand and said, "Don't even speak to me!" I think this is childish and drama-filled. What do you think? — GROWN-UP IN OHIO

**DEAR GROWN-UP: I agree with you. The woman overreacted to your text. This is one of the reasons I believe talking on the phone or face-to-face is a better way to communicate because there's less chance of someone misconstruing a terse message and taking offense. As to her directive that you should not speak to her, take her up on it. Dropping in on someone with no warning is inconsiderate, bordering on rude.**

## Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

### Today

**DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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

**CINCINNATUS LEAGUE** — Will hold its next meeting at noon Friday, Nov. 15, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

### Saturday

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

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

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

### 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.

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

### Tuesday

**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.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

### Thursday's Solution

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

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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# Three I's dominate election results

By **NIKI KELLY**  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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As the results rolled in Tuesday night it became clear the 2024 general election was about the Three I's: inflation, immigration and independents.

And all three favored Republicans in what can only be called a trouncing nationally and in Indiana.

President-elect Donald Trump's victory was larger than expected, and the Senate also flipped to the GOP. Control of the U.S. House has not been finalized but also is trending Republican.

In Indiana, voters chose their fourth consecutive Republican governor. And despite some intrigue in the final weeks, it wasn't even close. Neither was the attorney general or U.S. Senate races.

And while Democrats had hoped to put a dent in legislative GOP supermajorities, at this point, not a single seat has

**Niki Kelly**



changed hands. A few remain close with final ballots being counted.

Which brings me back to the Three I's.

## Inflation

Inflation is something hard for any candidate to overcome. It's in every gallon of milk or carton of eggs people buy. It's there every time they write a check for their rent or mortgage. And it's in the shrinking pot of discretionary money for vacations or home improvements.

Conservative pollster Christine Matthews noted on X that high inflation produces one-term

presidencies. The highest rates were under former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, and the outgoing President Joe Biden.

Some thought this election would be a referendum on abortion and reproductive rights. But after two cycles it is clear the issue doesn't swing elections — especially here in Indiana.

When given the opportunity to vote directly on abortion access, many Americans support such freedoms. But Hoosiers have limited access to ballot measures. And when stacked next to wages and the economy, voters — especially those in the working class — place those issues higher.

## Immigration

Next up is immigration. Even those supportive and welcoming of immigrants coming to the United States were bothered by the pace and scope of the border crossings. And Republicans did a masterful job of ramping up the

fear around crime and illegal voting.

Democrats, meanwhile, underestimated its impact from early on in President Joe Biden's term.

Exit polling showed immigration was not the primary issue for voters but regularly ranked in the top five.

About 57% of voters in an October New York Times/Siena College poll said they supported deporting immigrants living in the country illegally, including about 30% of Democrats and 58% of independents. (About 85% of Republicans supported deportation.)

## Independents

And speaking of independents, with Republicans and Democrats entrenched on either side, the voters in the middle had their say.

Self-identified independents accounted for a larger share of voters in Tuesday's U.S. presidential election than Democrats and

were tied with Republicans, Reuters reported. The independent share stood at 34% in the latest update of the Edison Research exit poll, compared with 34% for Republicans and 32% for Democrats.

Republicans on the state and national levels now have mandates — and it's time to govern.

On the state level, I expect complex discussions on helping poor residents with medical care, cutting taxes while maintaining services and improving Indiana's economy.

Hopefully, our leaders will use that mandate judiciously and responsibly, and treat all Hoosiers with respect and empathy.

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# AI tools will change medicine

**Bloomberg Opinion**  
Tribune News Service

Cerebrospinal fluid leaks, caused by tears or holes in the spinal cord, are rare and difficult to identify. Because the symptoms aren't uncommon — including nausea, neck pain, ringing in the ears and debilitating positional headaches — patients can spend years without a proper diagnosis. Some have been told they have allergies.

As in a growing number of medical fields, artificial intelligence may upend the way such maladies are detected and treated — boosting accuracy, saving money and in many cases drastically improving lives. While most AI-enabled devices approved by U.S. regulators today are diagnostic, the potential uses of the technology in health care are vast, from automating tedious administrative tasks to accelerating drug discovery. By some estimates, broad adoption of AI could save up to \$360 billion in annual health spending.

Spinal fluid leaks may offer a glimpse of what's ahead. While an MRI can show changes in the brain that suggest a leak, finding the source — often a teeny, irregularly dribbling tributary, which can occur anywhere along the spine — requires the higher spatial resolution of a CT scanner. Yet the core technology running such machines hasn't meaningfully improved in decades.

Now that's changing. So-called photon-counting CT scanners use AI and advanced semiconductors to detect previously invisible spinal leaks, enabling treatment and often leading to full recovery. Patients have described the technology as life-changing.

Beyond neurology, such scanners can identify small irregularities before they become major health threats. Their ability to screen for cardiovascular disease and stroke, two of the top causes of death globally, could revolutionize preventative care.

A key challenge for AI-reliant medical devices is the amount of data needed to train their models. In the U.S., such information is often siloed in provider and hospital databases. The government has invested billions of dollars

## Guest Editorial

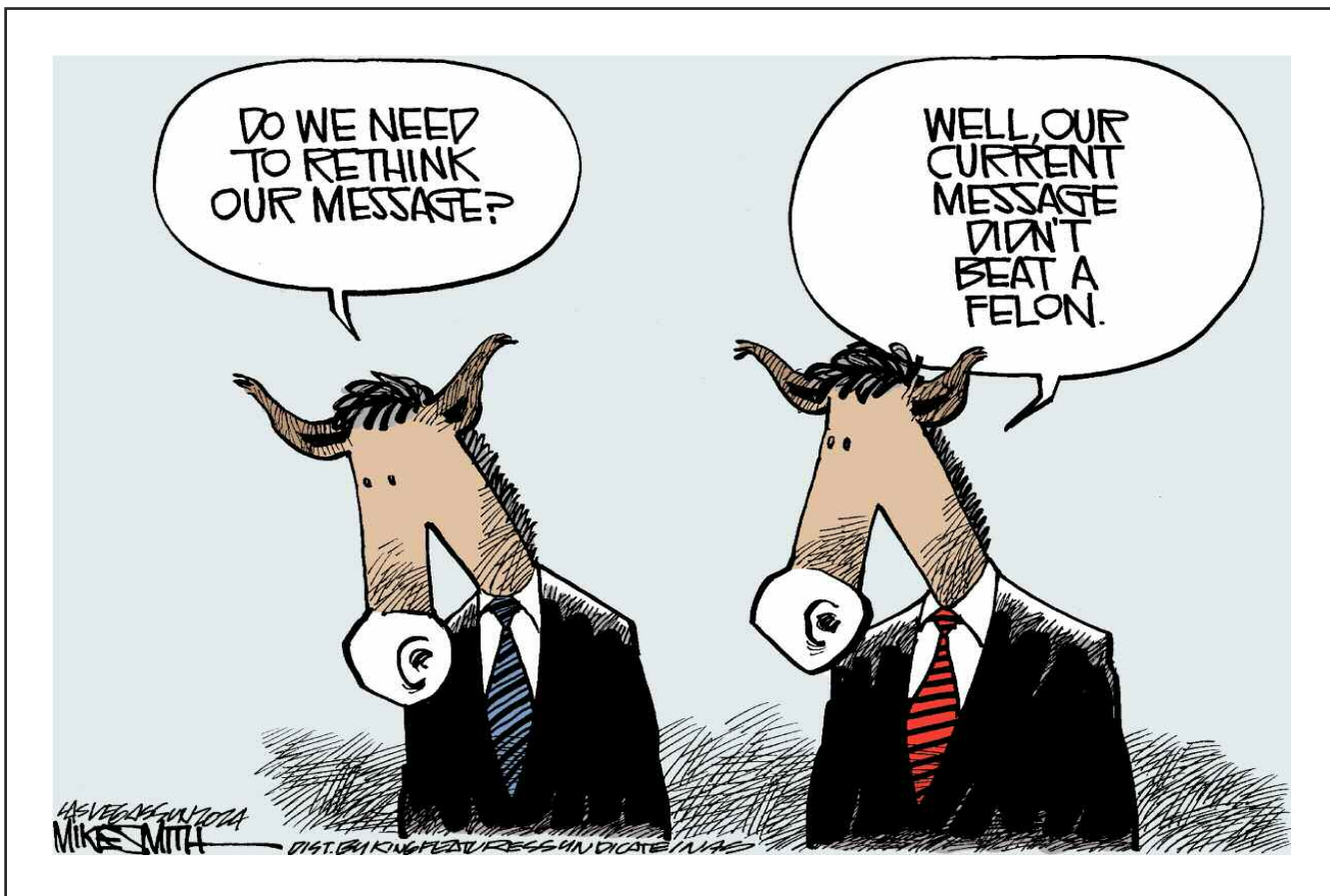
to encourage data sharing. Yet more than 60% of hospitals reported at least one major barrier to information exchanges last year; roughly 70% are still using fax machines.

Improving this picture should be a priority. The accuracy and usefulness of AI models depend on innovators gaining access to vast troves of data. Encouragingly, the private sector is in the early stages of building other AI tools that can process "unstructured" data. But while U.S. health agencies have shown interest, they haven't fully embraced such products for regulatory purposes.

Lawmakers, too, can do their part. With funding from Congress, agencies can collaborate to develop a large dataset of high-quality and anonymized patient information for AI training. Models trained on "regulatory grade data," as former Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb puts it, would improve diagnostic accuracy and could be granted streamlined approvals. Last week, the FDA and Department of Veterans Affairs announced one such plan — a joint "health AI lab" — to test AI tools using VA data. Narrowing the FDA's mission might also make better use of limited resources.

Relying on AI for diagnoses and preventative screenings isn't without drawbacks. In addition to cost, there's a risk of unnecessary or harmful interventions. Ultimately, though, faster, more accurate scans will become more affordable and increase access, especially for high-risk patients. It's worth noting the initial skepticism of preventative CT scans for smokers quickly dissipated once research showed screenings drastically reduced the risk of lung cancer.

The ability for AI to improve the lives of patients is no longer theoretical. With increased access to data, AI-driven treatment can become the standard of care.



# Trump should make peace

By **JONATHAN LEVIN**  
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U.S. bond markets have had a minor meltdown since former President Donald Trump pulled ahead in prediction markets and then won a second term Tuesday, putting upward pressure on mortgages and other household borrowing costs.

If the move continues, it could be a major source of disappointment for voters who trusted Trump to improve housing affordability and the cost of living.

Fortunately, there's a clear way for him to mitigate that damage and start his term on the right foot with bond markets: He should declare his full faith in Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, whose term runs until May 2026, and pledge to hold his tongue on matters of monetary policy.

I know this is a long shot, but hear me out.

On the back of the worst inflation in four decades, Trump's agenda of new import tariffs and high deficits has made bond investors understandably nervous. Trump's record of antagonism toward the country's independent central bank, the key safeguard against higher prices, only makes this worse.

During his first term, Trump famously berated Powell on Twitter for keeping rates too high. He has said that he wouldn't reappoint Powell in 2026. Meanwhile, theories have swirled about ways that the new president could push out or try to undermine Powell before then (in an interview with Bloomberg Businessweek, Trump denied he would fire the Fed chair, but he also seemed to caveat his response: "I would let him serve (his term) out especially if I thought he was doing

**Jonathan Levin**



the right thing," he told the publication on June 25).

The issue reemerged Thursday at the Fed's press conference after policymakers lowered the fed funds rate by a quarter percentage point to 4.5% to 4.75%. Here's the terse exchange between Powell and Politico reporter Victoria Guida:

Guida: Some of the president elect's advisors have suggested that you should resign. If he asked you to leave, would you go?

Powell: No.  
Guida: Can you follow up on — do you think that legally you're not required to leave?

Powell: No.  
Chair Powell was not messing around. Yields on 10-year notes initially fell around four basis points on the back of that comment, capping an 11-basis-point drop on the day.

Unfortunately, I'm fully aware that my peace plan may not be well received. Trump does not have an impressive record of pragmatism, nor is he known for extending olive branches to those with whom he disagrees. His first term was marked by a uniquely high rate of turnover in his cabinet, the firings often filled with reality show-like intrigue. He freely said what he thought, sometimes at the expense of jumps in yields and stock market volatility.

And this time, he's surrounded himself with people who seem disinterested in reining in his impulses.

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## Service to soil Veterans find new purpose through AgrAbility

By ERICKA BETHEL  
Purdue Ag News

In 2022, after serving in the Army for 30 years, Colonel Joe Ricker began exploring his next chapter in civilian life. Ricker joined the Department of Defense's SkillBridge Program, allowing service members to explore opportunities that might fit them as they transition out of their military careers. There, Ricker encountered the AgrAbility program headquartered at Purdue University and found his "next mission."

Not only did Ricker discover his new path in agriculture, but he also developed a desire to help other veterans. "I am passionate about supporting anything, whether it helps veterans get into the ag community or will help them as they transition into civilian life or keep them from hurting themselves," Ricker said.

AgrAbility's vision is to enhance the quality of life for farmers, ranchers and other agricultural workers with disabilities. National Manager Paul Jones has been with the organization for 26 of the organizations' 33 years and notes that while AgrAbility always served veterans, it was not until 2012 that they officially noticed a need to expand those services.

"While we have served veterans from the beginning, it wasn't necessarily a real focus until we held a veteran-related conference in 2012. After that conference, we realized this was an area where we needed continued effort," Jones said.

He recalls that through popular press and the work being done by the USDA it became clear there was a growing desire for veterans returning from active duty to do something different than they had done before, and many had seen or unseen disabilities which fit AgrAbility's mission.

As the veteran outreach coordinator, Ricker supports the veterans, such as John Antill, a former Corporal in the US Marine Corps and retired captain in the National Guard US Army, through the AgrAbility project. Antill owns and operates Little Critters Nursery in Edinburg, Indiana.

"I contacted AgrAbility to discuss some issues I had about problems with my back and what they could do to assist me with my specific problems," Antill said. "They assisted with many



Purdue University

Veterans visit an orchard as part of the AgrAbility program headquartered at Purdue University. AgrAbility seeks to enhance the quality of life for farmers, ranches and other agriculture workers with disabilities.

ideas to accommodate me in my work. AgrAbility helped me with everything from seed planters to help in designing a specialized rabbit cage system that would help collect the waste so I wouldn't have to empty trays and possibly injure myself further."

Not only does Ricker assist veterans with accessibility issues, but he also helps veterans experience agriculture to see if it might be a fit for them as they transition to civilian life. According to the USDA's 2022 Census of Agriculture, there are 6,621 producers with military service in Indiana. While some of these veterans have asked for help, there are other veterans with no exposure to agriculture who are looking for something new. Ricker is driven to help them discover if agriculture might be a fit for them.

This need is being met through partnerships with groups such as the United States Department of Agriculture, which provides grants and other local partners like Hoosier Uplands with the Indiana AgVets Ag Program.

The Indiana AgVets Certification and Internship Program is an agricultural career training opportunity specifically for U.S. military veterans in Indiana or surrounding states. Their program provides veterans with the opportunity to spend 400 hours on a farm, and receive a stipend of \$15 an hour. Veterans are matched with different farms and participate in various agriculture opportunities, from cattle ranching to beekeeping.

Purdue has also been a partner to AgrAbility from its genesis, providing a home and a partnership through Purdue Extension efforts and more.

"Being part of the Extension network has been very valuable in our work in terms of having access to the educators and the events that Extension is involved in," said Jones.

While exposure to agricultural careers is one focus of AgrAbility, Ricker says the program also remains committed to supporting veterans with disabilities through their work. "I don't

know if I've ever come across a client who says they don't have some physical impairment, in one way or another, from their time in service. Sometimes you don't see it. It's PTSD or TBI. Sometimes, it's like me, with arthritis that I fight through. Our goal is always to make everything in agriculture more accessible for those we serve."

Ricker believes agriculture can also be an excellent fit for many veterans because of its therapeutic nature. "I think veterans come out of service and are trying to find what they're best suited for in this new chapter. There are a lot of opportunities out there. You will see art and music programs that provide therapeutics. Digging in the dirt next to another veteran can provide an opportunity to open up. There is a whole plethora of goodness to agriculture."

Like any good mission, it succeeds when both sides benefit, and Ricker acknowledges that this work is benefiting the agriculture industry as well as the

veterans. "Veterans are a gift to the ag industry as well. These are individuals who are success-driven. They are trained that every mission has to be successful. Veterans are also community and service-minded. Many of them are searching for ways to give back in what they are doing in agriculture, whether that is donating back some of what they grow to feed their community at large or other veterans. They are looking for ways to return to their community and reconnect and being a part of the agricultural community is one way to make that happen."

By facilitating access to resources, education and hands-on experiences, AgrAbility not only supports veterans in their transition to civilian life but also works to help enhance their quality of life. As Ricker and his team continue to empower veterans like Antill, they demonstrate that with the right support, every veteran can embrace new opportunities and thrive in their next mission.

## Industry offers new path

By JORDAN STRICKLER  
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University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment researchers are turning one of the state's largest and fastest-growing industries into an unlikely renewable energy source.

In a study published in the Journal of Environmental Management led by Tyler Barzee, assistant professor of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering (BAE) and faculty fellow at the UK James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits (JBBI), Czarena Crofcheck, professor of BAE and faculty fellow at JBBI, and graduate researcher Danielle Hockensmith, the team discovered that stillage — a left-over byproduct from bourbon and whiskey production — holds the potential to be a sustainable energy supply.

This is where anaerobic digestion, a process that transforms organic material into renewable natural gas by using microorganisms without oxygen, plays a role.

This finding, plus the expectation that bourbon production will double in the next five years, could position Kentucky as a leader in both bourbon and renewable energy.

"Stillage has been piling up, and there just aren't enough cattle to consume it all," Crofcheck said. "So, distilleries are beginning to explore new ways to use this material, and renewable energy is one of the most promising solutions."

The team's research analyzed how the composition of bourbon stillage impacts the amount of

renewable natural gas generated. Whiskey and bourbon production involves a variety of mash bills.

The researchers found that these differences significantly alter the biogas output during anaerobic digestion. This discovery provides distilleries with critical insights into how their byproducts can be efficiently turned into energy, with each type of mash bill producing different methane and carbon dioxide levels.

While this process is common in waste management for agriculture and wastewater treatment industries, it is still relatively new to Kentucky's bourbon industry. Some large distilleries are leading the way by incorporating anaerobic digesters to convert their stillage into renewable natural gas. The benefits are twofold: distilleries can use the gas for their operations, reducing their reliance on external energy and lowering waste disposal costs.

The researchers noted that the gas can be used in multiple ways, including fueling trucks, heating homes or generating electricity. This creates a valuable opportunity for distilleries to cut energy costs and become more self-sufficient. Some distilleries are exploring the possibility of using their renewable gas to power their operations, such as steam boilers, which are essential for production.

"This study shows that not only can distilleries help alleviate the environmental burden of excess stillage, but they can also create a circular system where waste turns into fuel," Barzee said. "This is a local solution that could

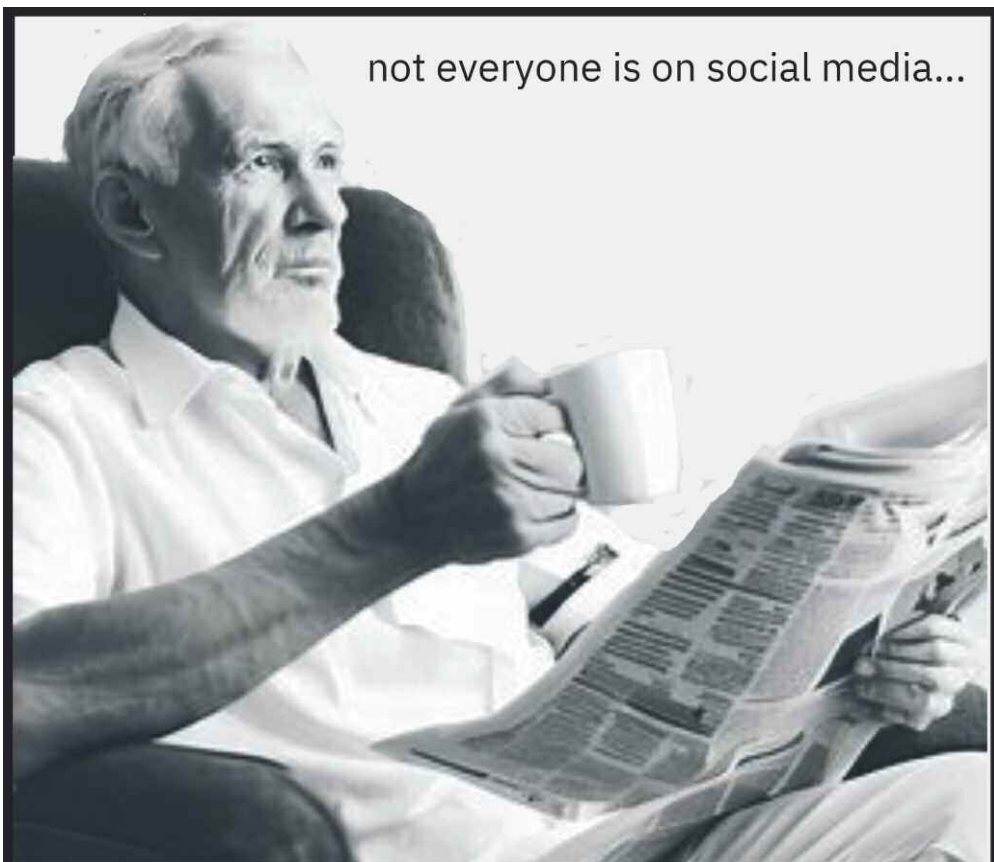
position Kentucky as a leader in both bourbon and renewable energy."

The project also highlights the broader impact that stillage-based energy production can have. The researchers calculated the potential energy yield from distillery waste as part of the study. If implemented at scale, anaerobic digestion could provide significant energy, equivalent to powering entire distillery operations or neighboring facilities. It can also be upgraded to renewable natural gas, a pipeline-quality gas that can replace conventional natural gas.

Hockensmith, who worked on the project as part of her master's research, personally gathered and analyzed 14 different samples of stillage from Kentucky distilleries.

"This project was extremely exciting because it provided some insight into a much larger problem and provides a potential solution for one of the state's largest industries," Hockensmith said. "I had the opportunity to visit distilleries I had never visited before. Engineering is all about problem solving and continuous improvement, and this project was exactly that."

The work is already catching the attention of major distillers, and Kentucky could soon see an increase in digesters dedicated to processing bourbon stillage. Beyond individual distilleries, the research opens doors to regional hubs where smaller producers could contribute stillage to centralized digesters, creating a network of renewable energy production.



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1. You are East, defending against Four Spades.

North  
 ♠ Q J 9 5  
 ♥ J 4  
 ♦ 6 3  
 ♣ A Q J 7 2

East  
 ♠ 6 2  
 ♥ Q 10 3  
 ♦ A K J 9 4  
 ♣ K 8 3

The bidding has gone:  
 East 1♠ South 1♥ West 2♦ North 3♠  
 Pass 4♠

West leads the diamond five to your king, and when you continue with your ace, South ruffs. Declarer cashes the queen and ace of trump. West following suit, then leads the club ten and finesses, losing to your king. What would you return?

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the spade nine. How would you play the hand?

West  
 ♠ J 10 4  
 ♥ K 7 3  
 ♦ J 8 5 2  
 ♣ K Q 9

East  
 ♠ A K 7  
 ♥ A J 4  
 ♦ A Q 10 9  
 ♣ J 10 3

1. The proper return is a club! If you were to shift to a low heart instead, it would hand South the contract if he had, say, ♠ AK1083 ♥ K972 ♦ 10 ♣ 1095 and played low on your return. The same

would be true if you returned the queen, which would establish dummy's jack after South covered with the king. If you led a club, however, declarer would eventually lose two heart tricks and go down one. You should reason that if declarer has the ace of hearts, he has 10 unassailable tricks — five spades, four clubs and a heart — while if he doesn't have the heart ace, he has only nine tricks unless you lead a heart and hand him his 10th.

2. With correct play, you are certain to make the contract regardless of how the opposing cards are divided. Win the opening spade lead with the ace, cross to the king of hearts and finesse the jack of diamonds. If North has the king, you make 10 tricks easily, so let's assume the jack loses to the king. South can't hurt you by returning a spade or a heart, either of which would hand you a trick, nor can he harm you by leading a club or a diamond. Your two club tricks assure you of a favorable outcome.

If you started with a spade finesse at trick one, you would fail if turned out that South had five or six spades headed by the queen, plus the king of diamonds and ace of clubs. Similarly, you could go down if you took the ace of spades at trick one and played a club at trick two. If North won with the ace and led another spade, you could soon find yourself in serious trouble.

Tomorrow: The element of safety.

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## 2024-25 Fort Recovery bowling preview



Pictured is the 2024-25 Fort Recovery boys bowling team. Front row from left are Eli Lennartz, Riley Grieshop, Drew Backs and Anthony Roessner. Back row are coach Corey Gerlach, Reece LeFevre, Gabe Acheson, Garrett Diller and assistant coach Jerry Vogel.

### Boys projected lineup

- Gabe Acheson
- Drew Backs
- Garrett Diller
- Riley Grieshop
- Reece LeFevre
- Eli Lennartz
- Anthony Roessner

### Coach Corey Gerlach says:

"We've got a young group of kids. It's going to initially be, maybe a bit of a rebuild, but what I'd really like to see is us somewhere on the top part of the MAC leaderboard again this year like we have the past couple of years. I think that's a possibility, it's just going to take some dedication."

### Girls projected lineup

- Jordyn Aisenbrey
- Deanna Brown
- Saidy DeRoo
- Kayla Heitkamp
- Emily Lauber
- Ella Schoen
- Lilah Thien
- Maddie Weigel
- Jadyn Wyerick

Pictured is the 2024-25 Fort Recovery girls bowling team. Front row from left are Jordyn Aisenbrey, Kayla Heitkamp, Emily Lauber, Ella Schoen and Saidy DeRoo. Back row are assistant coach Steve Westgerdes, Deanna Brown, Maddie Weigel, Jadyn Wyerick, Lilah Thien and coach Alison Rosegrant.

### 2023-24 season

The Indians got off to a hot start last season, claiming five of six matches through the first month and a half. They faltered in early January, leading to an 8-4 record, 4-3 in the MAC to place fourth. Fort Recovery made up for it in the MAC tournament, dominating the field with a score of 2,629, beating runner-up New Bremen by 169 pins. FRHS placed third in the sectional meet with 3,740 to claim one of four district berths. The Tribe fell 65 pins short of a trip to state despite knocking down a total of 4,029. Senior Lucas Acheson won MAC Player of the Year, but came up short of an individual berth by 39.

## 2024-25 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Saturday, Nov. 16	Memorial***	Plaza Lanes	9:15 a.m.
<b>Saturday, Nov. 23</b>	<b>Mississinewa Valley*</b>	<b>Miracle Lanes</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
Wednesday, Nov. 27	Richmond*	Richmond 40 Bowl	5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 30	St. Henry (non-con)*	Pla-Mor Lanes	9:15 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 7	Elks Invitational**	Poelking Lanes	9 a.m.
<b>Saturday, Dec. 14</b>	<b>Marion Local***</b>	<b>Miracle Lanes</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
Saturday, Dec. 21	Parkway***	Speedway Lanes	9:15 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 28	St. Henry*	Community Lanes	9:15 a.m.
<b>Sunday, Dec. 29</b>	<b>Richmond**</b>	<b>Miracle Lanes</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Monday, Dec. 30	BHS Classic**	T-P Lanes	9 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 4	Versailles***	Speedway Lanes	9:15 a.m.
<b>Friday, Jan. 10</b>	<b>Fort Loramie***</b>	<b>Miracle Lanes</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Jan. 11	New Bremen***	Plaza Lanes	9:15 a.m.
<b>Friday, Jan. 17</b>	<b>Ansonia***</b>	<b>Miracle Lanes</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Jan. 18	Coldwater***	McBo's Lanes	9:15 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25	Minster***	Pla-Mor Lanes	9:15 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4	MAC Tournament**	Community Lanes	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8	MAC Tournament*	Community Lanes	9:15 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 11	Sectional**	Rollhouse Dayton	9 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 13	Sectional*	Rollhouse Dayton	9 a.m.
Tuesday Feb. 18	District*	Beaver-Vu Lanes	9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Feb. 19	District**	Beaver-Vu Lanes	9 a.m.
Friday Feb. 28	State**	H.P. Lanes	TBA
Saturday March 1	State*	H.P. Lanes	TBA

Home matches in bold  
\*Boys only matches, \*\*Girls only matches, \*\*\*Both boys and girls compete  
During MAC matches, girls will start at approximately 1 p.m.

### Coach Alison Rosegrant says:

"We're really excited this year because we have four of our starters from last year's team that went to state. So, we're coming in with a very strong varsity base. We have three new girls that we picked up this year, all of which bowled in the youth program, so they're coming in with already some years of experience under their belts. So we're looking to have a very strong start to the season and hopefully that carries through all the way and we can make it to state again this year."

### Key returners

- Riley Grieshop  
197.2 average pinfall
- Gabe Acheson  
172.5 average pinfall

### Key departures

- Lucas Acheson  
215.8 average pinfall
- Austin Steinbrunner  
192.3 average pinfall
- Owen Knapke  
180.2 average pinfall
- Nate Jutte  
180.2 average pinfall

### Fast facts

•Gerlach plans to utilize several JV players at the varsity level throughout the season including Clint Pottkotter, A.J. Siefiring, Troy Post, Leland Wilson and Riley Stammen.

•The girls team made it to the state tournament for the first time in program history following Abigail Lauber, sister of Emily Lauber, who made it as an individual.

•Both coach Corey Gerlach and Alison Rosegrant are entering their ninth seasons as the coach of the Indians.

•The boys team loses MAC Player of the year Lucas Acheson, while the girls lose 1st-teamer Brooklyn Wyerick.

### Key returners

- Ella Schoen  
171.3 average pinfall

### Key returners

- Emily Lauber  
168.9 average pinfall

### Key returners

- Kayla Heitkamp  
156.9 average pinfall

### Key returners

- Deanna Brown  
151.1 average pinfall

### Key departures

- Brooklyn Wyerick  
172.3 average pinfall

### 2023-24 season

The Indians had their best season in program history last year, finishing 6-0 in the Midwest Athletic Conference to claim the title and remain undefeated in non-conference matches as well. Fort Recovery rolled into the postseason by taking the MAC tournament championship by 22 pins over Coldwater. FRHS fell 91 pins short of the sectional championship, but still moved on to the district meet, where it also finished as the runner-up to clinch a state berth. The Tribe ultimately fell 13 pins short of a top-eight finish in the first round.

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located: Women's Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 W Votaw St., Portland, IN  
Saturday Morning  
November 16th, 2024  
9:30 A.M.

### GUNS-FISHING EQUIPMENT-OLD ITEMS

Winchester gun safe; Winchester Model 12-12 gauge pump; Remington Model 770 w/scope; winchester model 1400-12 gauge semi-automatic with vent rib; Smith Wesson 44 caliber pistol; holsters; fiberglass cane pole; fly rod; several bait casters to include open face and closed face; tackle boxes; several old fishing lures; US bayonet; Portland Forge anvils; and other items not listed.

### MOWER-TOOLS

Simplicity ZT1500 zero turn mower with Kawasaki engine and 42" deck; Century 115V arc welder; Craftsman 12" bandsaw; Dewalt 13" thickness planer; Tool Shop air compressor; Craftsman roto zip; Skil plate joiner; bolt cutter; Biscuit joiner; vise grips; several furniture clamps; palm sanders; drop cords; and many other items not listed.  
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### 90 SALE CALENDAR

520-H riding mower with 48" cut and snowblower, Craftsman 10" table saw, Porch Swing, 3 hole dog box for pickup truck, Garage and shop tools. Several items not to mention.  
OWNER: Richard L. Manor

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### 90 SALE CALENDAR

### FARM EQUIPMENT-MISC.

Steiger 9 shank disc chisel, JD 7000 12 row planter, Great Plains folding drill, International 1190 haybine, New Holland hayliner 68 sq. baler, News idea single axle PTO manure spreader, Cross double chain elevator, Bench with Ammco 1000 break lathe and grinder, Electric golf cart, Large auction, several items not mentioned.  
OWNER: Max Kirkwood Estate, by Steve Kirkwood

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### 90 SALE CALENDAR

### REAL ESTATE

3 bedroom home containing 1150 sq. ft. finished living area. GFA with Central air. 30 x 40 pole barn. Several recent updates. Nicely situated on 2 acres.  
ANTIQUES-HOUSEHOLD-MISC  
Knock down wardrobe, Wall, mantle, & came back clocks, Christmas blow molds, GE Washer & dryer, Frigidaire upright freezer, Howard Miller grandfather clock, Barcalounger lift chair (new), Leather loveseat with matching chair (new), Electric guitar, Line amp., 3pt post hole auger, Roll-away tool box, Portable air compressor.  
OWNER: Linda Arnold Estate, Michael Slusser PR

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The FRHS bowling teams open the season Saturday, see previews page 7

# Sports

JCHS girls basketball hosts Hamilton Heights Saturday, see Sports on tap

## Bronny will not travel for G League games

By PETER SBLENDORIO  
New York Daily News  
Tribune News Service

Bronny James' first NBA season continues to play out differently than that of the typical rookie.

The 20-year-old son of LeBron James is expected to play in only home games for the G League affiliate of the Los Angeles Lakers, as NBA insider Brian Windhorst referenced on Wednesday's episode of his ESPN podcast.

And Windhorst, formerly an Ohio newspaper reporter who began covering the elder James as a high schooler more than two decades ago, disagrees with that decision.

### NBA Insider questions decision to only play in home games

"I'm gonna apply the brakes on my 'everything's fine on the Bronny front' with this thing that's now happening, which is that, from my understanding, he's only gonna play in the South Bay Lakers home games," Windhorst said on "The Hoop Collective."

"That he's only gonna kind of be a part-time G League player, and he's not getting on United Airlines and going to fly and ... play in these road games."

ESPN's Shams Charania had also reported on the Lakers' plan last week, writing when Bronny was assigned to the G League that he was expected to play in only home games as he went back and forth between the Lakers and South Bay.

The South Bay Lakers are based in nearby El Segundo, Calif.

Windhorst contended that the plan is not beneficial for Bronny, opining it would be "much bet-

ter" for the young guard's development if he were to play in road games.

"I know he was getting somewhat special treatment and nepotism. That's fine," Windhorst said. "Honestly, I don't care. ... It's normal. Now, I think it's actually detrimental to him."

Bronny, the eldest of James' three children, was projected by some to be a first-round pick in the 2024 NBA draft before his freshman season at USC.

He suffered cardiac arrest at a USC practice in July of 2023, which required a procedure for a congenital heart defect and delayed his college debut by a little over a month. Bronny averaged 4.8 points, 2.8 rebounds and

2.1 assists per game in 25 games, including six starts, at USC.

The Lakers then drafted Bronny in the second round, with the 55th overall pick, in June's draft.

Bronny made his NBA debut in the Lakers' season opener on Oct. 22, checking in alongside his 39-year-old father in the second quarter of that 110-103 home win over the Minnesota Timberwolves. That marked the first time in NBA history that a father and son played together.

Bronny totaled four points with a rebound and two assists in 16 minutes over his six NBA appearances. He scored six points with four assists and three rebounds in his G League debut on Saturday.



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## Gregg Popovich suffered mild stroke on Nov. 2

By PETER SBLENDORIO  
New York Daily News  
Tribune News Service

San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich suffered a mild stroke this month, and his absence remains indefinite, the team announced Wednesday.

He is expected to make a full recovery.

Popovich, a five-time champion head coach with the Spurs who is also the team's president, suffered the stroke on Nov. 2 at San Antonio's Frost Bank Center. He did not coach in that night's win over the Minnesota Timberwolves, and he missed each of the next five games as well.

The Spurs, who had not previously specified Popovich's health issue, said Wednesday that the 75-year-old has started a rehabilitation program.

"At this point, a timeline for his return to the sidelines has not been determined," the Spurs said in a statement. "During this time, the organization is grateful to the extended community for providing privacy and space to the Popovich family."

The Spurs began Wednesday with a 5-6 record and were 3-3 under interim head coach Mitch Johnson.

"Pop's impact on our organization, from the players that he's coached and the staff that's worked with him and the community of San Antonio, it's hard to articulate or put into words," Johnson, a Spurs assistant since 2019, said during his pregame press conference on Nov. 4.

"Right now, his health is the number one priority, and we support him in that 100 percent. I talked to him last night. He's in good spirits. He'll be OK. He is

### Spurs coach expected to make a full recovery

OK, and we can't wait to have him back."

Popovich is in his 29th season as the Spurs' head coach. His 1,390 wins in the regular season are the most by a head coach in NBA history.

He won championships in 1999, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2014, each of which featured Hall of Fame power forward Tim Duncan on the Spurs' roster. Popovich is a three-time NBA Coach of the Year.

Popovich is now in charge of leading a rebuild for the Spurs, who have finished with a 22-60 record in both of the last two seasons.

At the forefront of that rebuild is 7-4 center Victor Wembanyama, the first overall pick in the 2023 NBA draft, who was the NBA's Rookie of the Year last season and earned first-team All-Defensive honors.

The French-born Wembanyama entered Wednesday averaging 19.7 points, 10.5 rebounds and 3.9 blocks this season, leading the Spurs in each category.

"We all miss him. We hope he's all right," Wembanyama said of Popovich on Nov. 4. "We know he's gonna want to come back earlier than he probably should, but that's Pop."

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## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Saturday**  
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Hamilton Heights — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Boys and girls bowling vs. St. Mary's at Celina — 9:15 a.m.; Girls basketball scrimmage at Fort Loramie — 9:30 a.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
5 p.m. — College basketball: Virginia at Villanova (TNT)  
6 p.m. — College basketball: TCU at Michigan (FS1)  
6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: UConn at North Carolina (ESPN2)  
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Monmouth at Rutgers (BTN)  
7 p.m. — NBA In-Season Tournament: Miami Heat at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA In-Season Tournament: Los Angeles Lakers at San Antonio Spurs (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — College football: North Texas at UTSA (ESPN2)  
8 p.m. — College basketball: Marquette at Maryland (FS1)  
8:30 p.m. — College basketball: Washington State at Iowa (BTN)  
9 p.m. — College football: UCLA at Washington (FOX)  
10 p.m. — NBA In-Season Tournament: Memphis Grizzlies at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)  
10:15 p.m. — College football: Houston at Arizona (FS1)

at Washington Spirit (CBS)  
1 p.m. — College basketball: Notre Dame at Georgetown (NBC)  
1 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Boston Bruins (FDSN Indiana)  
2:30 p.m. — College football: Michigan State at Illinois (FS1)  
3:30 p.m. — College football: Virginia at Notre Dame (NBC); Penn State at Purdue (CBS); LSU at Florida (ABC); Boston College at SMU (ESPN)  
4 p.m. — College football: Nebraska at USC (FOX); Baylor at West Virginia (ESPN)  
4 p.m. — College basketball: Yale at Minnesota (BTN)  
6 p.m. — College football: Rutgers at Maryland (FS1)  
6 p.m. — College basketball: Bowling Green at Michigan State (BTN); Florida Atlantic at Liberty (YouTube)  
7 p.m. — College football: Arizona State at Kansas State (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Tennessee at Georgia (ABC); Oregon at Wisconsin (NBC)  
8 p.m. — College football: Cincinnati at Iowa State (FOX); UAB at Memphis (ESPN2)  
8 p.m. — College basketball: Loyola Marymount at Saint Louis (FDSN Indiana)  
9:30 p.m. — College football: Washington State at New Mexico (FS1)  
10:15 p.m. — College football: Kansas at BYU (ESPN)  
10:30 p.m. — College football: San Diego State at UNLV (FS1)

### Local notes

**Final race**  
12 p.m. — College football: Texas at Arkansas (ABC); Tulane at Navy (ESPN2); Ohio State at Northwestern (BTN); Clemson at Pitt (ESPN); Utah at Colorado (FOX)  
12 p.m. — College basketball: Wake Forest at Xavier (FS1)  
12 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Gotham FC

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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