

In honor of Andrew



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

A sign indicating the dedication of the Indiana 67 bridge over the Salamonie River southwest of Jay County Junior-Senior High School was unveiled during a ceremony in front of the school Thursday morning. Whitacre died in military service on June 19, 2008, while serving in Afghanistan as part of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, California.

Indiana 67 bridge dedicated in honor of Whitacre, a Marine who died in service in Afghanistan in 2008

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Lance Cpl. Andrew F. Whitacre.

His memory has been honored in many ways, including with an Honor & Remember flag, the Character in Motion award and each year during a stop in his hometown as part of the Indiana Run for the Fallen.

There will now be a constant reminder of his sacrifice for all those who travel along Indiana 67 southwest of Portland.

A ceremony Thursday morning in front of Jay County Junior-Senior High School celebrated the naming of the nearby Indiana 67 bridge over the Salamonie River in Honor of Whitacre, a Bryant resident who died in military service on June 19, 2008, in Afghanistan.

"Many of you were ... in that gym," said Jay School Corporation superintendent and Retired Indiana National Guard Cmdr. Jeremy Gullely, referencing Whitacre's funeral.

al. "We'll never forget. We'll never stop honoring those who pay the ultimate sacrifice for our way of life and our freedom."

Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, California, Whitacre, 21, was killed during combat operations in Farah Province, Afghanistan. Capt. Eric Daniel Terhune, 34, Lexington, Kentucky, died in the same incident.

Don Finnegan of Honor & Remember of Indiana spoke about remembering military sacrifice while Whitacre's Honor & Remember flag was displayed alongside him.

"That's why this bridge and the flag are so important," he said. "It's not necessarily for us in the short term. It's for us who are going to follow us to remember Andrew's name and all the 1.3-plus million in combat deaths, as well as many others in military service."

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Ernie Whitacre, the father of Lance Cpl. Andrew F. Whitacre, speaks Thursday during a ceremony dedicating an Indiana 67 bridge in honor of his son. Flanking Ernie are Andrew's mother Susan Nunly (right) and stepmother Norma Whitacre (left).

Jay Co. rate up to 3.6%

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The unemployment rate increased for the second consecutive month.

Jay County's unemployment rate went up by 0.3 percentage points to 3.6% in June according to estimates the Indiana Department of Workforce Development released on Monday.

The local unemployment rate was tied for the 40th-highest among the state's 92 counties. It was down 0.4 percentage points over the same month last year.

Jay County's unemployment rate had dropped from 4.1% in February to 2.7% in April. It has increased each of the last two months with its status compared to the rest of Indiana shifting from 24th-lowest to 40th-highest.

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Show helper

Mallory Winner of Ridgeville wrestles with Emma Fidler's steer to move it along during the market beef show in the show arena at the Randolph County Fair on Wednesday. Winner is a 2025 Jay County High School graduate.

Dollars pulled from project

Commission concerned about lack of commitment

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Jay County Redevelopment Commission has pulled its contribution of tax increment financing (TIF) dollars to the county's 68-acre project.

The redevelopment commission voted Wednesday to withdraw its \$1.5 million commitment to the infrastructure project planned on county-owned land on the north side of

Votaw Street on the western edge of Portland.

Commission members also decided to move forward with creating three new TIF districts, which will encompass the four prospective solar farms in Jay County.

Indiana Economic Development Corporation distributed a letter dated June 11 indicating Jay County's 68-acre project has received a pre-commitment offer of \$1.21 million from the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0. (According to the letter, it does not guarantee a formal offer.)

CWC Latitudes consultant Ed Curtin pointed to the letter Wednesday as confirmation the county should receive READI 2.0 dollars.

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Deaths

Charlie Goodman, 71, Muncie
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 87 degrees Wednesday. The low was 63.

Tonight's forecast calls for showers and a chance of thunderstorms with a low in the lower 70s. There is a 60% chance of rain Saturday with a high in the upper 80s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

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

Coming up

Saturday — Details from Friday's Portland Redevelopment Commission meeting.

Tuesday — Coverage of the Drums at Winchester band contest.

Wednesday — Details from next week's Dunkirk City Council meeting



Honor ...

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State Rep. J.D. Prescott (R-Union City) and State Sen. Travis Holdman (R-Markle), who sponsored the resolution to name the bridge in Whitacre's honor, also shared thoughts during the dedication ceremony. The Indiana General Assembly approved the resolution during the 2025 session and it was signed by Gov. Mike Braun.

Prescott and Holdman unveiled one of the signs that will be put in

place, flanked by Whitacre's family. (The sign visible to drivers heading southwest away from the school was put up Thursday morning.)

It will serve as a reminder, Gulley said, to all Jay Schools students that Whitacre (Class of 2005) was one of them.

"They're gonna go in their school buses, they're going to drive to school, they're going to be a part of their events and their activities," he said. "And they're

going to cross that bridge and they're going to see that sign. And they'll ask questions, and it'll be a teachable moment."

Whitacre was the son of Ernie Whitacre and Susan Nunly, who were on hand for Thursday's dedication. He was also survived by his fiance Casey McGuire, step-mother Norma Whitacre, brothers Ryan Murphy and Justin Miller and sister Ashley Williams.

During brief remarks, Ernie

Whitacre expressed appreciation to those who spearheaded the bridge dedication process and the crowd of about 75 who attended Thursday's ceremony.

"Thank you for everybody coming out here today," he said.

Other speakers during the event included organizer Don Gillespie, Pastor Matt Gierhart of Fellowship Baptist Church and representatives of the offices of U.S. Sen. Jim Banks

(R-Indiana) and U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman (R-Indiana).

The American Legion Post 211 Honor Guard performed a 21-gun salute.

Gulley, who served in the Indiana National Guard for 29 years, encapsulated the sentiment of Thursday's dedication ceremony.

"Andrew was a Marine," he said. "And the motto of the Marine Corps — Semper Fidelis, always faithful. And so will we be to his memory."

CR almanac

Saturday 7/26	Sunday 7/27	Monday 7/28	Tuesday 7/29	Wednesday 7/30
 86/74 Saturday's forecast shows a 60% chance of showers with thunderstorms.	 87/73 Sunday has a 40% chance of showers with heat index values in the 90s.	 91/72 Mostly sunny on Monday with heat index values swelling to 100.	 89/70 Tuesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with highs in the upper 80s.	 85/63 Mostly sunny skies are set for Wednesday when there's a slight chance of rain.

Lotteries

Powerball 2-18-19-25-35 Power Ball: 25 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$350 million	Daily Four: 7-6-6-9 Quick Draw: 6-8-9-15-18-24-25-26-31-36-37-40-55-62-64-68-69-72-76-79 Cash 5: 2-5-11-25-33 Estimated jackpot: \$85,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$120 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 4-7-5 Pick 4: 3-5-5-3 Pick 5: 4-8-8-2-6 Evening Pick 3: 1-6-4 Pick 4: 6-2-7-1 Pick 5: 2-0-6-3-1 Rolling Cash: 12-15-22-26-29 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 9-5-0 Daily Four: 5-2-9-8 Quick Draw: 4-9-13-15-17-19-34-37-48-49-50-53-55-58-60-62-65-66-70-80 Evening Daily Three: 9-2-6	

Markets

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Today in history

In 1788, New York ratified the U.S. Constitution. It became the 11th of the original 13 colonies to join the union.

In 1956, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser seized control of the Suez Canal.

In 1964, actress Sandra Bullock was born in Arlington, Virginia. She won the Academy Award for best actress for "The Blind Side" and also starred in "Speed" and "Miss Congeniality."

In 2005, Jay School Board named Mike Crull as the new principal of West Jay Middle School. Cruss had been named Indiana Geography Teacher of the Year in 2002 and was a final-

ist for Indiana Teacher of the Year in 2003-04.

In 2016, Hillary Clinton became the first woman to lead the presidential ticket for a major U.S. party when she was nominated at the Democratic National Convention.

In 2021, Dunkirk City Council approved an application for an Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings grant to pave all of Broad, Johnson and 5th streets and parts of Ohio, Shatto and High streets.

In 2022, 13-year-old Daryll E. Bledsoe Jr. drowned in a rural Pennville pond when he tried to retrieve a lure while fishing.

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Citizen's calendar

Today 8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission executive session, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St. 8:30 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St. 5:15 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.	Monday 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. Wednesday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
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Obituaries

Charlie Goodman

March 12, 1954-July 22, 2025

Charlie Goodman 71, of Muncie a former resident of Portland passed away July 22. His wife, several children and his mother were by his side at the Brickyard Nursing Facility in Muncie.

He was born March 12, 1954 McMinnville, Tennessee, to parents Louis Goodman (deceased) and mother Bessie (Ramsey) Goodman-Thomas.

He served in the U.S. Army and attended the Church of God of Prophecy. He had his own business prior to his illness, Goodman's Bail Bond.

He is survived by his wife Susan (Bletzacker), Muncie, Indiana; his

mother Bessie Goodman-Thomas, Muncie, Indiana; four sons, Anthony Stanley, Westville, Indiana, William Goodman, Portland, Indiana, Bobby Goodman, and Bobby Goodman II, Muncie, Indiana; two daughters, April Stanley, Hobert, Indiana, and Samantha Pearce, Muncie, Indiana; two sisters, Rita Bolton, Surprise, Arizona, and Kimberley Gwyn, Muncie, Indiana; one brother, Louis Goodman Jr (deceased); 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He will be missed by his family and many friends.

Funeral services will be Monday,



July 28, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Terry Werst presiding. Burial with military honors will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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.

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He explained the state will begin releasing funds after it has spent at least 65% of dollars allocated in the first round of READI funds, which he said is nearly accomplished.

Jay County Commissioners president Chad Aker said the county is on track to receive the funding, noting that officials indicated the dollars are expected to be released in the next few months.

The redevelopment commission entered into an agreement with Jay County Council and commissioners in November to spend the remaining \$1.24 million American Rescue Plan Act dollars on the project. Nearly a year ago, the redevelopment commission also committed \$1.5 million in TIF dollars from its own coffers toward the project.

Redevelopment commission member and former county commissioner Chuck Huffman noted the group has discussed the 68-acre project for months, and he asked members to make a decision Wednesday. He voiced concerns about committing redevelopment commission's \$1.5 million in TIF dollars, pointing out the county's request for READI 2.0 dollars did not yield as much as hoped.

"I have a hard time committing. It's one thing that we have this other money, state money, but now our job is with Jay County taxpayer money," Huffman said. "I have a hard time keeping that money committed since I think we

have the ability to pull it back. We just really, at this point, don't know where it's going."

Aker noted that the redevelopment commission pulling its funding could result in losing out on the potential for READI dollars as well as the county's remaining American Rescue Plan Act dollars, which were allocated for the 68-acre project.

"The public safety building is a need that we've got. Housing is a need that we've got," Aker said. "We've started working with JCDC (Jay County Development Corporation) on this. We're coming up with plans and solutions to try to fix the problems we have in Jay County. No one else is coming up with this. They're just putting down our plans..."

He pointed to the need for housing, as well as the money already invested into the project.

"To kill this project right now I think would be foolish," he said. "If you don't put infrastructure in here, you're never going to have anything there."

Huffman again voiced concerns about the lack of a plan and commitment to the project across the community. Other redevelopment members voiced similar concerns to Huffman, saying if companies or Portland were interested they would be more involved.

Aker said there are companies ready to bid for development plans.

"I just think we're digging this hole deeper with-

out having any solid numbers," said redevelopment commission and Jay County Council member Harold Towell. "Because we're looking at that, the city said, 'Yeah, we'd like that, we can maybe do that,' but we're getting nothing concrete to work with on. This whole thing has been that way ... they're wanting \$4 million to put this in? We're in deeper."

"(If he's) got a guy that wants to come out here and build houses, he would be in front of the public saying, 'Hey, if you guys get it to this point, I'll take it,' but that's not what we've got, and if we've got that, somebody's not being honest with us," he added.

Redevelopment commission member and commissioner Doug Horn shared worries that the 68-acre project is holding up other potential projects that could receive funding. Council member Faron Parr questioned what other projects redevelopment commission could be considering to help fund. As one example, redevelopment commission president Carl Walker pointed to a housing project in Dunkirk. He also referenced projects that could be pursued on the county's capital improvement plan, saying the plan has not been prioritized.

Walker noted that the redevelopment commission has roughly \$1.6 million in its bank account currently.

"Maybe it's time for us to take our money out and ask the city to step up," he said of the 68-acre project.

Redevelopment commission members Walker, Huffman, Towell and Horn, absent Ted Champ, then agreed to withdraw the \$1.5 million commitment toward the project.

Also Wednesday, redevelopment commission agreed to move forward with consulting firm Baker Tilly and law firm Barnes & Thornburg in order to establish TIF districts around prospective solar farms.

The county could generate up to \$3 million in TIF dollars annually with the new districts. (TIF districts capture additional property tax revenue created by improvements, such as solar facilities, and set it aside to be used to help fund initiatives related to the district, with redevelopment commission overseeing those dollars.)

Plans include creating three new TIF districts encompassing the four locations planned for commercial solar energy farms. That includes two — Leeward Renewable Energy's Rose Gold Solar and Hodson Energy's New Jay Solar — TIF districts in the Dunkirk area, a TIF district in Jefferson and Richland townships surrounding Scout Clean Energy's Sun Chief Solar and a TIF district around Invenergy's Skycrest Solar in Penn and Jackson townships.

In other business, the redevelopment commission approved a \$10,000 claim from Baker Tilly and a \$3,528.18 invoice from CWC Latitudes.

Rate ...

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Unemployment rates were up by between 0.3 and 0.5 percentage points throughout the region. The only adjacent county that ranked better than Jay County was Wells County, which came in tied for the third-lowest rate after being tied for the lowest in June. Adams County matched Jay County at 3.6%.

Indiana saw its rate increase by 0.3 percentage points from May to 3.7%.

It was down by 0.7 percentage points from the same month last year.

Union County, which along with Daviess County tied Wells County for the lowest rate in May, took the top spot alone in June at 2.8%.

Howard County continued to struggle, posting by far the highest unemployment rate in Indiana at 6.5% Lake County was next at 4.9%.

Area unemployment rates are as follows:

Adams County: 3.6%, up 0.4 percentage points, tied for 40th-highest

Blackford County: 4.2%, up 0.4 percentage points, tied for ninth-highest

Delaware County: 4.3%, up 0.5 percentage points, eighth-highest

Jay County: 3.6%, up 0.3 percentage points, tied for 40th-highest

Randolph County: 3.8%, up 0.3 percentage points, tied for 23rd-highest

Wells County: 3%, up 0.3 percentage points, tied for third-lowest

Capsule Reports

Off road

Damage was estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Pennville man veered off Indiana 67 and into a guardrail in Jay County about 1:47 p.m. Friday.

James E. Goubeaux Jr., 39, told police he was driving his 2009 Nissan Altima along the highway near its intersection with county road 700 South when he noticed vehicles slowing down for a semi. He veered to the right, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report, causing him to leave the

road, hit a guardrail and go into the ditch on the side of the road.

Goubeaux's vehicle was towed.

Funding awarded

A food bank that serves Jay County received grant funding Wednesday.

Indiana State Department of Agriculture announced a total of \$2 million in grants, including \$153,600 for Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana.

"Indiana farmers are skilled at growing an

abundance of safe, reliable food and food banks and pantries have the necessary resources and skills to distribute large amounts of food to help community members in need," said department director Don Lamb. "We are so thankful for the work food banks, pantries, soup kitchens and others do for their communities in helping food insecure Hoosiers."

The food bank hosts tailgate events to distribute food in Jay, Randolph, Blackford and Delaware counties.

SERVICES

Sunday

Lepley, Joseph: 3 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday

Goodman, Charlie: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Sorority convention

The 117th National Convention of Delta Theta Tau Sorority was held July 9-13 at Lowes Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson, Arizona. with 59 chapters represented. Sorority members attending from the Portland, Redkey, & Dunkirk Chapters were, pictured from left, Sharon Miller, Janis Fritze, Julie Swoveland, Pam Robbins, Linda Lowe, Christy Curts and Kathy Nelson. Delta Theta Tau is a national philanthropic sorority founded in 1903 in Muncie by five high school girls. Chapters donated a total of \$805,747.91 to local projects last year.

Son-in-law turns woman away from family

DEAR ABBY: My daughter has been married to her high school sweetheart for 15 years. Their marriage has been rocky from the start due to her husband's "God" complex. He's a spoiled brat and a compulsive liar. He has not only caused mayhem in his own family but has nearly destroyed ours. He was extremely disrespectful to his late parents, and shortly after their deaths his bullying began being directed at us. Unfortunately, I have been the primary target. As a career businesswoman, I've always been able to respectfully stand my ground. Because he cannot control me like he does everyone else, he degrades, ridicules and belittles me, hurling nasty language and offensive behavior at me at every

Dear Abby



opportunity. I have tried everything humanly possible to get along with him. I've been a kind, loving mother-in-law and grandmother to his children. My daughter can't protect me, nor can my husband. I'm at the point of being willing to sacrifice my relationship with my daughter and grandchildren to get away from this monster. Counseling has given me tools to protect

myself emotionally, but in the real-time situation they are not helpful. Any thoughts, Abby? — BROKEN-HEARTED IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR BROKEN-HEARTED: Your son-in-law is an elder abuser and probably a misogynist. The example he sets for your grandchildren is abominable, and they shouldn't grow up thinking it is normal behavior. Perhaps it's time you model the behavior your daughter should follow and separate yourself entirely from her husband. See her one-on-one, if at all. If you would like a relationship with your grandchildren, leave it up to her to make sure it happens. In the meantime, if you

have a will, talk to a lawyer about changing it to ensure her husband cannot gain control of your assets.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter-in-law is scheduled for surgery in a few weeks. She will need to take a leave of absence from her teaching job. When she put in her request to the principal, he wanted to know what kind of surgery she was having. At first, she told him it was personal and she would prefer not to say, but he continued to harass her until she told him. She was embarrassed because it's a female-related procedure. I told her what he did was unprofessional and it's possibly illegal (HIPAA) for him to ask such a question. In her contract,

she's allowed to take an LOA for personal reasons. How do you think she should have handled this situation? — LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN THE EAST

DEAR LOA: I think your daughter-in-law handled the grilling as best she could. But understand that the principal had no right to pry into her medical needs. What he did was ethically and morally wrong. If he wanted a note from her doctor explaining her need for time off for surgery, he could have requested it. The details of the procedure were none of his business. If she is suffering emotional distress because of his harassment, she should consult a lawyer.

Community Calendar

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

Today
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 - BRANNA'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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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.

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

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

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.

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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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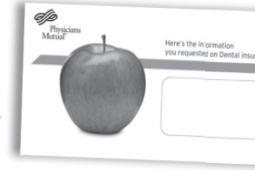
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What constitutes being a Hoosier?

By MORTON J. MARCUS

One of the first questions a Hoosier asks of a new acquaintance is “Where did you go to high school?”

If the response is within the basketball or football conference of the questioner, a bond is immediately established. If not, a pen- sive pause will be followed by an extensive inquisition to find, if possible, common ground.

We have concepts of Hoosier- ness. How long must a person live in Indiana to be accepted? Where does one live to qualify? Can per- sons living in one of our 36 bor- der counties be trusted or do they have allegiances that cross state boundaries?

Morton J. Marcus



What percentage of those liv- ing in Indiana were born outside the Hoosier State? What percent of those born in Indiana are liv- ing in SIN (Some Identified Netherland)?

Is it beneficial, as presumed by political candidates, that our chil- dren may wander the world, as long as they return to the nest of

their infancy? Is there a differ- ence between those places with large percentages of native resi- dents and those places where the native born are the minority?

As ever, a federal agency has the data, for now at least. The Census Bureau reports, in 2023, 66.9% of Indiana residents were born in this state. That’s two- thirds of a cup in recipe terms.

That figure can be a bit tricky, if Mom gave birth to her babe in one state and then moves back home to Indiana. It is my under- standing that Indiana records births by the place where Mom normally resides. Thus, my grandson is a native of Marion County and not Hamilton County,

where he first made a Vulcan mind meld with his father. (Pic- tures available on request.)

Louisiana (77.1%) is the most in-grown state in the nation, fol- lowed by Michigan (75.8%) and Ohio (74.3%). The Census bureau found 14 states and the District of Columbia (DC) had fewer than 50% native born populations. Ari- zona, Florida and DC fall between only one-third and two-fifths of their 2023 population were native to those places. Nevada trailed all at 27.2%.

But wait! Of the 6.8 million res- ident Hoosiers in 2023, where did they come from? We established 66.9% were born here, which does not mean they lived here all their

lives. Next we had 475,500 (6.9% of residents) who were foreign born, 413,000 (6%) born in Illi- nois, then Kentucky and Ohio each had 3% our population.

Of those born in Indiana, 3.8% lived in Florida and between 2% and 3% each in Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky. Thus, except for retire- ment, our apples are not falling far from our orchards. We do not know, however, how many Hoosier-born persons are living outside the U.S., in Portugal or Costa Rica.

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Freezing funding just wrecks havoc

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Tribune News Service

Detach yourself from DOGE and all its contro- versy, if just for a moment: Efficiency is a corner- stone of any well-function- ing government, a virtue and not a slur.

Meanwhile, shirking smart, sustainable fund- ing that effectively deliv- ers the services we need will fuel frustration with the system, if not outright abandonment. All Ameri- cans should want their government to thoughtfully deliberate over how it spends money. Our money.

Evidence that the Department of Educa- tion is engaging in intelli- gent, careful or benevolent review of its budget is scant. On June 30, the department informed offi- cials of nearly \$7 billion in funding freezes, leaving administrators on their heels as they navigate toward a new school year that, in Texas, is just a few weeks away. Budgets and plans for how to best edu- cate our children are now in question at the last minute.

We’re not just talking pocket change here: \$667 million in funds for Texas schools is frozen and potentially on the chop- ping block — \$10 million of it was earmarked for Fort Worth schools.

We would like to see our schools robustly funded, and can’t help but notice some of the potential cuts, such as federal grant pro- grams supporting “migrant education” and “English language acqui- sition,” are consistent with President Trump’s ideological leanings and harsh rhetoric on immi- gration. The Education Department appeared to admit as much in its memo, saying that funds “are spent in accordance with the President’s prior- ities.”

However, in a vacuum, federal agencies rightfully fall under the executive branch, and Donald Trump is the democrati- cally elected commander- in-chief. And Trump’s sec- retary of education nom- inee, wrestling tycoon Linda McMahon, was ulti- mately confirmed by the Senate. So, we won’t quibble here with what the Trump administra- tion’s Education Depart- ment chooses to target, granting that much of how the department oper- ates is within its purview.

It’s the rollout of these possible cuts that demon- strates the problem with the Trump administra- tion’s approach. The \$6.8 billion the Education

Guest Editorial

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Department put in limbo had received prior con- gressional approval, call- ing into question the pro- cedural issues with usurp- ing the federal lawmakers who are also duly elected to represent our interests. Meanwhile, providing such short notice to school districts means that schools did not have the time they deserved to plan accordingly.

Ramming through bud- get cuts will put every school district in disarray, forcing them to improvise instead of carefully plan around expected changes to their budgets. What could have been a smooth transition to a public edu- cation model reflective of “the President’s priori- ties” instead delivered a shock to the system. Stu- dents and educators need- lessly bear the brunt of those decisions.

But, back to the concept of efficiency, which is sometimes the rationale for drastic budget reduc- tions. If schools were run like a business, giving ample notice and follow- ing reasonable procedure would be understood as the correct way to ensure any changes are minimal- ly disruptive.

What makes these potential cuts more omi- nous is that education is not a business; it’s a public good that we, as a country, invest in to ensure all chil- dren have equal access to becoming healthy, produc- tive, and secure members of society. Either way, freezing millions for edu- cation without warning is no way to run a business or an education system.

Recklessly impeding our schools from fulfill- ing their mission will shatter trust in the entire institu- tion, which is anything but efficient. Unless effi- ciency was never the point.



‘Scamification’ must be stopped

By ANDREW BRADLEY

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With basic costs continu- ing to outpace Hoosiers’ take-home pay, now is the time for Indiana policy- makers to protect consumers and put a stop to the ‘scamification’ of Hoosiers.

The worrying trend is clear: Home- ownership is declining in Indiana, especially among Black Hoosiers and low-income families, making inter- generational wealth-building harder than ever. Indiana now has the lowest renter household income in the Mid- west and one of the highest rates of severe cost burden for vulnerable renters. And more than 4 in 10 Hoosiers have reported difficulty paying for usual household expenses.

As everyday costs rise but pay- checks remain stagnant, Hoosiers naturally look for ways to make their income stretch, like an old blanket that no longer covers a growing child. That’s where our policymakers have allowed the ‘scamification’ to step in, by reduc- ing consumer protections and sanctioning products that strip wealth away from Hoosiers with few options to make ends meet.

Unfortunately, the current feder- al administration is supercharg- ing ‘scamification’, in part by freezing the critical work of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) just as frauds and complaints are on the rise. Since 2011, Hoosiers have submitted nearly 90,000 complaints to the CFPB, at a rate that has doubled in the last year alone. Hoosiers’ most common complaints regard- ing credit reporting, debt collection, mortgages, bank accounts, and credit cards won’t magically go away just because Congress recently slashed CFPB resources by nearly half in the ‘One Beau- tiful Bill Act’. But without a strong

Andrew Bradley



CFPB, Hoosiers will most certain- ly be left more vulnerable to more and worse scams in the future.

Other actions at the federal level will leave Hoosiers with less in their wallets as well. While a 2024 CFPB rule meant to crack down on ‘junk fees’ would have capped over- draft fees from an average of \$32 to \$8, under the new administration, the CFPB joined a banking indus- try consortium that successfully petitioned a judge to block the fee cap. The ruling will cost Ameri- cans \$10 billion in savings annual- ly. And while on January 7, the CFPB finalized a new rule to remove medical debt from credit reports, six months later a federal judge ruled those medical debts can remain in credit reports, a move that will negatively affect the estimated 1 in 6 Hoosiers with medical debt in collections.

On top of the loss of federal con- sumer protections, Hoosiers must contend with a state landscape rife with debt traps that has earned an ‘F’ for consumer protections. The Private Equity State Risk Index lists Indiana at ‘High Risk’ for pri- vate equity takeover of our health care, housing, jobs, and pensions. Without guardrails, Hoosiers stand at risk of having many of the basics they count on ‘scami- fied’ into wealth-drainers.

Hoosiers also already face a con- sumer policy environment that allows payday loans with effective APRs up to 391%. Bipar- tisan legislation to cap payday loans

at 36% APR (the same cap required in order to lend to active duty serv- ice members) has been filed each session for nearly a decade but has not made it across the finish line. This past session saw worrying new attempts to hike charges on supervised loans, such as uncon- scionably high new rates on auto loans. Time will tell if guardrails put on newly-sanctioned Earned Wage Access products will be enough to prevent them from becoming yet another debt trap.

So, what can be done to stop the ‘scamification’ of Hoosiers?

Employers can do their part by utilizing no-cost Community Loan Center alternatives to payday loans as an employee benefit. The State of Indiana should also con- sider Sen. Spencer Deery’s propos- al to protect taxpayer resources by extending CLC protections to state employees. Above all, we need our policymakers to retake the reins of consumer protections and stop gutting watchdogs like the CFPB at the federal level. State lawmak- ers should re-think the trend of carve-outs to existing protections and instead set the bar higher with consumer needs at the forefront. These decisions can be hard, though, especially in the face of well-resourced special interests. To learn more Hoosiers can join Hoosiers for Responsible Lending and advocate for a stronger and more fair Indiana for all consumers.

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Scientists, farmers teaming up

*Partnership
focused on
solution to
revive soil*

By LOUISA SMITH
University of Minnesota

What do legumes, high tunnels, and scientists have in common? They are all key parts of a new University of Minnesota project.

Scientists are partnering with 40 organic vegetable producers to implement cover crops in their high tunnel systems and improve soil health for long term productivity.

High tunnels are covered structures used by farmers to extend farming seasons. Cover crops are known as specific plants that are grown in the off season to enhance soil quality. In this experiment they are being focused on for their nitrogen-fixing qualities.

“Because there are more crops being planted for longer periods of time [in high tunnels] the soils can degrade more rapidly,” said Julie Grossman, associate dean of undergraduate programs, horticulture professor, and soil scientist at the U of M’s College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS). “We’re trying to find ways to alleviate those negative pressures, and even enhance soil quality on the soil by using cover crops.”

Starting strong

The project started with a \$1.5 million grant from the USDA and a presentation at the Marbled Organic Farming Conference.

On the day of the conference, Grossman hoped to gauge the interest of farmers in high tunnel cover cropping, the theme of the workshop.

“There was a huge snowstorm the night before, and my workshop was at 8 a.m.; I thought



University of Minnesota

Fulbright Scholar Dakson Sanon, an alumnus of the University of Minnesota’s College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, works with peas. Scientists at the University are partnering with organic vegetable farmers to implement cover crops in their high tunnel systems in an effort to improve soil health for long term productivity.

nobody would come,” Grossman said. “When I arrived the room was packed!”

The result of a live survey during the talk showed the number one barrier to using cover crops was lack of understanding, not lack of interest.

After the conference, they spread the word in organic farming newsletters, with more than 100 farmers showing interest. Ultimately 40 farmers received and tested the seed.

Cover cropping

Participating farmers are sent legume cover crop seed samples to try in their high tunnel systems. Legumes, such as peas and beans, are nitrogen-fixing plants, taking nitrogen from the air and trapping it in their leaves with

the help of a soil-dwelling bacteria. When those cover crops are harvested at the end of the season, that nitrogen then returns to the soil. Traditionally, manure has been used as an organic fertilizer in high tunnels, but it can result in overapplication of phosphorus in the soil. Legumes can provide needed nitrogen without the excess phosphorus, resulting in a more balanced system.

Once the plants are growing, researchers go to the farm, take samples and analyze differences in their size and quality.

Interdisciplinary approach

Alongside the University of Minnesota, scientists from the University of New Hampshire are also working on this project

with participating farmers in their respective regions. University of Minnesota Research and Outreach Centers are also involved.

“We have the on-farm trials that each include one to two different cover crop legume species, but we also have a great collaboration with the North Central Research and Outreach Center in Grand Rapids where we have planted a research trial including all of the different species of cover crops being trialed by farmers at one site,” Grossman said.

The project has evolved into an interdisciplinary effort, including not just farmers and scientists, but also economists and educators.

On the educational side, the project partners with Renewing the Countryside, a Minnesota nonprofit that is working in partnership with UMN Extension to teach student farmers how to successfully grow crops in high tunnels.

Gigi DiGiacomo, a research fellow in the Department of Applied Economics at CFANS, is working alongside Minnesota vegetable growers to better understand how cover crops used in high tunnels affect the bottom line. By following growers over two seasons, her research will look at both the costs and potential benefits or savings from planting cover crops. The goal is to share practical insights through a series of real world case studies that can help other farmers decide if cover crops are a smart investment for their own operations.

Building relationships

An integral aspect of the project is the relationship building between universities and farmers. Throughout the process, farmers are surveyed to assess barriers and challenges they may be facing. Farmers are also encouraged to use the universities as resources and ask questions along the way.

“Through that process we learn if there’s a common problem that the farmers are having, or a challenge they’re facing,” Grossman said. “As a farmer-focused research team, my lab

tries to always be responsive to farmers and develop our projects from a very applied perspective. We develop our research projects to respond to farmer’s questions, so that we take on the risk of trying something new, and not the farmers.”

Implications

When using high tunnels, farmers replace the plastic covering every few years. This lets the soil sit for a span of months, and with exposure to rain, soil that was previously covered now contributes to runoff.

“Imagine after years of manure application you have soil full of phosphorus, covered by high tunnel plastic,” Grossman said. “When the plastic is removed and it rains, there is a high potential for soil runoff and loss, taking the phosphorus with it and potentially ending up in our water bodies. That’s the environmental challenge we’re facing.”

When excess phosphorus moves into waterways, eutrophication (the enrichment of a body of water with nutrients, particularly phosphorus and nitrogen, leading to algae blooms) can occur.

“By using cover crops instead of manure, you’re keeping excess phosphorus out of the soil, because the cover crop legume is providing nitrogen without the phosphorus,” Grossman said.

Looking forward

The project is new, but success has been found in early trials.

“Not surprisingly, we’re finding a lot of variability and growth across the farms, and some outstanding cover crop production,” Grossman said. “We want the project to be owned by the farmers, and for them to be able to make management decisions that fit their farm. We are planting the cover crops on working farms, each with differing rotations and crops, and growing the cover crops for different amounts of time — so it’s reality. At the end of the day, we’re going to have critical information about what works, and how cover crops can be used to promote, and even restore, soil health in intensive high tunnel systems.”

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FIVE IS GOOD?

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are East, defending against Four Spades, the bidding having gone: North-2NT; South-3 spades; North-4 spades.

NORTH
♠ K Q 7 3
♥ K 4
♦ A Q J 6 2
♣ A Q

EAST
♠ 6
♥ A J 9 2
♦ K 8 4
♣ K J 9 6 3

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

WEST
♠ A J 7 6 4 3 2
♥ K 8
♦ 7
♣ Q J 9

EAST
♠ 10 5
♥ A 7 3
♦ A J 10 5 3
♣ K 10 8

Whatever you did next, declarer could not be stopped from scoring 10 tricks consisting of five spades, four diamonds and a club. A club shift by partner at trick two, however, would allow your side to collect two hearts, a club and a diamond for down one.

2. Win the jack of hearts with the king and lead a low spade toward dummy's 10-5! This safety play guards against either opponent holding all four missing trumps, which is the only realistic threat to the contract.

If North holds the K-Q-9-8, he can score only two trump tricks regardless of how he defends. But if you started by playing the ace of trump from your hand, or by leading a trump from dummy, North would score three trump tricks, and you would finish down one.

If South turns up with all the missing trumps, he will also be unable to score more than two trump tricks if you begin by leading a low trump to the ten.

Tomorrow: Reducing the luck factor.
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F V O Y E O I: T Y V N R Y P P Y V E N.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 D-Day beach

6 Mormon church, for short

9 "Despicable Me" character

12 Egret's cousin

13 Hot tub reaction

14 Sesame product

15 Brick worker

16 Element #36

18 Prolific inventor

20 "— boy!"

21 Skillet

23 "Dig in!"

24 Obliterate

25 Yale students

27 Blue Grotto isle

29 Bike rider

31 "Is that so?"

35 Puccini work

37 Hastens

38 Actress Sonia

41 Have

43 Up to

44 Hindu deity

45 Pastry choice

47 Element #92

49 New England state

52 Mosquito barrier

53 Poetic tribute

54 Future seed

55 Numerical prefix

56 Composer Rorem

57 Nation on the Red Sea

2 — culpa

3 Element #33

4 Cobra feature

5 Sandy's owner

6 Sitting Bull's tribe

7 Mend socks

8 Bashful

9 Must, jocularly

10 Mob scenes

11 Arm bones

17 Outcast

19 "— bleu!"

21 Chest muscle

22 Gymnast —

24 Before

26 Campaign phrase

28 Shrimp's kin

30 Ecol. watch-dog

32 Element #3

33 Maui memento

34 Designer monogram

36 Meandered

38 Main impact

39 Harder to find

40 Valuable violin

42 Spock portrayer

45 Ranch visitor

46 Goalie's goal

48 Bit of physics

50 Braves' div.

51 Still, in verse

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Major winners

Pictured above is All Circuit, which won the Portland Junior League Major softball division tournament and finished as the runner-up during the regular season. Below is Crowne Pointe, which fell to All Circuit in the championship game, but claimed the regular season title.



Naval ...

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"NASCAR embodies the very best of the American spirit through speed, precision and an unyielding pursuit of excellence," Secretary of the Navy John C. Phelan said in a statement. "Hosting a race aboard Naval Air Station North Island, the birthplace of naval aviation, it's not just a historic first, it's a powerful tribute to the values we share: grit, teamwork and love of country."

"We're proud to open our gates to the American people, honor those who wear the uniform, and inspire the next generation to step forward and serve something greater than themselves."

Naval Base Coronado, known as the West Coast Quarterdeck, is a consortium of nine Navy installations stretching from San Clemente Island, 50 miles off the coast of Long Beach, to the Mountain Warfare Training Facility 50 miles east of San Diego.

"Hosting one of America's premier motorsports events on this historic base reflects our partnership with the local community and our shared pride in the nation's heritage," said captain Loren Jacobi, commanding officer of Naval Base Coronado. "We are privileged to showcase the dedication of our sailors alongside NASCAR's finest as we celebrate our 250th anniversary."

The NASCAR San Diego logo features an F/A-18E/F Super Hornet, which is recognized as only being flown by the U.S. Navy. The three stars in the logo signify land, sea, and air, which represents the Navy as the only branch of the military to operate in all three spaces. The arch represents the mission-style architecture found in San Diego. The stripes at the bottom of the logo represent the four largest United States Armed Force branches: Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy.

Tickets for the 2026 NASCAR San Diego Weekend will go on-sale this fall.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Portland Rockets in NABF Regionals semifinal at Runkle-Miller Field – 7 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
6:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix (ESPN2)
8 a.m. — LIV Golf: LIV Golf UK (FS1)
8:30 a.m. — PGA Tour Champions: The Senior Open (NBC)
9 a.m. — Tour de France: Albertville - La Plagne (NBC)
10 a.m. — Little League softball: Southeast Region (ESPN)
12 p.m. — Little League softball: New England Region (ESPN)
1 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Brickyard 400 (TRUTV)
1:45 p.m. — Little League softball: Central Region (ESPN)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: TSPort 200 (FS1)
3:30 p.m. — Little League softball:

Southwest Region (ESPN)
5:15 p.m. — Little League softball: Northwest Region (ESPN)
5:30 p.m. — ARCA Menards Series: Circle City 200 (FS1)
7 p.m. — Little League softball: Mid-Atlantic Region (ESPN)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Tampa Bay Rays at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana); Toronto Blue Jays at Detroit Tigers (FOX)
8 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: TSPort 200 (FS1)
8:45 p.m. — Little League softball: West Region (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NHRA: DENSO Sonoma Nationals (FS1)

Saturday
6 a.m. — Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix (ESPN)
8 a.m. — LIV Golf: LIV Golf UK (FS1)
10 a.m. — Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — LIV Golf: LIV Golf UK (FOX)
11:30 a.m. — IndyCar: Grand Prix of Monterey (FS1)

12 p.m. — PGA Tour Champions: the Senior Open (NBC)
1 p.m. — BIG3 basketball: Miami 305 at Houston Rig Hands (CBS)
2 p.m. — BIG3 basketball: Detroit Amps at LA Riot (CBS)
3 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited: Talons at Bandits (ESPN)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: 3M Open (CBS)
3 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Saturday (FOX)
4 p.m. — Club Friendlies soccer: Everton at AFC Bournemouth (NBC)
4 p.m. — USL Cup soccer: Oakland Roots at Orange County SC (FOX)
6 p.m. — NHRA: DENSO Sonoma Nationals (FOX)
6 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Tampa Bay Rays at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)
7 p.m. — Banana Ball World Tour baseball (ESPN)
7 p.m. — USL Cup soccer: Detroit City at Westchester SC (ESPN2)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Cleveland

Guardians at Kansas City Royals (FOX)
7:15 p.m. — MLS: Inter Miami at FC Cincinnati (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — WNBA: Seattle Storm at Washington Mystics (ABC)
9 p.m. — PLL lacrosse: Denver Outlaws at Utah Archers (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Spokane Velocity at Sacramento Republic (FOX)
10 p.m. — Boxing: Jorge Garcia at Xander Zayas (ESPN)

Local notes

Partnership announced
Ball State University will be partnering with Indy Eleven to provide free training for youth coaches in Indiana on Aug. 2. The in-person training session will be at Michael A. Carroll Stadium in Indianapolis. It will be a one-hour workshop focused on building positive, youth development-focused coaching practices. Those who attend will receive a ticket to the Indy Eleven soccer match and Professional Growth Points for those going for a teaching license.

Tickets available
Jay County Junior-Senior High School is selling super and season tickets. To purchase tickets, visit the high school's office hours which are between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Regular season tickets for individual varsity events will cost \$7, while admission to JV, freshman or junior high events will be \$6 for adults. The Patriot Pass, which gets you into all high school and junior high events costs \$115. The Senior Patriot Pass for those 65 and older will be \$70. Other deals are as follows:
•High School Adult Super tickets - \$90
•Senior Super Tickets - \$55
•Pre-Paid Sports Pass - \$60
•Basketball season pass - \$60
•Football season pass - \$25

Outing scheduled
United Way will be hosting a golf outing at Portland Golf Club on Aug. 2. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the teams teeing off at 12:30 p.m. Teams can register for \$250 each, with lunch included, at unitedwayjaycounty.org or by going to Portland Golf Club. Prior to the golf outing, there will be a freewill pancake and sausage breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. After golf there will be a family fun night. It will cost \$40 for two adults and two kids to play nine holes and eat. There will be live music by Ken Bantz, a bounce house and fireworks.

Next race set
The next race in the Adams County Challenge series is the Swiss Days Race in Berne on Saturday, July 26, at 8:15 a.m. There will be a 1-mile kids run and a 5K race. To register, visit adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

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COUNTY OF JAY , SS:
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
38001-2507 -JP-8
Matildo Alvarez Jimenez.
Petitioner
Ana Floriel Jimenez Mendez
Respondent
NOTICE OF HEARING
Matildo Alvarez Jimenez pro se, having filed a Verified Petition to Establish Child Custody, and the Court now finds the Petition should be set for hearing.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Verified Petition to Establish Child Custody is set for hearing at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 30 day of September, 2025, at Jay County Circuit Court, 3rd floor Courthouse, 120 N Court Street, Portland, IN 47371.
DATED:07/22/25
Melissa Elliot
Clerk, Jay Circuit Court
CR 7-25,8-1,8-8-2025-HSPAXLP

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY COUNTY
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 38001-2504-MI-9
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR:
Everleigh Nipp
Name of Minor
Bailey Miller
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Bailey Miller , as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on 4-29-25 to change the name of Everleigh Nipp to Everleigh Miller.
The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Jay County Circuit Court on 9-8-25 @ 8:30am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
April 29, 2025
Melissa Elliot, Clerk
CR 7-18,25,8-1-2025-HSPAXLP

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Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA
JAY COUNTY, SS:
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.
38C01-2412-EU-000034
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD E. DUNCAN, Deceased
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JAY COUNTY, INDIANA
In the Matter of The Estate of Ronald E. Duncan, deceased. Notice is hereby given that RUTH L. DUNCAN was, on the 4th day of December, 2024, appointed Administrator of The Estate of Ronald E. Duncan, deceased, who died on the 29th day of October, 2024. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Jon Eads
Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court
James S. Forcum (6917-05)
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2025 baseball All-GPC team

Graphic Printing Company Player of the Year Zane Cline

Delta High School senior

Zane Cline was selected as the inaugural Graphic Printing Company Player of the Year for baseball.

"I think it's awesome and I'm very appreciative of being given this award," Cline said. "It's a reminder that hard work gets you places. It's been a main focus for me that, you might not be the best player, but if you go out there and work harder than all of them, then it's not going to go unseen."

Cline played an integral role in getting the Eagles to back-to-back semi-state appearances. He pitched in four of Delta's five playoff games, giving up a total of eight hits, seven walks and six runs, only three of which were earned, while striking out 35 batters.

As a whole, Cline earned a 1.82 ERA and struck out 94 batters over 65 1/3 innings. He

averaged 10.1 strikeouts per seven innings and had a 1.04 WHIP. When not pitching, Cline played second base and slashed a .340 average with a 1.027 OPS, 28 RBIs 26 runs, 10 doubles and five home runs.

"Before our class came in, Delta was kind of unseen," said Cline, who will play for Taylor University next year. "Our class was able to go to back-to-back semi-state appearances and that's hard at any level. ... We were able to help Delta for our four years and also the future, letting people know Delta is a baseball school too."

"Zane was obviously huge," said DHS coach Jacob VanPelt. "He was our ace on the mound and a good leader at the plate too. We moved him to the top of the order as our table setter. Of all the pitchers we faced all year, I thought he was one of the best."



All-Graphic Printing Company first team

P - Zane Cline (Delta Sr.) - 94 Ks, 1.82 ERA, 1.04 WHIP, .340 AVG, 1.027 OPS, 28 RBIs

C - Quentine James (Wapahani Jr.) - .482 AVG, 1.257 OPS, 33 runs, 25 RBIs, 7 doubles

1B - Clay Estep (Wapahani Sr.) - .375 AVG, .939 OPS, 17 runs, 16 RBIs, 96.8% fielding

2B - Nate Henderson (Wapahani Sr.) - .360 AVG, .881 OPS, 17 runs, 11 RBIs, 8 doubles

3B - Caden Grisez (Fort Recovery Sr.) - .327 AVG, .936 OPS, 34 runs, 32 RBIs, 8 doubles

SS - Nate Luce (Wapahani Sr.) - .393 AVG, .927 OPS, 32 runs, 15 SB, 100% fielding

LF - Eli Andrews (Wapahani Jr.) - .411 AVG, 1.196 OPS, 28 RBIs, 24 runs, 5 triples

CF - Brayden Huggins (Union City Sr.) - .500 AVG, 1.284 OPS, 24 runs, 18 RBIs, 22 SB

RF - Mason Diller (Fort Recovery Sr.) - .328 AVG, .792 OPS, 29 RBIs, 28 runs, 16 SB

AT LARGE - Landon Porfidio (Winchester Jr.) - 2.83 ERA, 80 Ks, .919 OPS, 30 RBIs

AT LARGE - Maddox Huffman (Delta Jr.) - 0.33 ERA, 0.85 WHIP, 11.3 K/7, .300 AVG

Honorable mention

Max Bonewit, Sr., Blackford
Jayson Connor, Jr., Union City
Carter Fugiett, Jr., Jay County

Everrett Linn, Jr., Delta
Bryson Grimes, Jr., Randolph Southern
Caleb Luedike, Fr., Monroe Central

All stats are were retrieved by the Graphic Printing Company via team's GameChanger accounts and MaxPreps pages.

NASCAR announces race on U.S. Naval base

By KEVIN BAXTER
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — NASCAR is returning to Southern California, only its cars will be racing on the streets of Coronado and not on an oval in Fontana. The stock car racing circuit announced Wednesday it will be hosting a three-day series of

races June 19-21, ending in a NASCAR Cup Series race on the U.S. Naval base in Coronado.

NASCAR did not race in Southern California last year for the first time since 1997, with the exception of 2021, when the schedule was hampered by the coronavirus pandemic. For much of that time,

the races were held at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, but that track was torn down in 2023 to make room for a giant warehouse complex. NASCAR preserved part of the grandstand and had hoped to built a half-mile oval track on the site, but that project has stalled and is unlikely to be revived.

NASCAR also raced on a

temporary quarter-mile oval on the floor of the Coliseum, but that event has also been abandoned.

Next summer's Coronado race, which came to fruition after years of careful negotiation, is the first NASCAR event to be run on an active military base. It is being timed to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Navy and will feature a race weekend including an Xfinity Series race and a Craftsman Truck Series event.

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