

DOC to pay \$12 million to jails

Department owes for housing state-level offenders

By NIKI KELLY  
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The Indiana Department of Correction owes Indiana jails about \$12.7 million in payments for housing state offenders — but there is a plan in place to pay it back starting July 1 and avoid the problem in the future.

The state prison system exhausted its appropriation for jail payments earlier this year. At the time, it wasn't clear how much money counties were losing.

But the DOC provided a spreadsheet showing a county-by-county tally of the arrears. Elkhart County has the highest bill at \$1 million with Allen and Marion counties following.

Capt. Michael Culp with the Elkhart County Sheriff's Office said the county last received a payment from the state in August 2024.

He said, on average, the county houses between 40-50 inmates that are sentenced to DOC. The prison system will generally only accept 20 inmates at a time, which leads to a higher than normal DOC committed population, with longer stays in the jail.

Allen County's jail is a \$20-million operation and Auditor Nick Jordan said the \$773,000 owed by the state would fund "a handful or two of confinement officers." Without that state reimbursement, the county has to rely on property and local income tax revenue.

Annie Goeller, spokeswoman for DOC, said the new fiscal year begins July 1 and the agency has a plan to send the money owed once the funding is received from state budget officials.

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Time for pride



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Amanda Blair is getting settled into her new office this week after taking over as executive director of Jay County Chamber of Commerce on Monday. She was hired in late May to take over the role from Tabby Sprunger, who resigned in July 2024. She said she hopes to highlight all of the things that should bring pride to the community.

New Jay County Chamber executive director wants to highlight all community has to offer

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review  
Community pride.

Though she has only been back in her native community since 2024, Amanda Blair has plenty.

She wants to spread it in Jay County and beyond as she has stepped into a new leadership role.

Blair was announced in late May as the new executive director of Jay County Chamber of Commerce and started work with the organization on Monday.

"I would love to showcase our town because there are some pretty amazing things here," she said Wednesday while taking a break from sorting through her new office. "We have a lot of amazing downtown opportunities. The buildings are fantastic. They're just beautiful. ... And there's so much potential for a real business downtown."

"Right now I feel like there needs to be more of a sense of pride in our community," she

added. "We have a lot to offer. ... So I feel like that needs to come back."

She takes over from Tabby Sprunger, who resigned from the position in July 2024.

In her first few days on the job, Blair has been learning about the chamber's past while beginning to chart a new future. She's talked with administrative assistant Sue Bailey and reviewed documents to learn about what

has been done previously.

She's also chatted with the owners of Bizzy Dips, The Cottage Shop and Sculpt Fitness. She planned to meet with officials from Tyson Mexican Original on Wednesday afternoon.

Those conversations are the start of what she hopes to be many in the coming weeks and months, as she said she would like to do a listening tour to have face-to-face conversations with

business owners and leaders.

"We really need to listen to our businesses and find out what's needed," Blair said. "And then offer opportunities for partnership ..."

A 1999 Jay County High School graduate, Blair went on to earn a bachelor's degree in music from Indiana Wesleyan University and followed it with a master's in divinity. She spent about 10 years as a pastor at Trinity Wesleyan Church of Tipton.

As the community began to rebound from the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, she took a role as program manager for Tipton County Chamber of Commerce. It was her experience there that led to her interest in her new role.

"I really loved the job," she said. "I loved working with businesses and especially young entrepreneurs ... Being able to come alongside some young people and really see their vision and then help them create business plans to move forward."

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Meet the new leaders

Jay County Development Corporation and Jay County Chamber of Commerce will hold a meet-and-greet for their new executive directors this month. Ceann Bales started with JCDC in April while Amanda Blair took the chamber role this week.

3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 24  
at Community Resource Center  
118 S. Meridian St., Portland



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Police officers enforce curfew in downtown Los Angeles at City Hall on Tuesday in Los Angeles, California. Mayor Karen Bass imposed a regional curfew on Tuesday.

L.A. is under a curfew

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — Following four days of escalating protests that defaced landmarks and damaged property in downtown L.A., Mayor Karen Bass imposed a regional curfew on Tuesday in an effort to restore order.

The curfew is in place from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. across most of downtown Los Angeles.

Bass said that she expects the curfew to remain in place for several days and will consult with law enforcement and elected leaders before lifting it. She said it was necessary to curb the actions of "bad actors who do not support the immigrant community."

U.S. Marines arrived in the city on Tuesday

U.S. Marines arrived in Los Angeles on Tuesday amid growing concerns about a lack of coordination and communication between local police and the federal forces.

The Trump administration

has vowed to send 4,000 National Guard troops and 700 Marines to Los Angeles to protect immigration agents and federal buildings from protests, some of which have turned violent. But there remains something of a mystery about exactly where the forces are being stationed and exactly what they will do.

Local law enforcement sources said coordination between police and the feds has been limited, a distinct contrast to other times troops have hit the streets of L.A., including in 2020 during George Floyd demonstrations and amid the 1992 riots.

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Deaths

Bernice McClurg, 92, Portland  
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 75 degrees Tuesday. The low was 56.

Tonight's low will be in the upper 60s. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with a chance of showers and storms and a high in the mid 80s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Times for traditional meal service through the Jay School Corporation summer feeding program have changed. Meals will be available from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to noon at West Jay Community Center and from 9 to 9:15 a.m. and noon to 12:15 p.m. at Jay Community Center.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of this week's Jay County Council meeting.

Saturday — Results from Griffin Byrum in the golf regional at The Players Club.

Tuesday — Photos from the Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee.



# Pride ...

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“That was great. I really loved that portion of the job.”

She hopes to be able to bring some of the Tipton County initiatives she worked on and implement them in Jay County.

As Blair looks ahead, she said she plans to get a chamber golf outing scheduled for late summer or early fall. The chamber will also continue to be involved in the Parade of Lights and other Christmas activities.

She said to expect new programming to be launched in 2026. The process will include reaching out to members through a “total resource campaign” in an effort to lock in sponsors and provide them with a variety of options to choose from.

Longer-term goals are

# DOC ...

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“The budget bill addressed a number of issues surrounding county jail payments, including the amount funded per year, when payment requests must be submitted and paid, and the per diem rate,” Goeller said. “DOC is also working on a plan to ensure compliance with this legislation.”

Stephen Luce, executive director of the Indiana Sheriffs’ Association, applauded DOC and legislative leaders for working with sheriffs to make the situation right.

“This is going to be good for the counties, and at the same time I know Commissioner (Lloyd) Arnold is really making this a priority to make sure

to highlight some of the assets that already exist in Jay County, she said, mentioning Arts Place, John Jay Center for Learning and events such as the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show and the Jay County Fair.

“There are some really

unique things in this community,” she said.






She also came back to that same word — pride.

“Jay County is a good place to live,” she said. “It really is. It’s a great place to live. It’s a great place to call home.

“I think a sense of pride is really what’s needed around here sometimes.”

“I’m very excited about this new role and the potential it has and the potential that can happen with the chamber and the community,” she added. “I’m excited about it.”

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Friday's forecast shows a slight chance of rain with a higher chance at night.	Saturday looks to be rainy with a 90% chance of thunderstorms.	Sunday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of thunderstorms.	There's a 30% chance of thunderstorms on Monday when the high will be around 80.	Tuesday's forecast shows a slight chance of rain with highs in the middle 80s.

# Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$65 million	Daily Three: 1-5-8 Daily Four: 3-5-8-4 Quick Draw: 6-7-12-17-18-19-20-21-25-27-29-32-34-42-43-45-55-56-58-63
<b>Mega Millions</b> 10-11-14-38-45 Mega Ball: 24 Estimated jackpot: \$264 million	<b>Ohio</b> Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 4-9-1 Pick 4: 0-5-4-9 Pick 5: 9-4-8-7-3 Evening Pick 3: 5-2-2 Pick 4: 0-1-3-5 Pick 5: 4-1-6-5-3 Rolling Cash: 1-11-13-15-34 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 3-4-1 Daily Four: 7-8-8-1 Quick Draw: 3-5-9-13-17-22-23-25-26-32-38-45-47-48-49-55-56-57-60-65 Evening	

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# Today in history

In 1929, Anne Frank was born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Frank is known for her diary written during her family's two years in hiding from the Germans in the Netherlands.

In 1964, Nelson Mandela got life in prison for conspiring to overthrow the state and spent 27 years incarcerated. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 and became President of South Africa.

In 1977, American serial killer David Berkowitz was sentenced to life in prison for murdering six people in New York City. He sent letters to New York newspapers amid the timeline of the murders. He signed the letters as “Son of Sam.”

In 2017, Dunkirk City Council voted 3-2 in a deal to pay for a \$75,000 forgivable loan from the city to the developers of Todd Opera House, Ray Willey and Bill Brown.

— The CR

# Citizen’s calendar

<b>Thursday</b> 6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
<b>Monday</b> 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 404 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.	<b>Tuesday</b> 3 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff’s Office Merit Board executive session, training room, sheriff’s office, 224 W. Water St., Portland. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 Butler St.

# Obituaries

## Bernice McClurg

Oct. 9, 1932-June 11, 2025

Bernice McClurg age 92, a resident of Portland, passed away on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at Per-simmon Ridge in Portland.

Bernice was born Oct. 9, 1932, in Jay County, Indiana, the daughter of Norman and Mono (Campbell) Stoner. She graduated from Portland High School in 1950 and married Max McClurg on March 9, 1952. He passed away on Feb. 8, 2018.

Bernice and her husband owned and operated McClurg Hardware in Portland for many years. She was also a teller at Peoples Bank in Portland. Bernice was a member of West Walnut Church of Christ in Portland.

Survivors include: Three daughters — Karen Landess (husband: Mike), Portland, Indiana, Kathy Heckaman (husband: Lynn), West Lafayette, Indiana, and



McClurg

Kay Soddors (husband: Brad), Baltimore, Ohio

Nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by a son, Randy McClurg.

Visitation will be held on Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Pastor Gil Alicea will officiate and burial will follow at Salamonia Cemetery in Salamonia, Indiana.

Memorials may be directed towards West Walnut Church of Christ Missions Fund.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

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# Curfew ...

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Such a large federal force has raised eyebrows because most of the clashes have occurred in a relatively small part of downtown Los Angeles as opposed to scattered across the city. L.A. police commanders have at times felt stretched as they deal with rowdy crowds at night that vandalize and steal from buildings, the sources said, but they believe local authorities are much better equipped to bring order than outside forces.

Police stepped up arrests Monday night and sources said officials are considering a nightly curfew in some parts of downtown.

“The possible arrival of federal military forces in Los Angeles — absent clear coordination — presents a significant logistical and operational challenge for those of us tasked with safeguarding this city,” L.A. Police Chief Jim McDonnell said. “The Los Angeles Police Department, alongside our mutual aid partners, have decades of experience

managing public demonstrations, and we remain confident in our ability to do so effectively and professionally.”

Local police have long vowed not be involved in immigrant enforcement activists. So they have little readout about where the actions are taking place.

“We never know when, we never know how long,” L.A. Mayor Karen Bass said of the raids during a news conference on Tuesday. “But that very notion creates such a terrible sense of fear in our city, and it’s just not right to do that to a population who’s trying to survive.”

Up to now, the LAPD, L.A. County Sheriff’s Department and local law enforcement agencies have dealt with street protests, a task to which officers received extensive training. National Guard troops have been seen protecting federal buildings. But Trump administration officials have repeatedly threatened to have troops take a more active role in policing during protests.

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# Allergies are common, manageable

By USHA THAPA

Studies show that 1 in 3 adults and 1 in 4 children in the United States have seasonal allergies, eczema (skin condition caused by irritant or allergen) or a food allergy. Allergies are common and anyone can get them at any age.

### What are allergies?

Allergies are caused by the body's overreaction to a foreign substance in the environment it sees as harmful. These are also called allergens. The foreign substances can include many things such as food, pollen, mold, dust and pet dander.

### What are symptoms of allergies?

Symptoms can vary for

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everyone and is dependent on how much contact you have with the allergen. If you breath it in, your symptoms could include coughing, wheezing or an itchy, runny or stuffy nose. If it comes through your eyes, you may experience itchy, red, watery eyes. A rash may occur if it contacts your skin and if you ingest something you are allergic to you may experience vomiting and diarrhea.

A severe allergic reaction, or anaphylaxis, usually involves more than one part of the body and is sudden. It can include symptoms such as rash, vomiting, trouble breathing and dizziness. Call 911 if you or someone you are with experiences a severe allergic reaction.

### How is it determined someone has allergies?

To confirm that someone has allergies and what is causing the reaction, a test should be performed by a healthcare provider. The most common test is a skin test which determines which allergen causes a reaction. A blood test can also be done to check the amount of antibodies is produced by the immune

system when exposed to an allergen. If you think you are experiencing allergies, contact your healthcare provider to determine the best course of action.

### What is the best way to manage allergies?

First it is important to determine what you are allergic to and then you can come up with a management plan. Some way to manage your allergies include:

- Avoid your allergen. This can be difficult depending on your allergies but limiting contact will help reduce reactions.
- Take medications as prescribed. Medications can help manage and reduce symptoms.
- Keep a diary. Tracking what you do, where you go, what you eat can help track what causes symptoms and the severity.
- Keep a epinephrine auto-injector pen with you at all times if at risk for anaphylaxis.
- Wear a medical alert bracelet. This lets others know you have allergies and can be important if you have an emergency and are unable to communicate.
- Know what to do during an allergic reaction. It's important to recognize an allergic reaction and know how to react quickly and properly.

### Can allergies be prevented?

Developing allergies really can't be avoided or

prevented, but there are ways to reduce reactions, such as avoiding contact with animals, vacuuming and cleaning your home regularly to reduce dust and allergens, using high-efficiency particulate air filters to remove allergens in your home, changing HVAC filters regularly and keeping windows closed during pollen season. Also, if you have food allergies, check food labels.

While allergies are common, they are manageable. Talk to your healthcare provider to discuss any questions or concerns.

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*Doctor Usha Thapa is a healthcare provider at IU Health Primary Care office in Upland.*

# Mother bakes the ‘wrong’ cake for birthday

DEAR ABBY: My 40-year-old daughter is on weight-loss injections and a no-sugar diet. I offered to bake her a sugar-free cheesecake, and she agreed, but she asked me to make a “tester” cake three days before. I explained that the cake has a lengthy preparation process, involving a very slow bake in a water bath and 12 hours chill time. I suggested she wait, but she insisted, so I made it early. She cut a slice of it and exclaimed how great it tasted.

Three days later, I baked and decorated a carrot cake to use as her “official” birthday cake, since the sugar-free cake had been cut and wouldn't look nice in photos. (Carrot is her children's favorite.) I hosted everyone at an expensive restaurant, and I gave her French perfume and a weekend getaway.

When we returned from the dinner, my daughter angrily said, “Get in here so we can cut this stupid cake, which I can't eat!” I was shocked and confused. She said I shouldn't have made a cake of a flavor she dislikes, but I pointed out that she had the

## Dear Abby



sugar-free cake, too. Apparently, she had expected me to bake a second sugar-free cheesecake. I chewed her out for being ungrateful. Was I wrong? — UNAPPRECIATED IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR UNAPPRECIATED: I was under the impression that shots for weight loss curbed one's appetite for sweets (and alcoholic beverages as well). Your daughter appears to have an insatiable sweet tooth, sugar-free or not. What she was angling for was two cheesecakes rather than one. Her attitude is entitled and ungrateful, and she should be ashamed of herself. I wish her luck keeping off the weight she loses, because her chances aren't great with that attitude.**

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DEAR ABBY: I became friends with “Brenda” some years ago. We enjoy each other's friendship and have many interests in common. My problem is that a year into our friendship, she confided she had a son who was in prison for a crime I cannot morally forgive. Because he was in prison, I didn't see a problem with continuing our friendship.

Brenda just let me know her son will be released from prison in a few months and will be living with her. She will want me to meet him and has indicated that she wants him to participate in some of the activities in which we have been participating.

How do I tell Brenda that I want nothing to do with her son but would like to continue our friendship? Is it possible? — BRENDA'S FRIEND IN THE MIDWEST

**DEAR BRENDA'S FRIEND: Once Brenda's son is released and living with her, count on the fact that they will be joined at the hip unless (or until) he can find a place of his own. It could change the**

**dynamic of your relationship, aside from whether he is a felon. Telling her you want to exclude her son from the activities the two of you have enjoyed together will NOT go over well regardless of how diplomatically you phrase it, and it may spell the end of the friendship. If you start backing away now, it may spark an honest conversation.**

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DEAR ABBY: I have spent 40 years serving the public and my country, putting other people first and feeling guilty if I didn't. However, I am becoming resentful.

I'm retired, and my husband still works. We have always split the expenses 50-50, even though I make less than 40% of his income. Once I retired, my share of the household chores and errands increased from 75% to 90%. I wanted to make life easier for my husband, but now he expects me to run personal errands for him, too. All the wear and tear and gas usage is borne by my car, which is considerably older than his. I have a friend

who has been having different issues she needs help with. She has always talked about the close friends she has known for decades. They all live about 20 minutes away and are retired, in good health and able to drive. I offered her my help in the past, but now she and her friends think I should be her go-to person since I live closer to her than they do.

I have my own schedule and routine now. I like having some days free to do what I feel like and not have to fulfill demands from others. How do I let people know MY time is valuable and discourage them from expecting me to help them? — TOO NICE AND HELPFUL

**DEAR TOO NICE: It is not a crime to tell someone you don't have time to do what they want you to do. It's time to sign up for some assertiveness training so you can learn how to say no. (No, I'm not kidding.) If you do as I suggest, it might even improve your marriage. Your doctor or health insurance company can refer you to someone qualified.**

# 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

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

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP** — Will meet at 6

p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

**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.

**JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB** — Will meet at 7

p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

### Friday

**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. To learn more information, please 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. To learn more information, please call (260) 726-5924.



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Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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

# Think safety as we head to summer

Albert Lea Tribune  
(Minnesota)  
Tribune News Service

The books have been turned in, the caps thrown in the air and the kids are free for the summer.

It's an exciting thing leaving the daily confines of school and dipping into the routine of summer — that being there is no routine in summer.

We're all going to look for ways to be outside, enjoying what the season has to offer and in particular, you're going

## Guest Editorial

to see more kids roaming about town looking for diversion, heading to the local fishing hole or taking a dip in the city pool, which is now open.

We certainly don't want to diminish the idea of having

fun this summer, but it does come with some responsibilities.

With more children out and about, it's important that as drivers we keep an extra eye out for kids walking down the street, playing in yards or taking the longboard out for a spin.

It's an age-old adage, and even a little cliché at this point, but nevertheless it's true. It only takes a singular moment to alter a life forever.

It can happen in a moment. Children darting out into traffic to chase a ball or follow a pet without looking.

However, that point also stresses the importance of parents speaking to their children about safety on their own. Take the time to look both ways and be cognizant of your surroundings.

And as we've said before, maybe put the phone away for a little bit. Of course it's an important piece of technology

and it helps parents stay in contact with their children. At the same time, we've seen all too often children riding their bikes or walking down the street, heads down on their phones and not paying attention to the environment.

We want this summer to be fun for everyone, but we can't be doing it at the expense of not being aware of our surroundings. We want this summer to be memorable, not tragic.



# We should be preparing for AI shock

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

The most disruptive technology in human history was almost certainly the wheel. That economic shock, and all the others that followed, give us useful insight into labor market effects of artificial intelligence.

The invention of the wheel cut transportation costs by 80% or 90%, dramatically reducing demand for workers who carried goods across and between towns. We've had other technology shocks — the use of fossil fuels, steam and then electric power, the internal combustion engine and computers.

All these technologies replaced tasks that were part of jobs. The wheel replaced a strong back, the steam loom replaced strong legs. The use of fossil fuels replaced the cutting, splitting and drying of lumber, and electricity replaced the use of steam looms.

For us, the computer has been the most disruptive technology. It radically changed the types of work that almost everybody performs. It also changed our ways of communicating, our amusements, our safety and health. It brought us the internet, social media and now AI.

AI has been around in some form since the 1950s. I first heard about it in 1992, when a colleague of mine, then an infantry captain, was sent to obtain a master's degree in AI. By 1997, I was learning the use of rudimentary AI in economic modeling.

Michael J. Hicks



The new, commercial applications of AI are much more advanced — and interesting — than the early AI algorithms of the 1990s. The large language models (LLM) are superb for writing reports, school papers and summaries of some topics. Generative AI can construct pictures and movies that are almost indistinguishable from the work of actual humans.

The potential applications of these new technologies are boundless, to the extent that any one person could predict. I see all types of uses in economics and warfare, the two fields I've been trained and educated in. There are also limitations.

I've asked commercial versions of LLMs to provide novel testable hypotheses in economics — the lifeblood of economic analysis. The LLMs are good at naming data sources and, with enough prompts, can even construct the mathematical model to support a hypothesis. But none of the hypotheses were really any more than most middle school kids could have derived.

The generative AI models are

equally poor right now, delivering pictures of people with seven fingers or grilling burgers with lettuce, tomatoes and buns. They'll get better, of course, but what is AI likely to do to the demand for labor?

I think the easy answer is that it will increase the demand for labor, in much the same way as the wheel, the steam loom, the automobile and the computer. That is, in a very nuanced way.

Technology doesn't replace jobs; it replaces tasks. Almost always, the tasks replaced are the most mundane, routine and trainable ones. In so doing, the technology makes the uniquely human part of the job more valuable.

The best long-form description of this comes in an accessible paper by David Autor who described Polanyi's Paradox, that "we can know more [about our jobs] than we can tell." The point of Polanyi, which Autor fleshed out in superb contemporary detail, is that the unseen part of technology is how humans adapt it to complement their innate skills.

Since the end of World War II, technology has replaced more than 80% of the work done by the average American. Throughout the longest and most impactful technology shock, the U.S. boosted wages, production and employment.

AI may be different than any technology before it, but the

adaptation was not technological — it was human. We humans are much as we've always been, and the economic incentive to match complementary human and technology skills remains robust.

The most likely outcome of AI adoption will be positive, like all the other technology adoptions before it. But that doesn't mean there won't be challenges.

The most dramatically unpleasant periods of technology adoption occurred in the places, and among the people, that could not adapt. James Whitcomb Riley's The Raggedy Man of 1888 described a type of itinerant worker that existed until at least the 1960s in U.S. agriculture.

The Raggedy Man is gone now, because the skills he brought to a farm are no longer sufficient to earn him three meals and a simple room. Even then, one is tempted by this poem to conclude that he was employed for reasons beyond labor productivity.

Technology eliminates the less skilled tasks a worker does, pushing them to more skilled — and more uniquely human — tasks.

AI is likely to impact skills held by more educated workers than the robotics of the 1980s and later, or the digitization of the 2000s. AI will write simple research summaries, press releases and perform straightforward design work. This will lead to increased demand for more detailed and complex research summaries, more insightful

press releases and more innovative designs than AI can produce.

AI will also open demand for employment totally divorced from the direct complementarity to technology. As easily replicable human skills become inexpensive, the relative value of scarcer, purely human skills will rise.

What does AI portend for education and regions?

The one common thread of all previous technologies is that they complemented human-specific intellectual and social skills. So, job losses were clustered among those who were armed with skills that were more readily replaced.

Thus, AI is likely to boost demand for workers with a lengthier, broader and more complex education. That education accesses more latent human skills. This used to be called a liberal education, but a better moniker is a classical education.

Of course, such an education is not trendy today, in part because it is costly. It is much cheaper and faster to prepare for the last technological shock than the next one.

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a.m.  
[asburyministries.org](http://asburyministries.org)

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Pamela Freeman  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Bluff Point Friends**  
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p.m.  
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City  
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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of Prophecy**  
797 N. Creagor Ave., Por-  
tland  
Nanette Weesner  
(260) 766-9334  
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[nanybell@yahoo.com](mailto:nanybell@yahoo.com)

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Brethren**  
Floral and Chicago  
avenues, Portland  
Kevin McClung  
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South Broad Street,  
Dunkirk  
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Friday

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p.m.

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Wayne Ward  
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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**  
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Tom Fett  
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p.m.

**Evangelical Methodist**  
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p.m.

**Fairview United  
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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**  
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Services: 11 a.m., 6:30  
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[thefamilyworshipcenter.org](http://thefamilyworshipcenter.org)

**Fellowship Baptist**  
289 S. 200 West  
Hugh Kelly  
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
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**First American Baptist**  
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(765) 768-7157  
Services: 10:40 a.m.,  
5 p.m.

**First Church of Christ**  
1049 Union City Road,  
Fort Recovery  
David J. Nicholson  
(419) 375-2860  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
[fccftrecovery.org](http://fccftrecovery.org)

**First Community  
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341 S. Meridian St., Red-  
key  
Everett Bilbrey Jr.  
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Services: 10:30 a.m. and 6  
p.m.; 7 p.m. Wednesday

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Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.  
[firstpcportland.org](http://firstpcportland.org)

**Fort Recovery Church  
of the Nazarene**  
401 E. Boundary St., Fort  
Recovery  
(419) 375-4680  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Kids vision and teen  
ministries: 6 p.m. Wendes-  
day  
[frnaz@frontier.com](mailto: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

**Geneva First  
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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,  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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

**High Street  
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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  
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506 E. Walnut St., Port-  
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Fr. Peter Logsdon  
Fr. Martin Sandhage  
(260) 726-7055  
Services: 5:30 p.m. Satur-  
day, 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,  
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Rev. Alexander Witt  
(419) 375-4153  
Services: 4:30 p.m. Satur-  
day, 9 a.m.

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

**Mount Zion  
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County roads 600 East  
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Services: 9 a.m.

**New Beginnings  
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[nbholiness.com](http://nbholiness.com)

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**Pleasant Hill**  
9945 N. 800 East, Union  
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[mypleasanthillchurch.org](http://mypleasanthillchurch.org)

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**Redkey Faith  
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[RedkeyFaith.org](http://RedkeyFaith.org)

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Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**Redkey United  
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122 W. Main St.  
Lori McIntosh  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Redkey Church  
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801 W. High St.  
Fred Stevens  
(765) 369-2676  
[redkeynaz.org](http://redkeynaz.org)  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6  
p.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

**River of Life**  
722 W. Main St., Portland  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Matt Ransom  
(260) 726-7474  
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[matt@therockjc.org](mailto:matt@therockjc.org)

**Salamonia  
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3900 S. 600 East  
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(260) 335-2017  
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**Second Chance  
at Life Ministries**  
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land  
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Mike Eads (260) 703-0733  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Recovery  
Rev. Alexander Witt  
Services: 7:30 a.m. Sun-  
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**St. Mary's Catholic**  
346 S. Broad St., Dunkirk  
Rev. Kevin Hurley  
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday,  
5:30 p.m. Thursday

**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

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Bible study: 6 p.m. Wed-  
nesday

**Sugar Grove Church**  
County roads 600 South  
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Scott McClain  
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**Temple Baptist**  
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John Elam  
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[churchatwestchester.org](http://churchatwestchester.org)

**Trinity Lutheran**  
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(419) 375-4498  
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porary service, fourth Sun-  
day)  
[pastorrobino@gmail.com](mailto:pastorrobino@gmail.com)

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Steve Rogers  
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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Gil Alicea  
(260) 726-4691  
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[christ.org](http://westwalnutchurchof-<br/>christ.org)

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Robin Owen  
218 E. High St., Portland  
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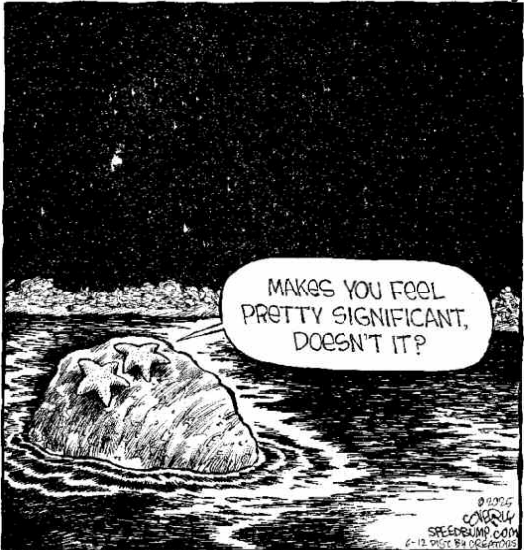
  
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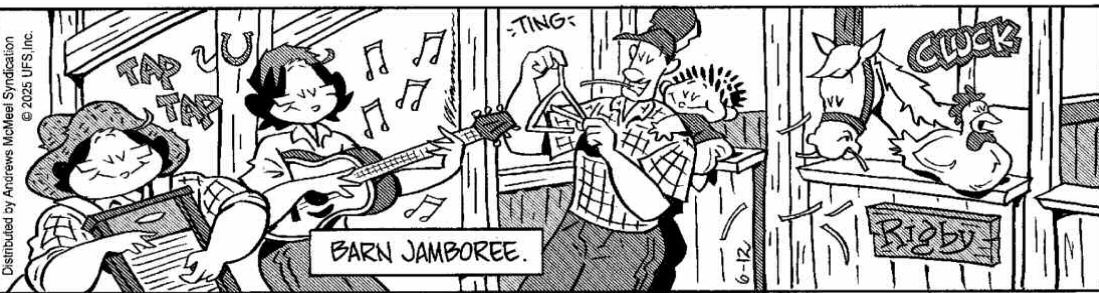
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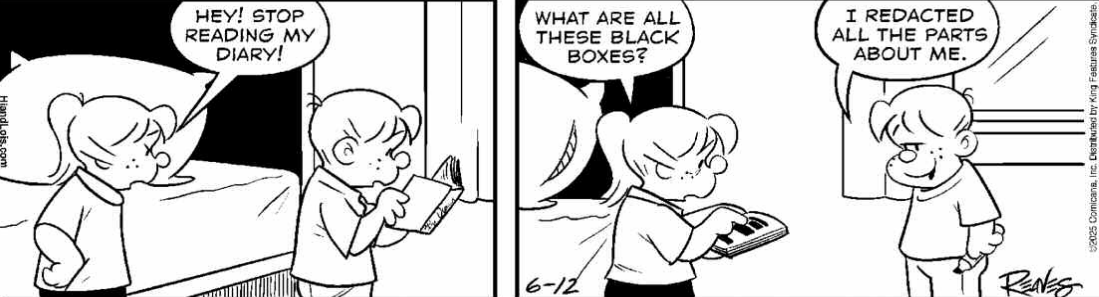
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Between Friends



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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Haste makes waste

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 10 7 4 3 2  
♥ K J 7  
♦ 9 7  
♣ A 6

**WEST**  
♠ —  
♥ 9 6 4 3  
♦ 6 5 3 2  
♣ K 7 5 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ A K  
♥ Q 8 2  
♦ A 10 8 4  
♣ J 10 9 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 9 8 6 5  
♥ A 10 5  
♦ K Q J  
♣ Q 8

The bidding:  
South 1♠ Pass  
West 1♠ Pass  
North 4♣  
East 4♣  
Opening lead — three of hearts.

South must now go down one regardless of what he does next. He can't get to his hand to cash the jack of diamonds and discard a club from dummy, and he eventually loses two trump tricks, a diamond and a club.

At first glance, it would appear that the contract failed because East made a good defensive play by not taking the diamond ace at trick two. But closer examination reveals that South lost the contract at trick one by playing the seven of hearts from dummy instead of the jack.

It costs declarer nothing to play the jack rather than the seven, since he will score three heart tricks either way. But the advantage of playing the jack is that South guarantees a second heart entry to his hand later on with either the ace or ten if a defender ducks the king of diamonds at trick two.

In the actual deal, declarer wins East's queen of hearts with the ace and loses the second diamond to the ace. After taking East's club shift with the ace, South leads the seven of hearts to the ten, cashes the jack of diamonds, discarding a club from dummy, and easily makes four spades.

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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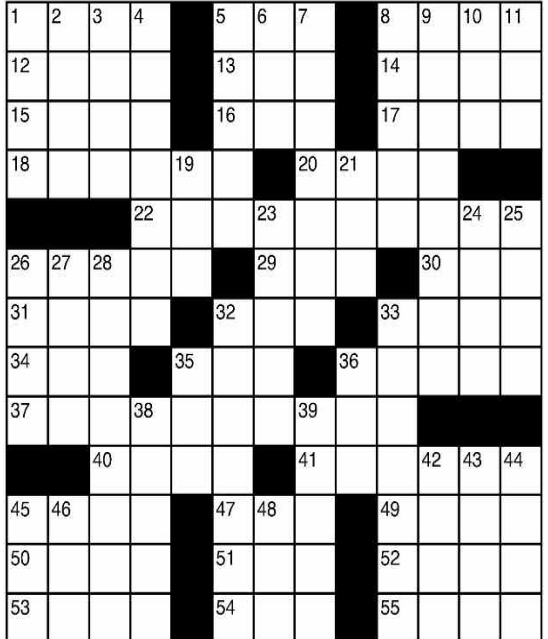
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
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  - 8 Trucker with a handle
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  - 13 Doo follower
  - 14 Missing
  - 15 Awe-struck
  - 16 Singer DiFranco
  - 17 Pay to play
  - 18 Scabbard
  - 20 Get up
  - 22 Related to one's life story
  - 26 Bust
  - 29 Stimpy's pal
  - 30 Sch. URL ender
  - 31 Aware of
  - 32 Smidgen
  - 33 Cover of gloom
  - 34 Sgt., for one
  - 35 Pitcher's pride
  - 36 Bathroom fixture
- 37 Related to a region**
- 40 Incubator noise**
- 41 Chroni-cles**
- 45 "I cannot tell —"**
- 47 Tolkien creature**
- 49 Concept**
- 50 Charged bits**
- 51 Wye follower**
- 52 "Brian's Song" star**
- 53 Olympic sled**
- 54 Corn serving**
- 55 "Auld Lang —"**
- DOWN**
- 1 "Sad to say ..."
  - 2 Laurie or Grant
  - 3 Skin cream
  - 4 "I cannot tell —"
  - 4 Imaginary monster
  - 5 The Gem State
  - 6 Search for gold
  - 7 Baked, as eggs
  - 8 Purse fastener
  - 9 Fool
  - 10 Super-lative finish
  - 11 Num-bered rd.
- 19 Country star**
- 21 Actor**
- 23 Pop's dad**
- 24 Not busy**
- 25 Zealous group**
- 26 Head shop**
- 27 As soon as**
- 28 Crouch-ing down**
- 32 Circus swing**
- 33 Park outings**
- 35 "All bets — off"**
- 36 Crib**
- 38 Gaggles**
- 39 Mis-anthrope**
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# Roundup ...

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One age division down, Isla Kaiser claimed wins in the 13-14-year-old girls 100 IM, 50 freestyle and 50 butterfly. Rozlyn Diller also won a trio of events in the 11-12-year-old girls division in the 100 IM, 50 butterfly and 50 breast-stroke.

The Eels also performed well in the relays, winning 12 events.

Double event winners were Ivan Boeckman, Liza Knapke, Helena Roessner, Emma Timmerman, Maddy Timmerman, Sammi Vagedes, Hailey Wenning and Owen Wenning.

**Klenke leads**

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians bowed out one week short of the state tournament during the high school season.

When they got to lace their cleats back up for the summer season, they got right back to work with a five-inning win.

The Fort Recovery ACME baseball team pulled off a 12-2 victory over the Coldwater Junior ACME team in Tuesday's season opener.

Dylan Klenke powered the offensive effort with five RBIs. He delivered a bases-clearing triple in the first inning, an RBI double in the third and a single that drove in a run in the fourth.

Colson Post pitched for Fort Recovery (1-0), throwing four innings. He gave up two runs on two hits in the win. He also struck out five batters.

Reece LeFevre threw the final inning, in which he gave up one hit and zero runs.

**POET (Cook)ed**

Cook's Nursery took down POET 14-7 on Tuesday in Portland Junior League Rookie baseball play.

Bryson Berry, Duke Steed, Steven Robbins,

Waylon Huelskamp and Griffin Halfner all led the offensive charge for Cook's Nursery by going 3-for-3 at the plate. Berry, Steed and Robbins all scored three runs, Huel-skamp crossed home plate two and Halfner made his way around the basepaths once.

Nolan Homan matched the offensive production by going 3-for-3 for POET. He also provided two runs.

James Bruggeman, Logan Mikulski and Mason Pfeifer all went 2-for-2 to support Homan's effort.

**PG14 outthit**

Despite getting outhit 9-4 by the Lions, PG14 came away with a 12-8 victory in Portland Junior League Willie Mayes baseball Tuesday.

While PG14 only collected four hits, they accounted for five RBIs. Ashton Conn hit a two-RBI triple, while Liam Ridenour smacked a two-run double. Trey Hirshy drove in a run with a single, while Micah Davis collected the final hit. Conn led the team with three runs scored as well.

Lions Club got a strong offensive output from Kasen Rowles in the game as he had three RBIs and two runs on a double and two singles.

Gabe Lutes drove in two runs as well with a double, while Hunter Hamilton and Jacob Ellington had an RBI each.

**Lodge wins**

Masonic Lodge had no shortage of offense as it beat Kiwanis 16-1 in Portland Junior League Willie Mayes baseball play on Tuesday.

Emerson Cavanaugh led the way for Masonic Lodge with four RBIs on a double and two singles.

Carson Pryor and Blake King both collected their first hits of the season,

doubles that drove in a pair of runs. Brantly Robinson also had a two-RBI double, while Khoden Bentz drove in a pair on a walk and a single.

Oaklin Blunk had the lone RBI for Kiwanis, as his single drove in Owen Clemmens.

**Fenning leads**

In a Portland Junior League Sandy Koufax matchup on Tuesday, Local 1620 came out on top of Optimist 12-7.

Grant Fenning put in work for Local 1620, finishing 2-for-4 at the plate with four RBIs on a triple and a double, while also spending four innings on the mound, where he collected seven strikeouts.

Bryce VanSkyock took Local 1620 the rest of the way with four strikeouts over two innings pitched.

Koltyn Garringer and Blake Jellison each drove in two runs, while Easton Steed provided one.

Andrew Day led the way for Optimist at the plate. He went 3-for-3 with a home run, a double and a single for three RBIs. He also pitched the final inning striking out two batters.

Varen Ridgeway also had a solid offensive performance with a double and a single that collected two RBIs.

**Trio powers**

Patriot Auto Sales pulled off a 10-9 win over Pioneer Packaging on Tuesday in Portland Junior League Rookie baseball.

Kolsen McDavid, Eli Smith and Dietrich Parled Patriot Auto Sales. McDavid slashed two singles and a double, Smith crushed an inside-the-park home run and a double and Par had a pair of singles. Each had one RBI.

Jack Johnson was one of Pioneer Packaging's offensive leaders with an RBI in three at bats.



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## Regional qualifier

Jay County High School's Griffin Byrum watches his putt as it rolls towards the No. 8 hole at Hickory Hills Golf Club during Tuesday's IHSAA Sectional 19 match. Byrum never shot worse than a bogey as he was one of the top three golfers not on an advancing team, earning him a regional berth with a round of 83. For the full story on Byrum qualifying for the regional, see the story on page 8.

# Carlie Irsay-Gordon takes over Colts' ownership

**By ADAM HINDER**  
Times Union, Albany, N.Y.  
Tribune News Service

Carlie Irsay-Gordon is the new principal owner and chief executive officer of the Indianapolis Colts.

The Colts announced Monday a transition of ownership to Irsay-Gordon and her sisters Casey Foyt and Kalen Jackson

following the death of their father, Jim Irsay, on May 21. According to the team's announcement, the three sisters will share leadership duties for the club, though Irsay-Gordon will serve as the principal owner.

Irsay-Gordon, Foyt and Jackson had served as vice

chairs/owners of the Colts since 2012.

She is a member of the NFL's Media Owned & Operated Committee, its 32 Equity Committee, the league's strategic capital fund, the Security & Fan Conduct Committee, and several inter-club groups. She also serves on the board of the NFL

Player Care Foundation.

Irsay-Gordon previously took daily control of the Colts in 2014 when her father was suspended for six games by the NFL after he pleaded guilty to DUI charges.

The Irsay family has owned the Colts since 1972. Robert Irsay, Jim's father, acquired

the team — then the Baltimore Colts — from Carroll Rosenbloom, who received ownership of the Los Angeles Rams in return. Robert Irsay moved the Colts from Baltimore to Indianapolis in 1984. Jim Irsay became the team's principal owner following his father's death in January 1997.

# Sports on tap

Local schedule	TV schedule				
<b>Today</b> Jay County — Boys golf regional at Muncie Central — 8 a.m. Portland Rockets at Muncie Chiefs — 7 p.m.	<b>Today</b> 6:30 a.m. — U.S. Open Championship (USA) 6:35 p.m. — MLB: Detroit Tigers at Baltimore Orioles (FOX) 7 p.m. — NCAA track & field championships (ESPN) 7:40 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Milwaukee Brewers (FDSN Indiana) 8 p.m. — NHL Stanley Cup: Edmon-		<b>Friday</b> 1 p.m. — U.S. Open Championship (NBC) 2 p.m. — NCAA baseball tournament: Arizona at Coastal Carolina (ESPN) 7 p.m. — NCAA baseball tournament: Louisville at Oregon State (ESPN) 7:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Detroit Tigers (FDSN Indiana)		8 p.m. — NCAA track & field championships (ESPN2) 8:30 p.m. — NBA Finals: Oklahoma City Thunder at Indiana Pacers (ABC) 10:30 p.m. — MLS: Portland Timbers at San Jose Earthquakes (FS1)
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# Byrum's berth

*Griffin Byrum clinches bid to regional with round of 83, while Patriots fall 14 strokes short of a trip as a team*

**By ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

FARMLAND — The Patriots graduated one of the best boys golfers to come through the program.

Still, the Patriots will have representation at the regional.

Griffin Bryum clinched a regional berth out of the No. 3 position, but it wasn't enough to get the Jay County High School boys golf team to a top-three finish in the IHSAA Sectional 19 hosted by Monroe Central and Hickory Hills Golf Club on Tuesday as they finished fourth.

Only the top three scoring teams advanced to the Regional 4 hosted by Muncie Central at The Players Club on Thursday, while the top three individuals not on advancing squads also earned berths. The Patriots finished fourth with 347 strokes, while Delta claimed the final regional berth with 333. Yorktown blew away the field with a 294 to claim the sectional crown over host Monroe Central with 321.

While Jay County won't be advancing as a team, it tied its season-best score for an 18-hole match that it previously set at the Winchester Invitational. In the other three 18-hole matches, the Patriots shot a 410 at the Yorktown Invitational and put up 370s at the South Adams Invitational and the Allen County Athletic Conference Championship.

"I'm happy with how we played," said JCHS coach Jay Houck. "That was up there with our best scores for 18-hole matches. We came a long way since the first match of the year. I think we shot a 410, so definitely had some improvement there."

"It looked like putting was the biggest challenge from what I could see with the guys. They said they had some four putts and three putts and if you can clean that up, it'll help your score out a lot."

Even though his teammates are done for the year, Byrum will get the chance to play at the regional after posting one of the top three scores of the players not on advancing teams. The senior pulled off a round of 83, which finished as part of a four-way tie for 10th overall with



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Jay County High School's Tucker Griffin places his ball on the 18th green at Hickory Hills Golf Club while trying to find a line during the IHSAA Sectional 19 hosted by Monroe Central on Tuesday. Griffin carded an 84, falling one stroke short of his own regional berth, while the team finished fourth with a 347.

Delta's Cooper Bratton, who advanced with his team, Dylan Dodd of Wapahani and Cowan's Dawson Goney. (Dodd and Goney advanced to the regional as individuals alongside Bryum.)

"It feels pretty good," Byrum said. "I never expected to (advance) but I play this course a lot. It's actually the course I probably play the most."

Bryum follows Caleb DeRome, who qualified for the regional three years as an individual and

once as a team. DeRome also became the first sectional medalist for Jay County last season, a title that went to Yorktown's Marshall Johnston with a 68 this year.

Bryum didn't have a flashy round, but he also never shot anything worse than a bogey on the day.

He started his round with a pair of bogeys before making par on hole No. 12. Two more bogeys came before a second par

on the 15th hole. Byrum then rattled off 11 consecutive bogeys before coming up to the 152-yard, par-3 eighth hole. His drive put him 10 yards beside the green on the right and the following chip was online to put him within five feet of the hole. He then converted the short putt for the first of two pars to finish off the round.

"It was really just bogey golf and every now and then I'd pick up a par," Bryum said. "I don't

normally hit my driver well, but I drove the ball well and hit my irons well. I find this course to be pretty easy, but putting was kind of hard today."

While Byrum occasionally struggled with putting on a certain hole, he would get the job done before it could turn into a double-bogey or worse.

The other Patriots were not so lucky, especially the closer to the hole they were. On hole No. 8, Dominick Bright and Dawson Goldsworthy both had putts within 12 feet for bogey, while Tucker Griffin and Cody DeHoff made the green on their second shots.

Griffin, who finished one stroke away from tying for a regional berth at 84, had his putt miss by eight inches before tapping in for bogey. DeHoff's first putt ran long by about three feet and his second missed by just one inch before he tapped in for double-bogey.

Goldworthy's putt from 25 feet left in two feet short before his putt missed by one inch, forcing a tap in for double-bogey. Bright's 12-foot putt wound up three inches left of the hole, and he missed the short shot before picking up for double-par.

"For me sometimes it feels like you're supposed to hit those, so a little more pressure comes on you," Houck said of the difficulty of short putts breaking too early. "When you're farther away, you're a little more freed up. ... The main thing is you have to pick out a line, be confident with your line and keep your head down and that's the best way to make some of those short putts, but it's not always easy."

Griffin's 84 included seven pars, five of which came on the back nine, and five bogeys.

Goldsworthy put up the third-best JCHS score with a round of 89 that included four pars.

DeHoff only made par on the sixth, 17th and 18th holes en route to a 91 that rounded out the team score.

Bright shot a 94, which didn't impact the final standings, in his first 18-hole match since May 3. He was filling in for Isaac Homan, who had the fourth-best 18-hole average in Jay County.



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## Eels clobber during opener

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The Fort Recovery Eels finished first in 50 events to beat the Darke County Stingrays 736-442 during Tuesday's season opener.

The Eels (1-0) had five tankers win a trio of individual events.

Caleb Smith and Carson Fullenkamp cleaned up well in the 15-and-older division. Smith claimed the 50-meter freestyle, 50 breaststroke and 50 back-

### Local Roundup

stroke, while Fullenkamp came out on top in the 100 freestyle, 100 individual medley and 50 butterfly.

Another 15-and-older swimmer, Livy Timmerman, won the 100 IM, 100 freestyle and 50 backstroke.

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