

Planned housing projects discussed

Curtin updates on 68 acres and Hood Building developments

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

The Portland Redevelopment Commission discussed the status of proposed developments on 68 acres on the west side of Portland and the upper three floors of the Hood Building during its meeting Friday.

Consultant Ed Curtin of CWC Latitudes updated commission members Rusty Inman, Joe Johnston and Mike Simons — with Reda Theurer-Miller and Dave Teeter absent — about a recent meeting with representatives from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) regarding Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0 funding. (Both projects are READI 2.0 applicants.)

In April 2024, the state announced an award of \$35 million to the East Central Region, which includes Jay, Blackford, Randolph, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Wayne and Fayette counties. At that time, the expectation was that regional officials would identify finalist projects by late summer 2024, with funding announcements to follow.

Though local officials have been informed about which projects are expected to receive funding, there has been no official announcement from the state.

“They have been saying for a long time that they’re ready to make an announcement and we’re still not at that point yet,” said Curtin.

See Housing page 2



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

‘Top Gun’ reveal

Saxophone players Maddie Wegiel (left), a sophomore, and Jameson Heitkamp, a senior, play Friday during the Fort Recovery High School marching band's 2025 show reveal and ice cream social on Friday at Fort Site Fieldhouse. (The event was moved indoors from Barrenbrugge Athletic Park because of inclement weather.) The band's show, based on the movie “Top Gun” features versions of “Take My Breath Away” and “Danger Zone.”



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Trotting tear

Coryn Blalock, Portland, wipes away a tear while trotting around the arena as her letter gets read at the start of the horse and pony contesting on Wednesday during the Randolph County 4-H Fair. Blalock is a 2025 Jay County High School graduate.

Indiana to get USDA hub

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana's capital city will serve as one of five new U.S. Department of Agriculture regional hubs, Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins announced Thursday.

“American agriculture feeds, clothes, and fuels this nation and the world, and it is long past time the Department better serve the great and patriotic farmers, ranchers, and producers we are mandated to support,” Rollins said in a news release.

The sprawling agency

About 2,600 employees will be relocated from D.C.

plans to relocate at least 2,600 employees away from the Washington, D.C. area.

The memo called the reorganization a way to “make certain USDA can afford its workforce.”

As of Thursday, over 15,300 people have taken the agency up on its offer to quit their jobs through the

deferred resignation program.

The USDA also hopes to spread its workforce out.

About 4,600 employees work within the D.C. metropolitan area. The agency plans to relocate more than half of those employees to five hubs, keeping “no more than” 2,000 near D.C.

That would put USDA “closer to the people it serves while achieving savings to the American taxpayer,” according to the memo.

Indianapolis is one of the hubs.

The others are located in Colorado, Missouri, North Carolina and Utah. All the hubs have lower cost of living than the D.C. area.

Multiple sub-agencies — like the National Agricultural Statistics Service, the Food and Nutrition Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service — have lots of regions and will consolidate into the five hubs.

Zelenskyy to ask for more help

By VOLODYMYR VERBIANYI and KATERYAN CHURSINA  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy plans to ask European allies to help finance improved salaries for troops resisting Russia's invasion, in a bid to ease growing shortages of recruits.

“Previously, Europeans refused to provide funding for the salaries of our military personnel, only for weapons,” Zelenskyy told reporters in Kyiv on Thursday. “Our service members themselves can be the weapon that protects everyone.”

With a mobilization campaign in Ukraine increasingly unpopular among a population fatigued by the war that's in its fourth year, Zelenskyy's government wants to motivate

Ukrainian president to seek assistance with troop pay

more volunteers by offering substantial payments for those who sign military contracts. Russia has long offered large signing bonuses and high salaries to lure tens of thousands to its army each month, seeking to avoid any repeat of a spike in

public anxiety when President Vladimir Putin ordered a partial draft a few months into the 2022 invasion.

Increasing payments to soldiers would add to strains on Ukraine's state budget, which had a deficit exceeding 20% of gross domestic product last year amid massive military spending. The war-torn nation relies on tens of billions of dollars in aid from its foreign allies, who have so far rejected the idea of directly covering military expenses.

While the International Monetary Fund, which is providing a loan program worth about \$16 billion, is urging Kyiv to shrink the budget gap, the government has no plans to raise taxes, Ukrainian Prime Minister Yuliia Svyrydenko told Bloomberg News in an interview.

In review

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots will host their annual ice cream social and Indiana State Fair preview show Tuesday, July 29. Ice cream will be available in the school commons from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with the preview show at 8:30 p.m. at Harold E. Schutz Memorial Stadium.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 87 degrees Friday. Today's forecast calls for a high in the upper 80s with an 80% chance of showers. There is a 60% chance of rain Sunday with a high in the upper 80s, and Monday may bring heat index values up to 100. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay Classroom Teachers Association is sponsoring free swim days next week. Free swimming will be available from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, at Portland Water Park and noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, at Dunkirk City Pool.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of the Drums at Winchester band contest.

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

Thursday — A story about the Marching Patriots ahead of the Indiana State Fair.

7 18122 00780 6

# Housing ...

Continued from page 1

He explained that the state is waiting for at least 65% of the funds from the first iteration of READI to be spent before moving forward with READI 2.0.

Curtin noted that the recent meeting with IEDC representatives resulted in a letter regarding potential funding for the 68-acre project. It states that the project has received a “pre-commitment offer” of \$1.2 million but also clarifies that the letter does not guarantee a formal offer.

“That really is a big step in the right direction for that project,” said Curtin.

He noted that the estimated cost of the first phase of the project is \$3.81 million. The county has committed its remaining \$1.28 million in federal coron-

avirus relief funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Combined with the potential READI 2.0 funding, the total committed to the project is \$2.491 million.

Curtin said one of the next steps will be to determine where the remaining \$1.37 million in funding will come from.

The Portland Redevelopment Commission did not discuss the Jay County Redevelopment Commission’s decision Wednesday to withdraw its previous \$1.5 million commitment to the first phase of the project.

In response to questions from Johnston, Curtin explained that READI 2.0 is a reimbursement program. Funds must first be spent on the project and then they are reimbursed by the state.

Curtin also outlined the scope

of the first phase of the project, saying it is planned to include sanitary sewer, a lift station, water connection, some electrical work and stormwater retention.

He said the goal is to be ready to bid the project in early fall. (The request for proposals would cover the entirety of the project, which targets development of single-family homes, duplexes and multi-family housing units in addition to commercial space along Votaw Street to be completed in multiple phases.) The contract would then be awarded in November with construction on the first phase expected to begin in spring 2026.

Curtin also reported that work is continuing with a developer toward a development agreement for the Hood Building.

“They’re kind of anxious to get moving on it,” said Curtin.

The building is home to The Graphic Printing Company, publisher of The Commercial Review. The redevelopment commission purchased the building from the company, which now rents the basement and first floor, in December 2023 as a target for potential development. Previous discussions have focused on apartments for the upper three floors of the building.

“In my position, it’s super exciting,” said Ceann Bales, executive director of the Jay County Development Corporation. “I look forward to seeing it come to fruition and thank you for all your efforts.”

The redevelopment commission also briefly discussed Portland Main Street Connect’s

planters, which typically line the streets in the downtown area. Johnston and Inman said their understanding was that the planters, which were removed during the Indiana Department of Transportation’s construction project on U.S. 27 (Meridian Street) in 2024, would be back in place by July 1. Bales, who is a member of the Main Street committee, said the plan is to get them back out with mums or other foliage this fall.

Inman also brought up the “no turn on red” signs in the downtown area. Portland Mayor Jeff Westlake, as he has at multiple city council meetings, said he is pushing INDOT to remove at least a few of the signs. He explained that INDOT requires the signs if there isn’t at least a 300-foot sightline.

## CR almanac

Sunday 7/27	Monday 7/28	Tuesday 7/29	Wednesday 7/30	Thursday 7/31
<b>86/72</b>	<b>90/73</b>	<b>90/71</b>	<b>84/64</b>	<b>77/58</b>
Sunday has a 70% chance of showers with heat index values in the mid 90s.	Mostly sunny skies on Monday with heat index values swelling to 100.	Tuesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with highs around 90 degrees.	Mostly sunny skies are set for Wednesday when there's a slight chance of rain.	Thursday also looks to be mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers.

## Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 7-0-1 Daily Four: 0-9-5-8 Quick Draw: 12-20-21-22-28-32-38-44-45-49-51-52-54-61-66-68-74-77-79-80	Pick 3: 4-8-7 Pick 4: 3-4-3-3 Pick 5: 3-7-6-2-9
<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$350 million	
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$120 million	
<b>Ohio</b> Midday	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.55 Aug. corn .....4.60 Sept. corn .....4.55	Aug. beans.....9.86 Wheat .....5.08
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.51 Aug. corn .....4.49 Sept. corn .....4.39	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.26 Aug. corn .....4.26 Beans .....10.29 Aug. beans .....10.14 Wheat .....5.13
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.35 Aug. corn .....4.35 Beans .....10.16	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.50 Aug. corn .....4.50 Beans .....10.06 Aug. beans.....9.66 Wheat .....4.83

## 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 1847**, Joseph Jenkins Roberts declared Liberia an independent republic. It was established by the American Colonization Society in 1821 on land acquired for freed U.S. slaves.

**In 1945**, the Potsdam Declaration, which detailed the terms of surrender for Japan after World War II, was signed by the United States, United Kingdom and China.

**In 1948**, President Harry Truman signed an executive order calling for the end of discrimination and segregation in the U.S. armed forces.

**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 finalist 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.

—The CR

## Citizen’s calendar

<b>Today</b> 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.	<b>Monday</b> 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. <b>Wednesday</b> 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.
--	---

## Original performer

Caden Marchal performs “Ashamed,” a song he wrote, Sunday during the Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts Community Talent Night at Fort Site Fieldhouse. The Friends of the Arts’ summer concert series continues at 7 p.m. Sunday at Van Trees Park’s Hein Amphitheater.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

## Capsule Reports

### Dispatchers hired

Two new dispatchers were hired for Portland Police Department during a brief Portland Board of Works meeting Friday.

Police Chief Dustin Mock recommended the hiring of Jamie Miller, who has experience as a full-time dispatcher for Jay County Sheriff’s Office, and Holly Garringer, who has been working part-time for the city, for the two open positions. Board of works members Jerry Leonhard, Steve McIntosh and Mayor Jeff Westlake approved their hirings unanimously.

The board also approved a change order to extend the construction end date for the ongoing upgrades at the city’s wastewater treatment plan to Oct. 8, 2026, from the previous Sept. 8, 2026, and a pay request of \$250,500 from James S. Jackson Company for work completed in June.

### Village approved

The public will decide this fall whether to increase the village’s income tax.

Fort Recovery Village Council approved intent to proceed with proposing a 1.5% income tax levy on a final reading Monday and directed fiscal officer Roberta Staugler to file a certified copy of the intent with the board of elections for placing the income tax levy on the ballot in November.

If approved, the village will begin collecting a 1.5% income tax, up 0.5 percent

age points from the current rate.

The village’s four real estate tax levies total 9.8 mills — in Ohio, property taxes are charged as millage, with one mill equal to one-tenth of a cent — and generate about \$300,000 annually. Village officials have agreed not to collect on the real estate tax levies if the income tax levy passes.

According to village administrator Randy Diller, the increased income tax would generate \$200,000 and \$400,000 more than the real estate tax levies and save property owners an average of 14% each year on their real estate tax bills.

**PART-TIME**  
**JOB**  
**OPPORTUNITY**  
**Insertor**  
Hours vary each week  
Apply at

The Graphic Printing Company • The Commercial Review  
309 West Main Street • Portland, IN 47371  
Office Hours: 10 am - 4 pm, Tuesday - Friday  
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

Equal Opportunity Employer

## AUGUST SPECIALS

**1/2 PAGE B&W AD**  
**AUG. 1 THROUGH AUG. 16 IN**

- The Commercial Review
- The News-Gazette
- The News Times

**\$400**

Rate does not apply to special sections

**CALL (260) 726-8141**  
**OR EMAIL ADS@THECR.COM**



# Parents put child in the middle of argument

DEAR ABBY: My parents got into an argument because my father saw my mother looking at an old photo of herself from when she was younger. (It had been sent by her cousin via text.) In it, she was sitting next to “an ex-boyfriend or friend.” My father thought it was disrespectful, but my mother didn’t agree.

Mom thought it was trivial for him to get upset since she was only 18 or 19 and the photo was taken 45 years ago. It was way before my mother had even met my father. Later, she mentioned to Dad that she remembered seeing an old picture of him and his ex-wife dressed up for a concert. He denied it, and she didn’t get upset.

She told me later she doesn’t regret receiving the picture because she no longer has romantic feelings for my father. You see, my parents are not legally married; they are just roommates splitting the bills together. I don’t know how to feel about this. I don’t want to be involved, but they both have come to me separately expressing their feelings about it. What are your thoughts? — IN THE MIDDLE IN TEXAS

**DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: I suspect that your father was less upset about the arrival of that 45-year-old photo than he is about the fact that your mother no longer has romantic feelings for him. I also think you should stay**

Dear Abby



**out of this and no longer allow yourself to be put in the middle, which is what your parents are trying to do.**

DEAR ABBY: An old friend of 50 years has recently been diagnosed with early Alzheimer’s. She’s still conducting her life as usual, driving and taking care of her banking, etc. However, she has lost her filter and talks to me about my figure (“Your thighs are shockingly thin”), and also my health (“Are you going to die? My mother had a cough like that, and she died”). I am struggling to control my anger at her presumptuousness and holding myself back from some very apt and mean comebacks. I don’t seem to be able to let this go. I don’t want to abandon her during this time (I took care of my husband with dementia for 17 years), but at the same time, I don’t need to spend weeks spinning after her insensitive and cruel comments. Any ideas? — INSULTED IN SAN FRANCISCO

**DEAR INSULTED: If your friend is still well enough to “conduct her life as usual,”**

she is also well enough to be told that you don’t appreciate her comments. You don’t have to jump down her throat, but do tell her that if they don’t stop, she will be seeing less of you. When her Alzheimer’s worsens, you may have to repeat it or redirect the conversation away from you.

DEAR ABBY: I have been a little sad lately. The reason is that my best friend is acting weird. It makes me wonder if our friendship is slowly going away. Throughout our friendship, we have always jokingly made fun of each other. Lately, it seems that anything I say makes it awkward, and she hasn’t been wanting to talk to me as often or acting the same way she did before. I’m afraid we are not going to be friends much longer, which scares me. How do I fix our friendship without asking for it upfront and without being weird? — HER BESTIE IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR BESTIE: You may be scared, but the only way you may be able to repair your friendship is to tell her how you are feeling. Because you sense she is distancing herself, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain by being honest. A way to start the conversation would be to ask if you may have offended her in some way with your jokes because, if you did,**

they weren’t intended to be hurtful.

DEAR ABBY: When my husband was a teenager 20 years ago, he had a two-year online relationship with a girl who lives in Georgia. I know they met each other only a couple of times. We are all in our 30s now, and once in a great while, they contact each other by text or email.

I told him it bothers me that they keep in touch, especially when they say they miss each other. My husband tells me they were “there for each other” when they were younger. Recently, we took a road trip to Florida, and he wanted to stop off in Georgia to see her and so I could meet her. He says that because they never had sex, they weren’t really “going out.” It seems my feelings about this friendship don’t matter. Please advise me, Abby. — UNCERTAIN IN CHICAGO

**DEAR UNCERTAIN: I will assume that you nixed the idea of the detour to Georgia. If I’m right, then I think you may have made a mistake. Your husband had a relationship with that girl when they were teenagers. It isn’t surprising that the memory of it is important to both of them. You stated that they don’t communicate often. How is that a threat to you? You won’t endeavor yourself to your spouse by keeping him on a short leash. Work on resolving your insecurities and loosen**

the reins. If you do, it will benefit your marriage.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my husband for 22 years and married for 18. I’ve had multiple illnesses and continue dealing with them. We haven’t been intimate in four years. We live together but no longer sleep together. My husband doesn’t like to have fun or travel with me. He’s boring and likes to argue, which makes me angry. I want to get away from him and find someone who can make me happy. I came out of abusive relationships before I met him. What should I do? — DISILLUSIONED IN CONNECTICUT

**DEAR DISILLUSIONED: It might benefit you to talk with a licensed mental health professional. Try to find out why you tolerated abusive relationships before you met your husband and how the one you have with him has gone sour. Has your husband always been boring and argumentative, or did it begin when you stopped sleeping together?**

Before embarking on a new relationship expecting that you will find someone who magically makes you happy, spend some time ON YOUR OWN. It’s important that you understand what has gone wrong in your previous relationships with men so that you don’t repeat mistakes you may have made in the past.

## 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

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

### Sunday

**A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

### Monday

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

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

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

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)** — Will

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

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

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

**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 – BRIANNA’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 the meeting. 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 Cen-

ter, 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 – BRIANNA’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.

SAVE \$350 when you transform your patio into an outdoor oasis.



America's #1 Awning

- Instant shade—at the touch of a button.
- Enjoy more quality time with family and friends.
- Up to 10-Year Limited Warranty.

Call 1-855-801-2797 now to SAVE \$350 TODAY!

America's #1 Awning!

Call today and receive a FREE SHOWER PACKAGE PLUS \$1600 OFF



1-855-743-1911

With purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-In Tub. Not applicable with any previous walk-in tub purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase. CSLB 1082165 NSCB 0082999 0083445



EASE OF USE CERTIFIED



MADE IN TENNESSEE



BBB ACCREDITED



LIFETIME LIMITED WARRANTY

FINANCING AVAILABLE WITH APPROVED CREDIT

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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.

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition Sponsors:

CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE Workshop

Transform your approach to discipline. Learn to understand the deeper messages behind behavior, implement practical and effective techniques, and strengthen relationships while fostering self-regulation in children. Gain confidence in managing challenges –all while prioritizing your own well-being!



Wednesday July 30, 2025 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



The Rock Church 1605 N Meridian St. Portland, IN



Jenny Spencer, MA Certified Instructor





FREE GIVEAWAYS & DOOR PRIZES

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED

FREE WORKSHOP NO COST TO YOU

Register at:

Eventbrite or by scanning the QR Code here



# Bravo to Colbert for standing up

Chicago Tribune

Tribune News Service

Paramount Global, the parent company of CBS, did its best to preempt the angst over its canceling of “The Late Show With Steven Colbert,” saying from the start that this was “purely a financial decision against a challenging backdrop in late night.”

It’s incontrovertible that the late-night network audience is declining and aging as younger viewers increasingly get their comedy content from TikTok, YouTube and the like. These days, most people watch Colbert and his wee-hour colleagues in sliced bites posted later on social media.

Reuters reported that advertising revenue for Colbert’s show has dropped 40% since 2018

## Guest Editorial

(down from \$121.1 million in 2018 to just \$70.2 million last year) as his audience has declined. More significantly, the news service also cited an internal source saying the costly show has been losing \$40 million a year, hardly ideal for a company in business to make a profit. And it’s not like CBS sudden pulled the plug to deplatform a pesky host: Colbert’s show has 10 more months to run and he’ll go out a hero to the left.

Still, many progressives,

including some political leaders, saw a nefarious motive and a brazen attempt to silence an outspoken liberal voice. Today’s late-night hosts don’t gently rib their bosses in the Johnny Carson or David Letterman modes; they castigate them. Just a few days ago, Colbert criticized the \$16 million financial settlement between President Donald Trump and Paramount over a CBS “60 Minutes” story, saying, “I don’t know if anything — anything — will repair my trust in this company. But, just taking a stab at it, I’d say \$16 million would help.”

For the record, we thought Trump’s lawsuit over routine editing practices was bogus and thus the settlement regrettable and even chilling. But anyone who works for a corporation

knows that dissing your bosses on that level always carries risks. At some point, somebody in power is likely to say, “We get all this criticism from the outside and we can’t control that, but this guy works for us?”

Nonetheless, we’re admiring of Colbert for taking those risks and we like to hope that CBS, which has more than its share of good people who support free speech, would have continued to tolerate them if the show was making money. Late-night shows are left-leaning because that has matched who is watching at that hour; CBS’ problem is not so much disliking that audience as seeing it disappear. By giving the show that 10-month off ramp, the network has a chance to recoup its losses, and the host and his staff

have the chance for lots of unfettered comedic and political creativity. It can be freeing to know you are on your way out.

Colbert, of course, is a generational talent. We remember him starting out at the Second City in Chicago and, more specifically, at that theater’s old suburban outpost astride Interstate 90 and known as Second City Northwest. In the years that followed, Colbert, a graduate of Northwestern University, gave back to Chicago many times, supporting the Lookingglass Theatre in its hours of need and several of his friends here in their’s. He’s a good guy and he’ll have plenty more opportunities ahead of him. We won’t be surprised to see him outlast his bosses and his nemesis in the White House.

# Labor change will hurt workers

By MICHAEL FELSEN and M. PATRICIA SMITH  
Progressive Perspectives  
Tribune News Service

Across the country, millions of workers are being cheated out of the minimum wage or overtime pay they’ve earned. It’s an unlawful but not uncommon practice known as wage theft. The sorely insufficient funding for the U.S. Labor Department’s enforcement divisions has long hamstrung its efforts to combat high rates of employer non-compliance.

The Labor Department’s ranks have shrunk significantly due to the Trump administration’s efforts to slash the federal budget, compounding the challenges created by policies designed to undermine the rights of workers. All this has further blunted the Labor Department’s ability to enforce the laws designed to protect them. And now, the administration just abandoned one of the tools it has at its disposal for fighting wage theft, one that we had a hand in creating.

Fifteen years ago, we were part of a Labor Department team that developed a strategy for promoting wage law compliance that didn’t depend on hiring more enforcement personnel. It was based on the rules set by the Fair Labor Standards Act, which mandates that when an employer commits wage theft, the worker is entitled to recover not just the underpayment but an equal amount in “liquidated damages,” with very limited exceptions.

The law’s requirement of payment of double-back wages makes sound enforcement sense. It more fully compensates workers for costs they incurred on account of being underpaid, and it also incentivizes employer compliance by raising the stakes for breaking the law.

Look at it this way: If an employer who shorts his workers is only required to pay back what he owed them in the first place, he’s really getting an interest-free loan that the worker never agreed to. That’s hardly a recipe for encouraging compliance.

Still, before 2010, the Labor Department had been resolving the vast majority of the violations it found by requiring employers to pay their workers back wages only.

## Guest Opinion

So we — both long-time government attorneys—and our team recognized that needed to change, and we conceived a different enforcement policy. Employers who engaged in wage theft were given a choice: be sued in court for double back pay, or resolve the case for that same amount without having to go to court.

No employers were forced to pay double. They could go to court and challenge the Labor Department’s claims. But if, recognizing they’d likely lose in court and that settlement outside of court was a better option, they’d need to pay the workers the double back wages the law says they owe.

The Labor Department began implementing this policy in 2010, with notable success. Over the past 15 years, workers in scores of cases have received millions of dollars in back wages and liquidated damages, the department’s litigation resources have been spared, and U.S. district courts are less clogged than they would have been if these resolutions in lieu of litigation hadn’t happened.

And yet, on June 27, Donald M. Harrison III, the acting administrator of the Labor Department’s Wage and Hour Division, saw fit to prohibit staff from obtaining, in any out-of-court settlement, double back pay for workers victimized by wage theft.

The clear impact of this directive will be that most workers who suffer wage theft will once again become unwilling interest-free lenders to their employers, and corner-cutting employers will have far less incentive to comply with the law. In other words, the new policy is a big setback for efficient, effective enforcement of worker protection laws.

Across the nation, workers will suffer as a result.

.....

*Felsen concluded a 39-year career with the U.S. Department of Labor in 2018.*

*Smith was solicitor of labor from 2010-17.*



# Court to Rokita: Stop digging

By JOHN KRULL  
TheStatehouseFile.com

In denying Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita’s motion to dismiss his second disciplinary complaint, the Indiana Supreme Court sent him two clear messages.

The first was “grow up.”

And the second was “stop wasting everyone’s time and money.”

Justice Derek Molter’s concise, tightly argued majority opinion denied Rokita’s request for a dismissal of the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission’s complaint that the state’s top lawyer—once again—had violated rules of professional conduct governing attorneys. Chief Justice Loretta Rush and Justice Mark Massa joined Molter’s opinion—and Justice Geoffrey Slaughter and Justice Christopher Goff each wrote separate concurring opinions.

Molter’s majority opinion dismantled Rokita’s arguments that requiring him to follow the same rules all other attorneys do and holding him accountable for breaking those rules violated the attorney general’s First Amendment rights. But it granted his request to have a hearing panel consisting of three people, rather than the standard of having just one hearing officer. And it urged the panel, the attorney general and the disciplinary commission to consider using a mediator to resolve this mess of Rokita’s making.

In my more than 40 years as a journalist, I haven’t often read court documents as plain-spoken and direct as Molter’s. In his opinion, Molter makes clear that Rokita’s ongoing fight to defend his indefensible comments about Dr. Caitlin Bernard on Fox News three years ago is one of the dumbest battles ever waged.

The crescendo of Molter’s implied condemnation comes near the end of his opinion, when he writes:

John Krull



“(T)here is also the first rule of holes: when you’re in one, stop digging. Minser v. DeKalb Cnty. Plan Comm’n, 170 N.E.3d 1093, 1095 (Ind. Ct. App. 2021). And when our state’s highest court must enlist our profession’s most respected leaders as hearing officers to litigate at considerable expense whether our state’s attorney general was sincere when saying sorry, we’re in a hole—so we should all do what we can at least to stop making things worse.”

The justice here identifies the biggest flaw in our attorney general’s makeup and thinking.

When Todd Rokita finds that he’s dug himself into a hole, his reaction is always to throw away the shovel and bring in the heavy-duty ground-moving and excavating equipment. Left to his own devices, he inevitably will burrow his way through the entire planet, just so he can avoid acknowledging that he made a mistake.

The fact that he’s able to have the taxpayers foot the bill for all his spade work only encourages him to tunnel deeper.

Make no mistake about it. The only reason this costly, stupid dispute has continued as long as it has is because our attorney general doesn’t have the basic common sense God gives to the average rock.

Rokita’s troubles started when he learned that Dr. Caitlin Bernard had performed an abortion for a 10-year-old Ohio girl who had been raped.

Without bothering to investigate

the facts of the situation, Rokita rushed before the cameras at Fox News and said things about Bernard that were so ill-informed and inflammatory that even Fox disavowed them almost immediately.

If Rokita had done the same—if he had said, for example, that his passionate opposition to abortion led him to misspeak—the matter would have ended then and there.

But Rokita being Rokita, he couldn’t do that. He continued persecuting Bernard until, in a negotiated settlement following the first disciplinary commission complaint, the Supreme Court publicly reprimanded him.

His punishment, if one can call it that, was a sweetheart deal. If Rokita just had accepted that minuscule slap on the wrist in silence, his troubles, once again, would have been over.

He couldn’t do it, though. He issued a statement that said, in effect, that he didn’t mean a word of the affidavit he’d signed, under penalty of perjury, as part of the settlement of the first complaint.

That prompted this complaint.

Molter’s opinion broadly hints that Rokita should strike whatever deal he can with the disciplinary commission and—this time—honor the terms to which he agrees.

In other words, stop wasting time and money and grow up.

A smart guy would take the hint and stop digging.

But this is Todd Rokita we’re talking about.

My guess is that as soon as he read the court’s ruling, he began trying to find a bigger backhoe.

.....

*Krull is director of Franklin College’s Pulliam School of Journalism and publisher of TheStatehouse-File.com, a news website powered by Franklin College journalism students.*

# The Commercial Review



US PS 125820

HUGH N. RONALD (1911-1983), Publisher Emeritus  
JOHN C. “JACK” RONALD (1948-2022), Publisher Emeritus

**RAY COONEY**  
President, editor and publisher

**TONIA HARDY**  
Business manager

**LOUISE RONALD**  
Board chair

**BRIAN DODD**  
Production manager

VOLUME 151-NUMBER 61  
SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

www.thecr.com

The Commercial Review is published daily except Sundays, Mondays and four holidays (New Year’s Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas — holidays are observed on Tuesday when they fall on a Monday) by The Graphic Printing Co. Inc., 309 W. Main St., Portland, Indiana 47371. Periodical postage paid (USPS 125820) at Portland, Indiana. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Commercial Review, 309 W. Main St., P.O. Box 1049, Portland, Indiana 47371 or call (260) 726-8141.

We welcome letters to the editor, which are accepted by email only to [letters@thecr.com](mailto:letters@thecr.com). They should be 700 words or fewer, signed, with city/town of residence and include a phone number for verification purposes. We reserve the right to edit for content and clarity.

“Were it left for me to decide whether we should have government without newspapers or newspapers without government I should not hesitate to prefer the latter.”  
—Thomas Jefferson

**Subscription rates**  
**Internet-only:** Three days – \$3; Monthly auto-pay – \$10; 13 weeks – \$32; six months – \$60; one year – \$108.  
**City (walking – where available):** Monthly auto-pay – \$12; 13 weeks – \$37; six months – \$70; one year – \$125.  
**Motor route (where available):** Monthly auto-pay – \$13; 13 weeks – \$45; six months – \$76; one year – \$144.  
**Mail:** Monthly auto-pay – \$14; 13 weeks – \$51; six months – \$83; one year – \$156.  
**Home delivery problems:** Call (260) 251-9588

7-26 CRYPTOQUIP

PA N ORO AGGERW YOREHREYI  
O-PA WPKYXY FO AGP NA  
KBLPAMXAYE KMAVEI. HEUUI  
PE DEE HA N WKKWOC  
Yesterday's Cryptopuzzle: AN EASYBUX AND  
SUTTERHIS HAT MOVE DURECER HENNA  
MOMI HAWKRENDVASKHALL. ARIN.  
Today's Cryptopuzzle: The Equalizer

**CRYPTO FUN**

Solve the code to discover words related to lost pets.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: H = C)

**A. 5 26 11 25 15 11 14 26 23**  
Clue: Identification implant

**B. 10 17 1 7 14**  
Clue: Secures animals

**C. 11 15 10 10 1 25**  
Clue: Worn around a pet's neck

**D. 6 17 21 11 26 21 18**  
Clue: Property barrier

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to pets.

**ECSREU**

Answer: Secure

**GUESS WHO?**

I am an actress born on July 24, 1968 in Oklahoma. I studied musical theater and opera performance in college. I won a Tony for playing a Charlie Brown character, but fans know me best as originating the role of a good witch on Broadway.

Answer: Kristin Chenoweth

**kids' corner**

**Money FACT!**

Shopping at this type of store keeps 67 cents of every dollar spent in the community.

Answer: Small, local business

**What's the Difference?**

Find the four differences between the two pictures.

**A**

**B**

Answers: 1. Missing sign on left 2. Cat crossing the street 3. Man on balcony 4. Spire on church

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

**JUL 23**

**1840:** The Province of Canada is created by the Act of Union.

**1903:** The Ford Motor Company sells its first car.

**1962:** Jackie Robinson is inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

**NEW WORD**

**RETAIL**

sale of goods to the public in small quantities

**PROTECT PETS WORD SEARCH**

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

**WORDS**

CARRIER  
COLLAR  
CORDS  
CRATE  
DANGEROUS  
EMERGENCY  
FENCE  
HARNESS  
HAZARDS  
HEATSTROKE  
HYDRATION  
IDENTIFICATION  
LOCKED  
LOST  
MICROCHIP  
PET-PROOFING  
PREVENTIVE  
RESTRAINT  
SECURE  
SUPERVISION  
TICKS  
TOXINS  
VACCINATION  
VETERINARIAN

**How they say that in...**

**English:** Retailer  
**Spanish:** Minorista  
**Italian:** Rivenditore  
**French:** Détaillant  
**German:** Einzelhändler

**Did You Know?**

Small businesses contributed to 55 percent of total job creation between the years 2013 and 2023.

**Get the PICTURE?**

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Main St. street sign

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

**ACROSS**

1. Removes  
6. Food  
11. Grumble  
12. Greetings  
14. Player  
15. All  
16. Aqueduct  
17. French  
18. Fogy  
19. 4 V lines  
20. Cereals  
22. Fringe  
23. Clarity  
24. Jewel  
26. Waxless  
28. Road  
29. Ideals  
31. Lane  
35. Elys  
38. Charades  
40. Color  
42. Wax  
43. Molars  
44. Whales  
45. M  
47. Mastless  
48. Hic  
49. Hic  
51. Squid  
52. Designer  
53. Stone  
54. Glasses  
55. Wife  
56. Waxless  
58. Road  
59. Ideals  
60. Lane  
62. Elys  
65. Charades

**DOWN**

2. Maple  
3. Molar  
4. Food  
5. Grumble  
6. Greetings  
7. Player  
8. All  
9. Aqueduct  
10. French  
11. Fogy  
12. 4 V lines  
13. Cereals  
14. Fringe  
15. Clarity  
16. Jewel  
17. Waxless  
18. Road  
19. Ideals  
20. Lane  
21. Elys  
22. Charades

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

**Contract Bridge By Steve Becker**

**Reducing the luck factor**

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**

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

**WEST**

♠ 7 5 4  
♥ 10 3 2  
♦ 4  
♣ 10 9 8 7 4

**EAST**

♠ K Q 7 6 5  
♥ Q 8 7  
♦ 6  
♣ 6 5 3 2

**SOUTH**

♠ J 9  
♥ A 9 5  
♦ A J 10 7 5 2  
♣ K Q

The bidding:

South: 1♦  
West: Pass  
South: 2♥  
West: Pass  
South: 3♦  
West: Pass

Opening lead: ten of clubs.

The finesse is a marvelous weapon, but is frequently shunned by the expert, who would rather not rely on luck if the chance of making a contract can be improved by an alternative measure.

Consider this deal where South might lose two spades and a heart and go down one in five diamonds. True, West might hold the queen of hearts (a 50% chance), in which

case finessing dummy's jack would make the contract. But West might not have the queen, in which case finessing the jack would prove fatal.

Declarer does best by trying to avoid the heart finesse. He wins the club lead with the queen, draws trump, cashes the ace of clubs and exits with a spade. The defenders take two spade tricks, but what can they do next?

If East winds up on lead, he is endplayed. He can return a heart into dummy's K-J-6-4, or otherwise lead a spade or a club, allowing South to discard a heart as he ruffs in dummy. Either way, declarer makes the contract.

If West wins the second spade, he is also in dire straits. If he returns a low heart, South plays low from dummy, and East must hand South the contract whether he plays the queen, eight or seven. If West returns the ten instead of a low heart, declarer covers with dummy's jack to accomplish the same end.

The suggested line of play loses only when East has both the ten and queen and thus offers a far better chance of success than the straightforward finesse for the queen.

© 2025 King Features Syndicate Inc.

**Contract Bridge By Steve Becker**

**Famous Hand**

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ A 8 3  
♥ J 9 7 4 2  
♦ A 9 8 6 5  
♣

**WEST**

♠ 7 5 4  
♥ A 6  
♦ Q 10 7 3  
♣ 10 8 7 5

**EAST**

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

**SOUTH**

♠ 6  
♥ K Q 10 8 5 3  
♦ 2  
♣ J 9 6 3 2

The bidding:

North: 1♥  
East: 2♠  
North: 3♥  
East: 4♥  
North: 5♥  
East: 6♥  
North: 7♥  
East: 8♥  
North: 9♥  
East: 10♥  
North: 11♥  
East: 12♥  
North: 13♥  
East: 14♥  
North: 15♥  
East: 16♥  
North: 17♥  
East: 18♥  
North: 19♥  
East: 20♥  
North: 21♥  
East: 22♥  
North: 23♥  
East: 24♥  
North: 25♥  
East: 26♥  
North: 27♥  
East: 28♥  
North: 29♥  
East: 30♥  
North: 31♥  
East: 32♥  
North: 33♥  
East: 34♥  
North: 35♥  
East: 36♥  
North: 37♥  
East: 38♥  
North: 39♥  
East: 40♥

Opening lead: seven of spades.

This deal occurred many years ago in a match between Argentina and the United States. Egoisto Rocchi, East for Argentina, opened the bidding with two spades after Charles Coon, the American North, passed. Rocchi could hardly have suspected at this stage that he would eventually wind up minus 1,200 points.

South, Eric Murray, overcalled with three hearts, and West, Ricardo Calvente, bid three spades. After Coon bid four hearts, Rocchi made a slam try by bidding five diamonds.

Tomorrow: Thoughtful defense.

© 2025 King Features Syndicate Inc.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

**ACROSS**

1. Evening  
4. Book  
7. Marionette  
11. Act or trait  
13. Hybrid  
14. Empire  
16. Award  
17. Hint  
18. Data  
20. Everlasting  
22. Vase  
24. Specter  
28. Vicious  
32. Assault  
33. Party  
34. Jack-in-the-box  
36. Windy  
37. Way to park  
39. Liar  
41. Vengeance

**DOWN**

2. Trudge  
3. Carle  
5. Phil  
6. No  
7. No  
8. No  
9. No  
10. No  
11. No  
12. No  
13. No  
14. No  
15. No  
16. No  
17. No  
18. No  
19. No  
20. No  
21. No  
22. No  
23. No  
24. No  
25. No  
26. No  
27. No  
28. No  
29. No  
30. No  
31. No  
32. No  
33. No  
34. No  
35. No  
36. No  
37. No  
38. No  
39. No  
40. No  
41. No  
42. No  
43. No  
44. No  
45. No  
46. No  
47. No  
48. No  
49. No  
50. No  
51. No  
52. No  
53. No  
54. No  
55. No  
56. No  
57. No  
58. No  
59. No  
60. No  
61. No  
62. No  
63. No  
64. No  
65. No  
66. No  
67. No  
68. No  
69. No  
70. No  
71. No  
72. No  
73. No  
74. No  
75. No  
76. No  
77. No  
78. No  
79. No  
80. No  
81. No  
82. No  
83. No  
84. No  
85. No  
86. No  
87. No  
88. No  
89. No  
90. No  
91. No  
92. No  
93. No  
94. No  
95. No  
96. No  
97. No  
98. No  
99. No  
100. No

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

**ACROSS**

1. Evening  
4. Book  
7. Marionette  
11. Act or trait  
13. Hybrid  
14. Empire  
16. Award  
17. Hint  
18. Data  
20. Everlasting  
22. Vase  
24. Specter  
28. Vicious  
32. Assault  
33. Party  
34. Jack-in-the-box  
36. Windy  
37. Way to park  
39. Liar  
41. Vengeance

**DOWN**

2. Trudge  
3. Carle  
5. Phil  
6. No  
7. No  
8. No  
9. No  
10. No  
11. No  
12. No  
13. No  
14. No  
15. No  
16. No  
17. No  
18. No  
19. No  
20. No  
21. No  
22. No  
23. No  
24. No  
25. No  
26. No  
27. No  
28. No  
29. No  
30. No  
31. No  
32. No  
33. No  
34. No  
35. No  
36. No  
37. No  
38. No  
39. No  
40. No  
41. No  
42. No  
43. No  
44. No  
45. No  
46. No  
47. No  
48. No  
49. No  
50. No  
51. No  
52. No  
53. No  
54. No  
55. No  
56. No  
57. No  
58. No  
59. No  
60. No  
61. No  
62. No  
63. No  
64. No  
65. No  
66. No  
67. No  
68. No  
69. No  
70. No  
71. No  
72. No  
73. No  
74. No  
75. No  
76. No  
77. No  
78. No  
79. No  
80. No  
81. No  
82. No  
83. No  
84. No  
85. No  
86. No  
87. No  
88. No  
89. No  
90. No  
91. No  
92. No  
93. No  
94. No  
95. No  
96. No  
97. No  
98. No  
99. No  
100. No

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

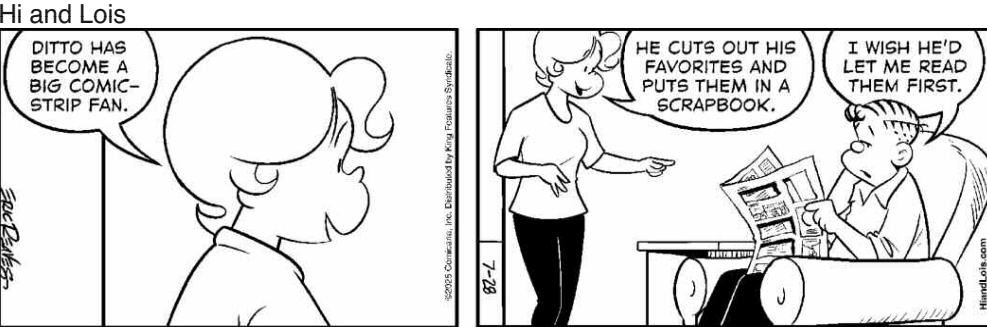
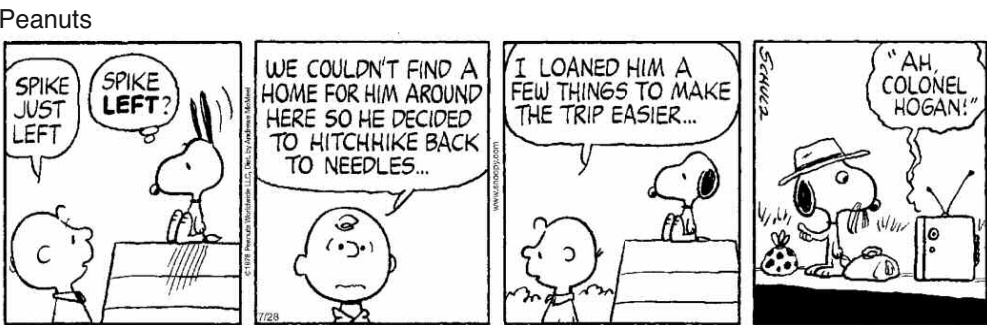
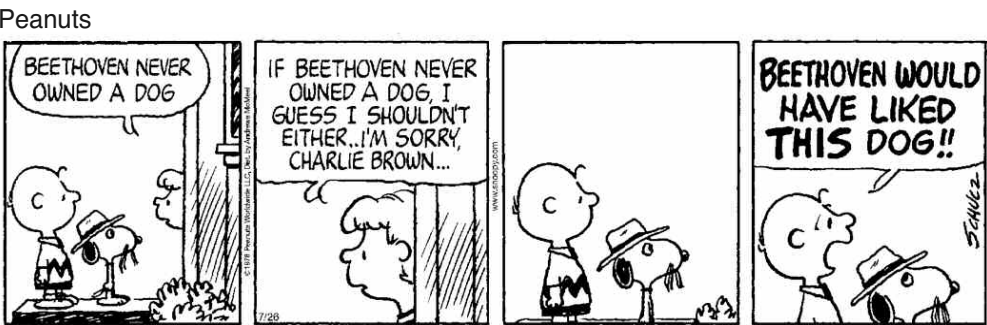
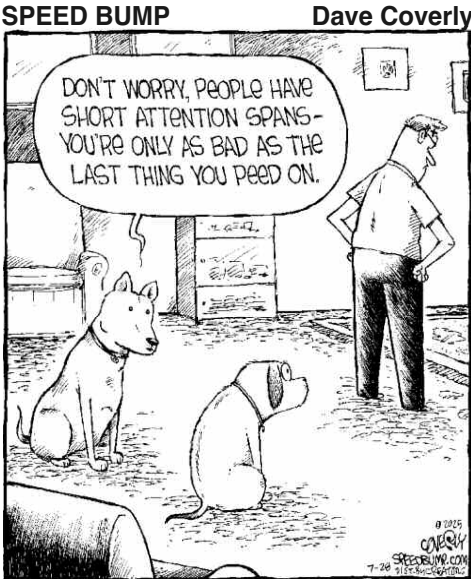
**ACROSS**

1. Evening  
4. Book  
7. Marionette  
11. Act or trait  
13. Hybrid  
14. Empire  
16. Award  
17. Hint  
18. Data  
20. Everlasting  
22. Vase  
24. Specter  
28. Vicious  
32. Assault  
33. Party  
34. Jack-in-the-box  
36. Windy  
37. Way to park  
39. Liar  
41. Vengeance

**DOWN**

2. Trudge  
3. Carle  
5. Phil  
6. No  
7. No  
8. No  
9. No  
10. No  
11. No  
12. No  
13. No  
14. No  
15. No  
16. No  
17. No  
18. No  
19. No  
20. No  
21. No  
22. No  
23. No  
24. No  
25. No  
26. No  
27. No  
28. No  
29. No  
30. No  
31. No  
32. No  
33. No  
34. No  
35. No  
36. No  
37. No  
38. No  
39. No  
40. No  
41. No  
42. No  
43. No  
44. No  
45. No  
46. No  
47. No  
48. No  
49. No  
50. No  
51. No  
52. No  
53. No  
54. No  
55. No  
56. No  
57. No  
58. No  
59. No  
60. No  
61. No  
62. No  
63. No  
64. No  
65. No  
66. No  
67. No  
68. No  
69. No  
70. No  
71. No  
72. No  
73. No  
74. No  
75. No  
76. No  
77. No  
78. No  
79. No  
80. No  
81. No  
82. No  
83. No  
84. No  
85. No  
86. No  
87. No  
88. No  
89. No  
90. No  
91. No  
92. No  
93. No  
94. No  
95. No  
96. No  
97. No  
98. No  
99. No  
100. No

**Solution time: 21 mins.**



Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

Laughter

The Commercial Review We Deliver

ADVERTISEMENT IN THE COMMERCIAL REVIEW CLASSIFIEDS

726-8141

00 CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED ADS  
260-726-8141

ADVERTISING RATES  
20 Word Minimum  
Effective 07/01/2018:  
Minimum charge....  
\$12.40  
1 insertion.....62¢/  
word  
2 insertions.....81¢/  
word  
3 insertions.....96¢/  
word  
6 insertions.....\$1.14/  
word  
12 insertions. \$1.52/  
word  
26 insertions. \$1.77/  
word  
Includes  
Online.....FREE  
Classified Display \$6.95/  
per column inch  
No borders or logos  
allowed on Classified  
Page  
Card of Thanks Up to  
100 words.... \$13.00  
In Memory Up to 100  
words.... \$13.00  
Advertising Deadline is  
12:00 p.m. the day prior  
to publication.  
Pre-Payment required  
for: Rummage sales,  
business opportunities,  
jobs wanted, boats and  
sporting equipment,  
wanted to rent, motor-  
ized vehicles, real estate  
and mobile homes.

40 NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure  
to check your ad the first  
day it appears. We can-  
not be responsible for  
more than one days  
incorrect copy. We try  
hard not to make mis-  
takes, but they do hap-  
pen, and we may not  
know unless you call to  
tell us. Call before 12:00  
pm for corrections. The  
Commercial Review, 309  
W Main, Portland, Indi-  
ana 260-726-8141.

60 SERVICES

J. L. CONSTRUCTION  
& ROOFING LLC. Amish  
crew. Custom built  
homes, new garages,  
pole barns, interior/ exte-  
rior remodeling, drywall,  
windows, doors, siding,  
roofing, foundations.  
260-726-5062, leave  
message.

60 SERVICES

GOODHEW'S ALL SEA-  
SON Construction- Spe-  
cializing in standing  
seam metal roofs. When  
Quality Counts, Count  
On US. A company you  
can trust. Member of the  
BBB. New Installation  
and repairs. Call Rodney  
Thornbury, owner 765-  
509-0191

SEAMSTRESS NAN  
HOMEMADE Sewing  
and Alterations, Quilts,  
Baby Blankets, AppliquÉ,  
Zippers, Hemming,  
Memory T-Shirt, Special  
Orders, Wedding & Prom  
Gowns. 260.766.9334

100 JOBS WANTED

AMISH CREW LOOK-  
ING FOR any work. No  
job is too big or small.  
Pole barns, roofing,  
remodeling. 260-849-  
2489.

110 HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED Painting  
and Pressure washing in  
Fort Recovery 419-852-  
0309

130 MISC. FOR SALE

SCRATCH PADS ARE  
BACK various bundles  
sizes and XL pads. \$1.25  
plus tax. Pick up at The  
Commercial Review  
Tuesday thru Friday  
10am to 4pm.

PAPER END ROLLS  
FOR SALE Various sizes  
and prices. Call The  
Commercial Review at  
260-726-8141 for more  
information.

ALUMINUM SHEETS  
23"x30",.007 thick.  
Clean and shiny on one  
side..35 cents each or  
four for \$1.40, plus tax.  
The Commercial  
Review, 309 W Main,  
Portland 260-726-8141.

FOR SALE Hay and  
Straw call 260-249-8458

190 FARMERS COL-  
UMN

AG RENTAL Spreaders:  
BBI, Artsway Vertical.  
New Holland 228 skid  
loaders w/full cab,  
heat/ac. Fort Recovery  
419-852-0309

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

CITY OF PORTLAND ZONING ADMINISTRATION  
PORTLAND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: Brandon & Ali Buckland,  
Three Chicks Farm, 1538 W 200 S, Portland, IN, have filed with  
the City of Portland Board of Zoning Appeals a petition,  
#SpExc2025-07-07, requesting a Special Exception to the zon-  
ing regulations, to wit:  
Parcel ID: 38-07-30-300-034.000-033  
Location: 1538 W 200 S, Portland, Wayne Township, Section 30  
Action: Requesting approval to expand their farm stand busi-  
ness into a retail store and operate out of an existing building  
on said property. This type of business requires Special Ex-  
ception Use approval from the BZA.  
A public hearing will be held by said Board on August 12, 2025  
at 5:30 pm in the Community Resource Center, 118 S Meridian  
Street, Portland, Indiana. At that time, all interested persons  
will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters  
set out in the petition. The petition and file on this matter is  
available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building &  
Planning Department, 118 S Meridian Street / Ste E, Portland,  
Indiana 47371. If unable to attend the meeting, the Department  
will accept letters from the public prior to the meeting date.  
Questions may be directed to the office at 260-726-6904.  
Portland Board of Zoning Appeals  
John Hemmelgarn  
Zoning Administrator/Director  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Portland BZA Members:  
Aaron Loy appointed by City Council 01/01/23 – 12/31/26  
Kyle Cook appointed by Mayor 01/01/24 – 12/31/27  
Virginia Burkey appointed by Mayor 01/01/24 – 12/31/26  
Larry Petro appointed by Mayor 01/01/24 – 12/31/27  
Ron Laux appointed by Portland Plan Commission  
01/01/24 – 12/31/27  
CR 7-xx-2025 -HSPAXLP

Bricker's Flowers  
& More

414 N. Meridian St. Portland  
Call or text to order 260-703-0304  
Open 9:30-5:00 Monday - Friday  
9:30-3:00 Saturday

E and E Construction  
Amish Crew  
BARN RESTORATION  
Specializing in  
metal roofs, decks & more  
FREE Estimates  
260-301-1777

200 FOR RENT

LEASE SPACE avail-  
able, Coldwater, OH.  
Manufacturing, ware-  
housing, assembly, dis-  
tribution, offices, inside  
and outdoor storage.  
Easy access to major  
highways and railroad  
access with loading  
docks and overhead  
cranes available. Con-  
tact Sycamore Group,  
419-678-5318,  
www.sycamorespace.co  
m

TJ EXPRESS SERVICE,  
LLC in Dunkirk, IN has  
14,400 square feet of  
commercial storage  
space available for rent.  
Monday-Friday from  
6:00AM-6:00PM. Feel  
free to call our office at  
260-766-4331 or email  
customerservice@tjx-  
pservice.com

230 AUTOS, TRUCKS

WE PAY CASH for junk  
autos. We pick up at your  
location. 1-765-546-2642  
or 1-765-857-1071.  
Slocum's Salvage

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Notice is hereby given that  
the Board of Directors of the  
Building Corporation of Jay  
Schools ("Building Corp")  
shall convene on July 29, 2025  
at 9:00 a.m. at 940 N. Meridian  
Street, Portland, IN 47371 to  
consider a resolution autho-  
rizing the issuance of bonds,  
Lease Amendment, and Sup-  
plemental Trust Indenture  
and consider any other busi-  
ness which may properly  
come before the meeting. The  
lease amendment covers the  
construction, renovation, re-  
modeling, repair and/or  
equipping of all or a portion  
of the Jay County Jr./Sr. High  
School building and athletic  
grounds. A copy of the rele-  
vant documents are on file at  
the Central Office of the  
School Corporation, 414 Flo-  
ral Avenue, Portland, Indiana,  
and are available for inspec-  
tion during normal business  
hours.  
CR 7-26-2025-HSPAXLP

Visit Us At:  
theocr.com

BANNERS  
40" x 13"  
BUY ONE FOR  
\$6.95  
GET ONE FOR  
\$3.50  
Birthdays, Anniversaries,  
Get Well, Just Because,  
Valentine's Day,  
and Many Others.  
Graphic Printing,  
309 West Main St., Portland.  
Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., TUESDAY - FRIDAY  
Custom sizes available.

GET IT IN THE  
CLASSIFIEDS  
You never know what you might  
find in  
The Commercial Review  
Classifieds.  
From a new car to a new home,  
to a new job, the Classifieds  
deliver!  
Go to theocr.com or call  
260-726-8141

THE  
CLASSIFIEDS  
Find it - Buy It,  
Sell It!  
(260) 726-8141

PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD  
in The Commercial Review CALL 726-8141

# Cousins both got what they earned

**By ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

I woke up on July 14 sore. My torso was tender, my legs hurt when climbing up stairs and my arm felt a slight twinge throughout the day.

While I expected my body to react in a similar way, it was still a humbling experience.

On the same day, my cousin was feeling a bit overwhelmed but also excited and blessed.

It wasn't quite what he expected, but he had just had one of the biggest days of his life.

While I was feeling the effects of a meager batting practice, bullpen and a few fly balls, my younger cousin, Nate Snead, got to feel the thrill of hearing his name called in the Major League Baseball draft.

It was truly a humbling experience for me. I know I haven't worked out in a while or even got in a gym to play basketball, so I wasn't shocked to wake up sore. I didn't even do too much, just shag some fly balls, hit about 20 myself and catch a bullpen for my fiancée.

Yet, it took a hit at my ego when my legs felt tight and wobbled whenever I faced stairs. Because my job is in athletics, I'm around sports and athletes all the time. However, I'm not in the gym, the weight room or on

Let me  
Badger  
you



the field when they are putting in the work. I just see the product on the field and occasionally get a window into what it takes when writing feature stories.

While I was never a star athlete myself, I still put in the work to be a valuable contributor, so I'm no stranger to what it takes to be an athlete. It's no surprise my lethargy earned me disappointing results.

Disappointing but deserved.

While I was sitting on my couch and packing on the pounds, Nate was working on his game.

After helping the Tennessee Volunteers to a national championship in 2024, he put together a solid junior season out of the bullpen. He took over the closer role for the Vols, leading the team with five saves before they

fell to No. 3 Arkansas in the Super Regional.

As a whole, his work earned him a 4.53 ERA, a 4-2 record, a 1.55 WHIP and a .283 opponent's batting average over 49.2 innings pitched.

The resume he built over the past three seasons garnered him some interest from MLB teams.

On July 14, Nate heard his name called. The Los Angeles Angels selected him as a third-round supplementary pick for competitive balance, the 105th player taken overall and the last on the opening day of the draft.

The whole situation was a lot to take in. Within minutes his life changed. By Thursday, the family threw a going-away party.

Now, Nate finds himself in Arizona, where he is competing with the Arizona Complex

League Angels at the Rookie level. (The Rookie level is a minor league in baseball that doesn't begin until after the draft and before players get moved up to either Class A, AA or AAA for their first full seasons.)

Nate got to feel that joy and nervousness for taking these giant steps in his life because he worked hard for it and earned it.

While Nate is a better player than I ever could have hoped to be, that in large part because of the countless hours he put in.

I stuffed my mouth with cheese curds and soda. He put time in the bullpen.

I got to feel the pain of inactivity. He got to feel the elation of success.

At the end, we both got what we earned.



## Major award winners

Portland Junior League gave out awards following the conclusion of the 2025 season. Pictured at left are Jada Plessinger, the Major Softball league's Miss Softball, and Rookie of the Year Ellie Wiggins. At right are Mr. Baseball Easton Steed and Willie Mays Baseball Rookie of the Year Trey Hirschy.



Photos provided

Come visit your Indiana Secretary of State's Office at the 2025 Indiana State Fair from

AUGUST 1-17!

We're the proud sponsor of both

\$2 Tuesdays on August 5 and 12, but we'll be there EVERY DAY—registering eligible Hoosier voters, sharing division resources, and celebrating all things Indiana.

YOUR INDIANA SECRETARY OF STATE

Stop by and say hello at this year's

Great Indiana State Fair!

# Kansas coach Bill Self hospitalized

**By SHREYAS LADDHA**  
The Kansas City Star  
Tribune News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas Jayhawks men's basketball coach Bill Self was hospitalized Thursday after experiencing "some concerning symptoms," KU Athletics said in an early-evening news release.

Self was transported to Lawrence Memorial Hospital, the release stated, where he had two stents inserted.

"The procedure went very well, and he is expected to make a full recovery," KU Athletics statement said. "He is in good spirits and expects to be released from the hospital soon."

In 2023, Self missed KU's postseason run because he was hospitalized on March 8 after experiencing chest tightness. During that time, he also had two

stents inserted. The Jayhawks lost to Arkansas in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

As for Self's current situation, a source told The Kansas City Star that he coached the Jayhawks at practice on Thursday morning. He exhibited no signs of discomfort at that practice session.

But he did not feel well as the day progressed so he was hospitalized and received the two stents. Self was unable to attend a meet-and-greet Thursday afternoon with some KU staff members who aren't returning for the 2025-26 school year.

It is believed that Self was to undergo some tests at the hospital. Thursday's practice was the last of the summer school session at KU; the new school year begins Aug. 18.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Portland Rockets in NABF Regionals at Runkle-Miller Field — 1 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
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 a.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)

**Sunday**  
8 a.m. — LIV Golf: LIV Golf UK (FS1)  
9 p.m. — Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix (ESPN)  
12 p.m. — PGA Tour Champions: The Senior Open (NBC)  
12 p.m. — UEFA Women's Euro soccer: England vs. Spain (FOX)  
12:05 p.m. — Formula E: London E-Prix (CBS)  
1:40 p.m. — MLB: Tampa Bay Rays at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)  
2 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Brickyard 400 (TNT)  
2 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited Softball: Talons at Bandits (ESPN)  
2 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)  
3 p.m. — IndyCar: Grand Prix of Monterey (FOX)  
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: 3M Open (CBS)  
3 p.m. — WNBA: Indiana Fever at Chicago Sky (ABC)  
4 p.m. — NHRA: DENSO Sonoma Nationals (FS1)  
7 p.m. — The Basketball Tournament (FS1)  
7:10 p.m. — MLB: New York Mets at San Francisco Giants (ESPN)  
9 p.m. — The Basketball Tournament (FS1)

**Monday**  
6 p.m. — The Basketball Tournament (FS1)  
7 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited Softball: Bandits at Talons (ESPN2)  
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Los Angeles Dodgers at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)  
8 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Dallas Wings (ABC)

**Tuesday**  
7 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Pittsburgh Riverhounds at Miami FC (ESPN2)  
7:05 p.m. — MLB: Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees (TBS)  
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Los Angeles

Dodgers at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)  
11 p.m. — League Cup soccer: Pachuca at San Diego (FS1)

### 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.