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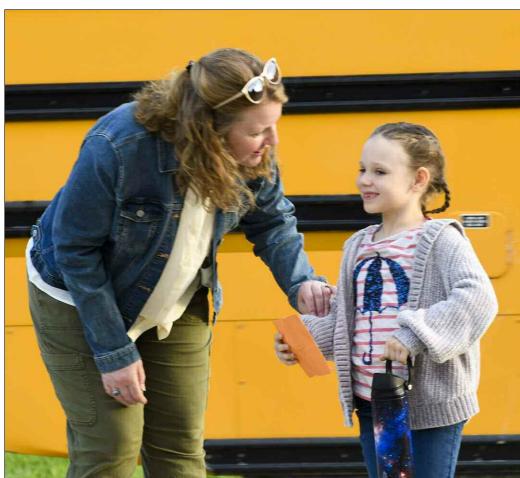


Back to school

School Corporation students returned to their classrooms Thursday for the first day of the 2025-26 school year.

Pictured above, Bloomfield Elementary School principal Ben Dues takes a selfie with students arriving Thursday morning.

second At right, grader Hensley Davison grins after departing the bus Thursday morning at East Elementary School in Portland to a greeting teacher from Amy Klopfenstein.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Putin and Trump planning to

Tribune News Service Kremlin said Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump are finalizing details for a meeting within the next few days, even as the White House insisted that the Russian leader still needed to agree to meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelen-

The U.S. and Russia have agreed on a venue for a meeting between their leaders, to be disclosed later, and "we are starting to work on specific issues,' with the aim of holding the talks next week, Kremlin foreign policy aide Yuri Ushakov told reporters Thursday.

But a White House officautioned the U.S. would not set a hit purchasers of Russian meeting unless Putin oil with secondary tariffs agreed to meet with unless Putin agrees to a Zelenskyy, and that no truce by Friday as the location had been set. U.S. pushes for a deal to skyy and his European expects the same brave

Kremlin aide says U.S., Russia are 'starting to work on specific issues'

reporters he didn't object to meeting Zelenskyy under the right conditions, though he said they don't exist now.

Still, the Kremlin sought to build momentum for a meeting by suggesting plans were being completed a day after Putin met with Trump's envoy Steve Witkoff for nearly three hours of talks in the Kremlin. that Trump has threatened to

its fourth year.

After returning to the White House on a pledge to bring the war to a rapid end, Trump has voiced growing frustration over Putin's refusal to accept a ceasefire following six phone calls between them since February. Trump said Wednesday he didn't regard the latest developments as a "break-through," though the first summit meeting between the two leaders since 2018 would imply they've made progress on a resolution.

The worry for Zelen-

Putin on Thursday told end the war that's now in allies is that Putin may persuade Trump to concede too much in reaching a settlement. They also have a multitude of doubts about how any agreement might be enforced and what security guarantees Ukraine will receive.

Zelenskyy said he and European allies discussed "various formats" peace talks with Trump during a call on Wednesday, including "two bilateral and one trilateral" meeting between the three presidents. "Ukraine is not afraid of meetings and approach from the Russian side," he said in a post on social media.

Putin told reporters the United Arab Emirates could be a suitable venue for the summit with Trump, during Kremlin talks with UAE President Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan on Thursday.

Russia didn't respond when Witkoff raised the prospect of a trilateral meeting involving Putin, Trump and Zelenskyy, according to Ushakov. The Kremlin wants to focus first on talks between Putin and Trump, he said.

Zelenskyy said he and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz "coordinated our positions" during a phone call Thursday, and national security advisers from Ukraine, the U.S. and Europe will hold an online meeting

later to align positions. See **Meet** page 2

teams.

Jay Co. native died in **Blackford** collision By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

A Jay County native died Tuesday in a motorcycle accident in Blackford County.

Aaron Moles, 52, a rural Pennville resident, was pronounced dead at the scene after the motorcycle he was driving struck oncoming traffic about 6:15 p.m. on Willman Road.

Moles had been driving a motorcycle on the road between county roads 100 South and 200 South when he lost control while driving north through a curve, according to a release from Blackford County Sheriff's Office. He entered the southbound lane of traffic and crashed into an oncoming vehicle.

An autopsy was conducted Wednesday morning at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. Moles sustained fatal blunt force trauma injuries to his chest and lower body, according to Blackford County coroner Zach Crouch.

Indiana State Police were requested to assist with the ongoing investigation, the release said.

Court upholds block on buffer

Judges say law is too vague

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

A federal appeals court upheld a lower court's injunction blocking Indiana's widely debated 25foot police buffer zone law, ruling that the statute is "unconstitutionally

vague" and "susceptible to arbitrary enforcement."

In a decision issued Tuesday, a unanimous Seventh Circuit panel found the law lacks clear standards for police conduct, allowing officers to behavior criminalize based solely on personal discretion.

"The Fourteenth Amendment will not tolerate a law subjecting pedestrians to arrest merely because a police officer had a bad breakfast — no matter how bitter the coffee or how soggy the scrambled eggs," Judge Doris Pryor wrote for the court.

The law, passed in 2023, makes it a Class C misdemeanor to knowingly approach within 25 feet of a law enforcement officer after being told to stop.

Supporters at the time said some situations become more volatile when people are too close to the officers.

See Upholds page 2

Deaths

Virginia Kelley, 87, Port-Linda Cline, 81, Pennville

Sandra Byrd, Jamestown, Kentucky Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature was 77 degrees Wednesday in Jay County. The low was 64.

Tonight's low will be in the upper 60s. Expect mostly sunny skies Saturday with the high climbing into the upper 80s. Highs will be in the 80s through at least Wednesday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will 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 Thursday's Portland Board of Works meeting.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

Wednesday — Results from the JCHS and FRHS girls golf



Obituaries

Virginia Kelley

Feb. 25, 1938-Aug. 8, 2025 Virginia Ann Kelley, age 87, of Portland passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2025, in Persimmon Ridge Healthcare.

She was born in Portland on Feb. 25, 1938, the daughter of Isadore and Emma Braun. She

was married on Oct. 16, 1967, to Keith Kelley and he passed away on June 14, 2015.

Virginia was a Portland High School graduate

and worked as a Kelley phone operator and at Jay Gar-

ment Corp. She enjoyed reading and was involved with Jayland Trotting Association.

Surviving are one daughter, Shari Jacobs (husband: Brandon) of Dunkirk, and a grandson Cody Jacobs.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Carrie Kelley.

There will be no services at away on May 10, 2025. this time.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorials can be made to Jayland Trotting Association or Jay County Cancer Society.

Condolences may expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Linda Cline

July 18, 1944-Aug. 6, 2025 Linda Cline, age 81, a resident of Pennville, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2025, at The Waters in Dunkirk.

Linda was born on July 18, 1944, in Portland, Indiana, the daughter of Isaac and Imogene (Miller) Landers.

Linda attended High Portland

School and was a homemaker. Linda attended the Collett Church of the Nazarene.

Cline

She married Keith Cline on Oct. 13, 1963, and he passed

Survivors include:

Two daughters — Karen Gar-

ringer (companion: Robert), expressed Pennville, Indiana, and Becky Cline, Pennville, Indiana

Three sons — Robert Cline Sandra Byrd Christina), Huber Heights, Ohio, Jeff Cline, Pennville, Indiana, and Steve Cline, Pennville, Indiana

Two brothers — Perry Landers (wife: Donna), Bedford, Indiana, and Paul Landers (wife: Vicky), San Antonio,

Texas One sister — Carla Sue Pacheco (husband: Sam), Gilbert, Arizona

Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Linda was preceded in death by her husband, Keith Cline; her parents, Isaac and Imogene Landers; and a great-granddaughter, Allison Garringer.

Private services will be held at the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Burial will follow at IOOF Twin Hill Cemetery in Pen-

Memorials may be directed towards Asera Care Hospice.

Condolences may spencer.com.

May 14, 1944-Aug. 1, 2025 Sandra (Fiely) Byrd, 81, of Jamestown, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Aug. 1, 2025.

She was born to Harold and Freeda (Smith) Fiely on May 14, 1944.

She was a 1963 graduate of Portland High School. On June 10, 1964, she mar-

ried Carl Byrd and he died in October 2024.

Byrd

Sandy was a homemaker and cherished friend to many. She sold Avon products for many years, decorated memorable cakes, hosted neighborhood Yahtzee tournaments and loved playing rummy. She will be remembered for her warmth, laughter and sense of

Survivors include a daugh-

williamson- ter, Tracy, of Jupiter, Florida; and a son, Carl Byrd III (Lisa) of Georgetown, Kentucky; and a granddaughter, Katalina. Other survivors are a sister, Cindy (Mike) Muhlenkamp of Celina, Ohio; a brother-in-law, Donald Clott of Portland; and Sandy's longtime friend, Teena Watson of Portland.

Preceding her in death was a sister, Patricia (Patty) Clott of Portland.

There will be no services. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The family encourages gathering friends, playing a game of rummy and raising a glass to a life well-lived.

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.

CR almanac

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Lotteries

Powerball

15-27-43-45-53 Power Ball: 9 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$482 million

Mega Millions

jackpot: Estimated \$166 million

Hoosier

Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 5-0-1 Daily Four: 4-8-4-8 Quick Draw: 9-14-16-23-36-38-40-42-47-48-49-53-54-55-60-69-71-72-73-79 Evening

Daily Three: 2-2-3

Daily Four: 8-3-2-8 Quick Draw: 3-6-12-16-17-25-27-28-33-35-39-42-45-50-51-54-58-61-62-78

Cash 5: 2-7-31-34-41 Estimated jackpot: \$90,000

Ohio

Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 1-6-3 Pick 4: 0-5-1-6 Pick 5: 4-1-3-1-2 Evening Pick 3: 1-4-0 Pick 4: 9-3-5-6 Pick 5: 0-0-2-1-7 Rolling Cash: 3-7-22-23-

Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

New method planned for Medicaid

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Over the course of a decade, Indiana's per-enrollee costs for certain Medicaid recipients are expected to surge by 43% and 72% for lowerincome and elderly Hoosiers, respectively.

That's according to an analysis by the Family and Social Services Administration shared on Wednesday by Secretary Mitch Roob, who is leading the agency for a second time. Another agency leader also provided an update on state child care costs during an hours-long quarterly fiscal update.

Expenses for Healthy Indiana Plan enrollees could grow from \$2.9 billion in 2017 to \$7.5 billion in 2027 — while per-enrollee costs grow from \$7,403 and \$10,599, or 43%.

"Now, that's a lot of money, but those dollars are primarily funded through the hospital assessment fee,' Roob said. "So, candidly, the General Assembly is less concerned about the cost-growth trajectory."

Upholds

The same can't be said for elderly also grown more expensive, "even Hoosiers in fee-for-service programs or enrolled in Pathways for Aging. Those costs will increase from \$4.2 billion to \$11.3 billion. That per-enrollee growth is projected to increase by 72% from \$12,261 in 2017 to \$21,077 in 2027.

'We're going to have to focus on 'How do we create a care model that we can afford for this patient population?" said Roob. "Because we can't afford that amount.'

Over that same time frame, state Medicaid appropriations are expected to more than double from \$2.1 billion to nearly \$5 billion. By 2030, one in five Hoosiers is projected to be at retirement age when they're more likely to rely on government programs like Medicaid.

The surge in Applied Behavior Analysis therapy and reliance on attendant care services — for both the elderly and disabled — also inflates the state's Medicaid costs. Roob noted that Federally Qualified Health Centers and hospitals have

as our health care outcomes as a state have not moved nearly as much." In the past, Roob said the agency

typically budgeted by estimating how much services would cost and accounting for various funding streams. The gap between expenses and revenues would then be closed by the state's general fund.

In 2023, the state contributed nearly \$3 billion, or just over 16% of FSSA's \$18 billion budget. The \$4 billion in 2025 was nearly 21% of the \$20 billion budget.

But, going forward, the agency will work backwards by assuming the state would only contribute 2%, shrinking the overall budget.

"When the revenue forecast came out ... the General Assembly said, 'You're going to have to make do with \$250 million less. And we put together a plan to get there," Roob said. "... (We) ended Medicaid advertising; we're reducing administrative contracts.

Continued from page 1 media organizations — Members of the press including the Indiana 2024, agreeing that the law can use the buffer law to and the public argue the Broadcasters Association,

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so-called "buffer zone" comes to public record- to block the law. ings.

Press and a coalition of issued

Damage was estimated between

\$10,000 and \$25,000 after the vehicle

a Bryant woman was driving veered

off Boundary Pike and struck a pole

about 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Meet ...

Continued from page 1

many share the view that the war must be ended as

soon as possible with a dignified peace," Zelenskyy

said. "The parameters of ending this war will shape the security landscape

of Europe for decades to

Trump on Wednesday

said there was a "very good

chance" he'd meet with

Putin. He continues to face

critics who see a real risk

that Putin is able to evade

penalties even as he keeps

up a war now in its fourth

come."

year.

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Veered off

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District Court U.S. The Reporters Commit- Judge James Sweeney II, tee for Freedom of the of the southern district, preliminary а

Capsule Reports

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failure to guide officer discretion.

"Without such guid- tions," Pryor wrote.

was likely void for vague- subject any pedestrian to the Society of Profession-ness under the Fourteenth potential criminal liability by simply ordering The Seventh Circuit them not to approach, affirmed in its Tuesday even if the pedestrian is ruling. Justices largely doing nothing more than focused on the statute's taking a morning stroll or merely walking up to an officer to ask for direc-

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Wheat	4.57

Today in history

In 1896, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings was Telecommunications born in Washington, Engineering D.C. A journalist, short selling story writer and novel- radios in Japan. About ist, Rawlings wrote three years later, the "The Yearling" in 1938, company rebranded to securing her a Pulitzer its current name, Sony. Prize.

In 1955, Tokyo started transistor —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Recovery School Board, tion, 302 N. Walnut St.

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. 1616 N. Meridian St. Ship St., Portland. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Town Council, fire sta-

Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. **Tuesday**

5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian

community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.

7 p.m. — Dunkirk City

5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, fire station, 6 p.m. — Ridgeville

SERVICES

Aug. 30

Shilt, Donald: II a.m., Tribute Funeral Homes, 1000 N.

Broadway St., Greenville, Ohio.

Service listings provided by **PROGRESSIVE DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

Mark your Calendars!

west on the road near county road

Katlin M. Schoenlein, 20, was report. The truck Schoenlein was driving a 2014 Ford F-150 north-driving went into a ditch and hit a utility pole owned by Brightspeed 400 South when she went off the Internet.

side of the road, according to a Jay The truck she was driving was County Sheriff's Office crash towed.

We have a busy schedule of Special Sections coming up!

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Mandy's donation

Mandy's

Blessings recently donated \$3,500 to Jay County Cancer Society. Pictured from left are Cavenaugh, Charlene Theurer and Pam Robbins.



Last summer concert set for Aug. 14

You better believe it. Brother Believe Me will perform Aug. 14 at Hudson Family **Taking**

A group of experienced musicians, Brother Believe Me reproduces a wide range of musical genres with compelling accuracy and energy, according to a press release from Arts Place. Their set list, which includes a mix of songs from the 1970s, '80s and today, appeals to all ages and musical preferences.

Brother Believe Me's performance marks the final free show of the year in the Hudson Family Park Amphitheatre concert series. Kids activities and food trucks will also be available.

Series continues

Music Series is in full swing.

Note

ance by Blue Moon Marquee, opens at 7 p.m. Aug. 16 at Canan Commons.

Dates for other shows are as follows:

•Saturday, Aug. 23 — Vanessa Collier at Brown Family Amphitheater at Ball State Uni-

•Saturday, Aug. 30 — Jennie Devoe at Canan Commons •Saturday, Sept. 6 — Colby T.

Helms & the Virginia Creepers The Muncie Three Trails at Brown Family Amphitheater

•Saturday, Sept. 20 — The Afro Its next concert, a perform- Peruvian Jazz Orchestra at inplainsight2025.

Brown Family Amphitheater All shows begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit munciethreetrails.com.

Tall Cop

There's an upcoming educational opportunity to learn how to identify high-risk behaviors

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition's "High in Plain Sight: Current Drug Trends" is slated for 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 29 at The Rock Church in Portland. The free, community focused event for adults will be led by officer Jermaine Galloway, also known as "The Tall Cop." Galloway will be sharing ways to prevent substance abuse by identifying possible high-risk behaviors in vouth.

To register, visit bit.ly/high-

Grandma ignores request for child

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are blessed with a 6month-old son, "Tyler." I'm now back at work three days a week. My mother and my mother-in-law offered to watch him one day a week, which we were grateful for. (I found a babysitter for the third day.)

I give my mom and my MIL gift cards to their favorite restaurants because each is giving up a day per week for us. My mom is very active and quite a bit younger than my MIL. Mom stays home with Tyler on the day she watches him (no errands, etc.).

I asked my MIL if, on the day she watches Tyler, she can also stay home and not drive around to the library, grocery store and retail stores. I explained it interrupts the baby's nap schedule, and, because she isn't as physically in shape as my mom, it worries me how she's wrangling the car seat, stroller, etc. She promised she'd just stay home and care for him and play with him.

Well, Abby, she completely ignored me. I came to pick him up, and she was not even home. I was furious because this isn't the only time I have caught her running all over town with my infant. My husband also has asked her to stay put for one day out of the week. The last time I picked up Tyler, I said, "If you can't stay home, we need to change this arrangement." Now my husband's side of the family is upset with me and thinks I was too harsh. What do you think? — NEW MOM IN MISSOURI

DEAR MOM: I think that because your mother-in-law ignores your instructions about not taking your baby with her while running nothing and having a bad errands, that you need to taste in your mouth.

Dear Abby



find someone else to take care of him on the days she used to do it. This is not being "too harsh," it is protecting your little one. (No one said motherhood is

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who is an accomplished cook. I am not. She's very generous and shares her efforts often, but anytime I have given her some of my better efforts, she has given me feedback like, "Adding some onion would really help this" or "Wow, you didn't skimp on the chili pow-

I finally decided to reciprocate by inviting her to lunches out. Now it's, "This sauce tastes like it came out of a bottle, mine is much better" or "I tweaked my sister's recipe for this dish; I should give it to the chef." Frankly, I'm tired of her estimation of her talents. I never killed anybody with my cooking, and her remarks when we're at a restaurant diminish my enjoyment. Any nice way to get her to simmer down? — OUTDONE IN TEXAS

DEAR OUTDONE: I wonder if your friend's culinary talents are her only claim to fame. When she is critical of the food at the restaurants to which you take her, SMILE and say quietly, "Picky aren't we today? I think this is delicious!" It would be better than saying

Community Calendar

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Today

PAST SERVICES — Peer Addic- mation, call (260) 766-2006. tion Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County **Drug Prevention Coalition** office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. To learn more information, please call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — 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

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one time each.

Notices will appear in ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-Community Calendar as based recovery group for space is available. To sub- all kinds of addictions, will mit an item, email meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early RECOVERY for a meal. For more infor-

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST 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 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. A BETTER LIFE - BRI- Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. (260) 726-5924.

MUNITY 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.

MOUS — 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

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALI-TION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E Walnut St, Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

 The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio.

Tuesday

For more information, call BREAD OF LIFE COM-

NARCOTICS at (260) 251-8792.

COMPASSIONATE

ERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they devellong-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral

CONNECTIONS RECOV-

Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland. A BETTER LIFE - BRI-

ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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 ANONY-MOUS — 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-

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORN-ING 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.

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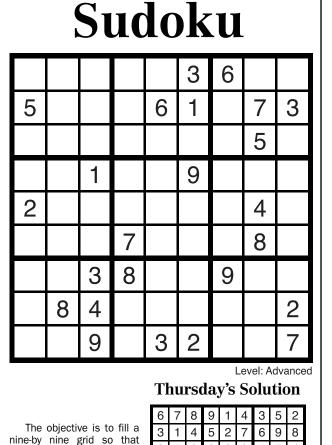


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Are centers the way to catch up?

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Manufacturing is not disappearing in the United States nor in Indiana. It continues to grow, but more slowly than other sectors of the economy.

Manufacturing went from 15.8% of the nation's GDP in 1998 to 10.2% by 2023. This relative decline in Indiana was from 30.8% to 25.9%. We did out-perform the nation in our rate of growth for manufacturing (3.3%

In 2023, the biggest manufacturing sector in Indiana was chemicals (which includes pharmaceuticals) with 6.9% of the state's GDP, followed by motor vehicles, bodies, trailers and parts at 4.5% of GDP, and then primary metals (steel and aluminum) at 2.5%.

Morton J. **Marcus**



tries (the Big 3), accounted for 49.6% of Indiana's manufacturing GDP in 1998 and 54.1% in 2023. While the Big 3 nationally accounted for 31% of manufacturing growth in that quarter century, they were 58% of the advances for Indiana's manufacturing.

Many Hoosiers know something of another industry that once defined their town and our inum) at 2.5%. state — electronics. They know about RCA, Franklin Electric,

Western Electric, Delco and ly, close to the 4.7% average Magnavox, plus dozens of othexpansion of GDP itself. But ers that made computers and electronic products as well as electrical equipment, appliances and components.

With such names, Hoosiers thought we were big time in the electronics industry. Despite industry closing and movements to other nations, in 1998, electronics in the United States accounted for 16.2% of manufacturing's GDP, larger than any one of the Big 3. By 2023, however, chemicals surpassed electronics nationally and electronics was down to 13.5% of the U.S. GDP. Similarly, in Indiana, electronics fell from 5.1% of manufacturing output in 1998 to 2.6% in 2023.

Electronics across the nation was expanding by 4.5% annual-

Indiana saw only a 1.1% average annual growth rate for electronics where total GDP grew by 4%.

Electronics lagged nation's growth by just 0.2%, but fell behind Indiana's GDP growth by 2.9%. What explains the difference? Were Hoosier electronics firms bought out by firms from outside our borders? Were our establishments mainly branch production facilities without the home office loyalties so important in corporate

Those would be internal factors, not subject to state policies. Or were state tax and regulatory policies of consequence? Did we retard automation by failing to give tax credits for capital investments? Were we too much marcus@gmail.com.

the purists in our environmental considerations?

Or were other factors at play? Did Big Labor put down the hammer on electronics firms with excessive wage and working condition demands? Were the owners of our companies too slow to recognize the shifts in product demand, not keeping pace with their competitors' designs and pricing?

Whatever the reasons, Indiana is now trying to catch up with data centers and chip mak-

Communities are asking, "Is this the right place for such investments?'

Marcus is an economist formerly at the IU Kelley School of Business. Email him at mortonj-

Fed was right to deny rate change

Bloomberg Opinion

Tribune News Service The Federal Reserve Guest resisted pressure from the White House last week and left its policy rate unchanged. It was the right decision. As Chair Jerome Powell acknowledged, the case for a cut was a bit stronger this time than in June — and two of the Fed's policymakers, in rare dissents, voted to lower the rate by a quarter-point. For now, though, patience in relaxing the central bank's "modestly restrictive" stance still makes sense.

As Powell explained, the Fed is grappling with conflicting information and heightened uncertainty. Economic growth has slowed in recent months, the pace of hiring has cooled and data published after the Fed's decision showed that the unemployment edged up in July. Even so, inflation continues to run faster than the bank's 2% target (core inflation was 2.8% in the year to June), it's too soon to say how much the administration's new tariffs will push up prices, and last month's jobless rate of 4.2% still squares policymakers' "maximum employment"

was no urgency to alter course. At the Fed's next policy meeting, six weeks from now, things should be clearer.

While investors had expected no immediate change in the policy rate of 4.25% to 4.5%, many had hoped for a clearer signal of a cut next time. Yet, as Powell explained. it's impossible to know how the calculation will shift — whether the risk to prices from tariffs will outweigh the risk to jobs from a policy rate that's "modestly" higher than neutral. As things stand, the Fed had no good basis for hinting what it might

do next time. ing that the so-called neu- rise and the longer-term tral rate — the rate that rates that set the cost of neither adds to nor subtracts from aggregate demand — is itself in will reveal more about doubt. Many investors assume that once inflation is securely back to 2%, with the labor market at full employment, the policy rate can be trimmed over time to 3% (the median currently keep its criticisms in projected by the Fed for check.

Editorial

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the "longer run," hence implicitly deemed neutral). They forget that policymakers disagree on what neutral actually means: In their most recent summary, the range of opinion ran from 2.5% to 3.9%. Time will tell just how far above neutral the current rate really is.

for the moment, demand is adequate and unem-In other words, there ployment is low. This makes the White House's view — that tight money is throttling the economy and a cut in interest rates points is needed — perplexing.

To be sure, mediumand longer-term rates are higher than before, making it harder to buy houses and cars, putting heavily indebted households under strain, and discouraging investment. But the crucial point is that a lower policy rate won't necessarily help and could easily make matters worse. If the Fed is suspected of suppressing its best judgment for political reasons, infla-Indeed, it's worth not-tion expectations will credit will spike.

The next two months what's happening in the labor market and to what extent higher tariffs will raise prices. Right now, the Fed's judgment looks right and the administration would be wise to

What matters is that, three percentage



We could all use 'poptimism'

By STEVE HORTON

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

The world is a pretty bleak place at the moment.

Around the globe, it doesn't **Opinion** seem much better. Amid all of this turmoil, with humanity seemingly at one of its lowest points, we could really use a Superman in our lives. In fact, we've never yearned for such a person to be real as much as we do now.

Instead, we got the next best thing: James Gunn's "Superman," a bastion of hope on the silver screen, about the best example of what analysts call "poptimism" that we're ever likely to find: optimism in pop culture in the face of doom all around us. See him stop wars! See him rescue kids and squirrels! See him take down a technocrat billionaire! (Whose look predates a couple of egg-shaped billionaires we're contending with now.)

And soon after, we've got Superman times four, with "The Fantastic Four: First Steps," featuring Marvel's beloved First Family. This one's an equally optimistic throwback story with the fabulous foursome up against Galactus, the devourer of worlds, who could be seen in this day and age as a metaphor for climate change.

In the recent past, superheroes on the big and small screen have tended to be quite dark and cynical, perhaps as a contrary response to the "hope and change" Barack Obama era. "The Boys" and "Invincible" are deliberately satirical and bloody. The "Spider-Verse" movies are on a yearslong cliffhanger with the hero captured cian open their mouth but in the near Chicago.

Guest

by his dark alternate self. Even Superman was not immune: "Man of Steel" featured a dark blue suit and a neck-snapping climax.

It seems that as the world makes a running dash down a Slip 'N Slide toward fascism, much of our pop culture, from music and television to streaming and big-screen movies, is going hard toward bright and sunny, to shine a little light in the darkness, provide a much-needed escape and show all of us how things could be, if only we tried a little harder. Even shows such as "Ted Lasso" deal with the concept of toxic positivity or going too far toward being positive that you fail to deal with real problems.

In the yawning void that is the absence of Superman in our own world, and in between forays into fiction where he exists, it behooves us to act more like Superman in our own little corners of the world. What would the Fantastic Four or Superman do? Superman's three pillars these days (revised in the comics after it seemed a bit jingoistic to have him care at all about the American Way, whatever

1. Truth. Seems in short supply these days, right? Lying and dishonesty are the name of the game, not only when you hear a politiworkplace, too. We could all do with quite a bit more honesty, even when it hurts.

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2. Justice. It also feels like the cup has run dry here. Famous peobe punished in any significant way. Those with the best lawyers dodge serious charges after long trials. There's not much the average person can do when the system fails, other than speaking out collectively through protest.

3. A better tomorrow. The master speculative fiction writer Lois McMaster Bujold wrote, "Guard your honor. Let your reputation fall where it may. And outlive the bastards." We have to hope that eventually, the world will turn toward the better, if we would just live long enough to see it happen.

Seeing an uplifting film about an immigrant refugee who gets the job done or a fantastic foursome that watches over humanity makes us look for bright spots elsewhere in our current worldview. For example, the undeniable rizz of New York City mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani. It inspires us to try to look for silver linings wher-

ever we can, no matter how tiny. In the absence of much leadership from the resistance side of things against creeping authoritarianism, or many real-life role models or leaders who are interested in anything other than holding on to their own jobs, pop culture like "Superman" shows us the

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Dashboard launched

New tool targets accessibility of climate data

Purdue Ag News The Midwestern Regional Climate Center (MRCC), with support from the United Soybean Board, has launched the Ag Climate Dashboard — a centralized digital hub offering streamlined access to integrated climate and agricultural data and decisionsupport tools for producers, advisors and researchers in the

Designed to support on-farm decision-making, the Ag Climate Dashboard offers up-to-date weather data, National Weather Service forecasts, Climate Prediction Center outlooks, historical records and interactive tools for monitoring crop growth, pest threats, climate anomalies and extreme weather events.

The dashboard also connects users to regional ag climate products and a variety of statespecific resources. State-specific pages, such as Indiana's, link to tools and resources like the Purdue Mesonet and the Indiana State Climate Office.

"We want to provide as much clear, well-organized information to producers and advisors as possible so they can make confident management decisions, whether that's on their own farms or helping clients,' said Austin Pearson, climatologist at the MRCC and Indiana State Climate Office.

By placing these tools in a single, easy-to-navigate platform, the dashboard allows users to make better-informed decisions and support profitability and yield.

The idea for the dashboard stemmed directly from farmers. "In 2023, we hosted workshops with farmers and one of the biggest takeaways was that while many ag climate tools exist, they aren't found in one location," Pearson said.

The dashboard hosts tools both developed by Purdue University and trusted external sources. For example, MRCC's Corn Growing Degree



The Ag Climate Dashboard offers tools to help monitor extreme weather events in addition to crop growth, pest threats and climate anomalies. It also connects users to regional ag climate products and a variety of state-specific resources.

Day tool helps track crop progress and predict maturity, while the Pest Forecasting Map from the Iowa Environmental Mesonet alerts farmers to threats like alfalfa weevil. Within the dashboard, users also have access to the Climate Prediction Center outlooks for temperature and precipitation, interactive maps, crop and disease forecasting, fieldwork planning tools, and localized climate summaries — all designed to support timely, informed decision-making throughout the

"The forecasting tools help farmers understand what pests — whether weeds, insects or dis-

eases — could be an issue and when management is crucial," Pearson said. "I encourage users to get into the dashboard and explore, as new tools are frequently added."

Users can also consult climatologies through the platform to gain insights into historical weather patterns that may influence marketing and management strategies.

Beth Hall, director of the MRCC and Indiana State Climate Office, emphasized the broader vision of the project. 'We're discovering that individual states provide tools that are limited geographically. While searching for information, we field use.

found that there are missing tools — those that cover the full soybean production region. This inspires us to keep growing the dashboard to create a dynamic system that's helpful for both a small geographic area and the whole region.'

Future enhancements will be guided by feedback from farmers and advisors. One requested addition is an irrigation planning tool, as several farmers are seeking region-specific guidance on how much water to apply to minimize waste. While isolated tools like this exist, they often lack the geographic specificity needed for practical

Looking ahead, the MRCC plans to incorporate more interactive, user-friendly features, such as location-based maps that respond to ZIP code input, providing a customized experience for each user.

"This is just round one of the dashboard," Hall said. "We really wanted to provide people a taste and hopefully get them excited about the future. I envision more and more of our tools offering a greater user experi-

Additional information about the Ag Climate Dashboard can found on the Midwestern Regional Climate Center's mrcc.purdue.edu.

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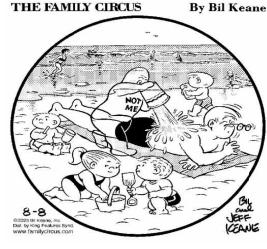
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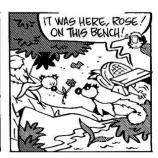


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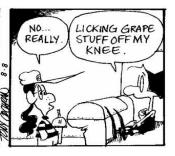












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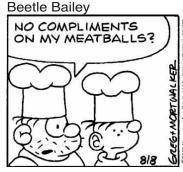




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Bidding quiz

Some sequences of bidding are regarded as impossible — that is, you simply can't have a hand that fits the bids you've made. In each of the following sequences, specify whether South's last bid is Possible or Impossible:

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cated 20 or 21 points, balanced distribution and all-around strength. Having spoken his piece by opening two notrump and responding to North's Stayman in the stay of the stay inquiry, South cannot logically bid six spades when his partner might have as little as five or six high-card points for his bids. If there is a slam

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in the hand, the impetus must come from opener's partner.

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2. Possible. In general, when responder names a new suit, opener cannot pass. But there is an exception to this rule if opener specifically rebids one notrump, limiting his high-card strength. The two-heart bid here can therefore be assed. With a game gaine hand passed. With a game-going hand, North would have to jump to three

hearts to force South to bid again.

3. Possible. Four notrump here is not Blackwood but is a "quantita-tive" raise. North should have 16 or 17 points and is inviting a slam in notrump if South has a maximum for his opening notrump bid. If South has a bare 15 points, he should pass

should pass.

4. Impossible. Two diamonds was a jump-shift committing the partnership to game and expressing interest in slam, so South must continue bidding until at least a game is reached. North is most likely still angling for a slam and is seeking more information. seeking more information.

5. Impossible. Two notrump promised 13 to 15 points and committed the partnership to game. South cannot make a bid that is forcing to game and then change his mind on the next round. North

is presumably unhappy with notrump, but that doesn't mean South can pass

Tomorrow: South performs a miraculous feat. ©2025 King Features Syndicate Inc

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Season awards

The Jay County Summer Swim team handed out postseason awards following an undefeated regular season. Lincoln Clamme (far left) won the Jacqui Baxter Sportsmanship and Team Leadership Award. Next in line is Grace Sieg, who won the Rookie of the Year Award. Jay County named both Tucker Loucks and Josh Bennett (far right) recipients of the Most Improved Swimmer Award.

Pawol to become first female to umpire MLB game

By KEVIN BAXTER

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

A woman will umpire a major league game for the first time Saturday when Jen Pawol works the bases during Saturday's doublebetween header Atlanta Braves and visiting Miami Marlins at Truist Park.

For Dodgers manager Roberts, that announcement Wednesday brought one response: It's about time.

"That's great. I'll be watching," he said of Pawol, who will work behind the plate Sunday. "It's good for the game. It's fantastic.'

The NHL is the only major U.S. professional sport that hasn't used female officials. The NBA was the first league to break the gender barrier. with Violet Palmer and Dee Kantner calling games in 1997. MLS followed a year later with Sandra Hunter and Nancy Lay-McCormick refereeing separate games on the same day.

The NFL's first woman official was line judge Shannon Eastin, who made

her debut in 2012. Pawol, 48, played Division I softball at Hofstra, then played for the

women's national baseball

team. She began umpiring NCAA softball games in 2010 and five years later enrolled in the minor league umpire training academy in Vero Beach, Fla., the first step toward a career in professional baseball.

That earned her a job in the rookie-level Gulf Coast League. By 2023, she had worked her way up to Triple-A, the highest rung on the minor league ladder. Last she became the third woman. after Pam Postema, in 1988, and Ria Cortesio, in 2007, to umpire major league spring training games.

The careers of both

women were later blocked by senior male umpires who, according to colleagues, colluded against them. Postema later filed a federal discrimination suit against the National and American leagues, Triple-A clubs and the office of umpire development, claiming sexual harassment and gender discrimination. The suit was settled out of court.

Pawol, conversely, said she has received nothing but support, saying the coaches and players have gone out of their way to acknowledge her example as a trailblazer for their daughters.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today Fort Recovery — Football scrimmage at Sidney Lehman - 6 p.m.

Monday

Jay County — Girls golf vs. quad meet – 5 p.m. Fort Recovery — Boys golf vs. Marion Local – 4:30 p.m.; Girls golf at Marion Local – 4:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today 5:40 a.m. — AFL: Essendon Bombers at Geelong Cats (FS1)

12 p.m. — LIV Golf Chicago (FS1) 1 p.m. — Little League World Series (ESPN) 2 p.m. — LIV Golf Chicago (FOX)

3 p.m. — Little League World Series (ESPN) 4 p.m. - Indy NXT Series: Grand Prix of Port-

5 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: NCTS Race at Watkins Glen (FS1)

7 p.m. — Little League World Series (ESPN) 8:05 p.m. — MLB: Philadelphia Phillies at

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Texas Rangers (FOX) 8:15 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals (FDSN Indiana) 9 p.m. — PLL lacrosse: Carolina Chaos at

Utah Archers (ESPN2) 9:30 p.m. — Horse racing: Dan Patch Stakes

11 p.m. — Liga MX soccer: Tigres UANL at

Puebla (FS1)

- NWLS soccer: Gotham FC at

Washington Spirit (ESPN) 12 p.m. — IndyCar: Grand Prix of Portland

12 p.m. — PGA Tour: Fedex St. Jude Champi

onship (NBC)

12 p.m. — U.S. Gymnastics Champions (NBC)

1 p.m. — NFL preseason: New York Giants at

Buffalo Bills (FOX)

1 p.m. — PLL lacrosse: Philadelphia Water

1 p.m. — LIV Golf Chicago (FOX)

4 p.m. — NFL preseason: Houston Texans at

dogs at New York Atlas (ABC)

1 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)

 $8:30\,$ p.m. — MLS: Sporting Kansas City at San Diego (FS1) 9 p.m. — Banana Ball World Tour (ESPN2)

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Cardinals (FOX)

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burgh Pirates (FDSN Indiana)

Los Angeles Rams (FOX)

- BIG3: Miami 305 at Houston Rig

5 p.m. — BIG3: LA Riot at Ball Hogs (CBS)

6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Pitts-

7 p.m. — NFL preseason: Dallas Cowboys at

7:15 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis

8 p.m. — WNBA: Chicago Sky at Indiana Fever

Outing announced The Adams Health Network Foundation will host the 12th Annual Golf Classic on Sept. 12 at Wabash

There will be two shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Breakfast, snacks and beverages will be provided, as well as a lunch in between flights The event raises funds for healthcare scholar

ships and local health initiatives in Adams County. The deadline to register is August 22. To register visit adamshospital.org/foundation. For more information, email kim.tormbley@adamshealthnet-

Chamber to host

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host its golf outing on Sept. 19 at 9 a.m. Participation costs \$250 per team with lunch included. A \$20 team mulligan golf ball can be pur-

chased as well. Sponsorships can be purchased as well. A lunch sponsorship will cost \$500, while a gold sponsor

ship will go for \$450. Hole sponsorships cost \$100 for members and \$150 for non-members.

The deadline to register is Sept. 12. For more info, call (260) 726-4481 or email amanda@iav countychamber.com.

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

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The next race in the Adams County Challenge series is the Adams Memorial/Kekionga Greenway

Gallup at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 13 The race begins at the Riverside Center in Decatur. Registration forms can be found at adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

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COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT38001-2507 -JP-8 Matildo Alvarez Jimenez.

Petitioner Ana Floriel Jimenez Mendez

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

Respondent

IT IS THEREFORE OR-DERED that the Verified Petition to Establish Child Custody is set for hearing at $9{:}00\,o\mbox{'clock}\,A.M.\,$ on the $30\,\mbox{day}$ 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 **250 PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS Complete details of the Bus Replacement plan may be seen by visiting the website of this unit of government at the following address: https://www.jayschool-

corp.org.

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Jay School Corporation that the proper officers of Jay School Corporation will conduct a public hearing on the year 2026 proposed Bus Replacement Plan pursuant to IC 20-40-18. Following the public hearing, the proper officers of Jay School Corporation may adopt the proposed plan as pre-

sented or with revisions. Public Hearing Date: August 18, 2025 Public Hearing Time: 5:00 p.m.

Public Hearing Place: 414 Floral Ave, Portland, IN 47371 Taxpayers are invited to attend the meeting for a detailed ex-

planation of the plan and to exercise their rights to be heard on the proposed plan. If the proposed plan is adopted by resolution, the resolution will be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance as per IC 20-40-18-9(d).. CR 8-8-2025-HSPAXLP

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unit of government at Administrative Office 414 Floral Ave. Portland, IN 47371. Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of JAY COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION, Jay County, Indiana that the proper officers of Jay School Corporation will conduct a public hearing on the year 2026 budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpavers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of Jay School Corporation not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, Jay School Corporation shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of Jav School Corporation will meet to adopt the following budget:

> Public Hearing Date: Monday, August 18, 2025 Adoption Meeting Date: Monday, September 15, 2025 Public Hearing Time: 5:00 PM Adoption Meeting Time: 5:00 PM Public Hearing Location: Administrative Office 414 Floral Ave. Portland. IN 47371 Adoption Meeting Location: Administrative Office 414 Floral Ave. Portland, IN 47371 Est. School Operations Max Levy: \$8,584,742 Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate: \$600,700 **Budget Estimate** Maximum Estimated Funds Excessive Current

to be Raised (including appeals Levy Appeals Tax Difference (Column3/Column5) and levies exempt from Levy maximum levy limitations) 0061-RAINY DAY \$20,000 \$0 \$6,690,854 0180-DEBT SERVICE \$7.032.647 \$0 \$5.301.918 26.20% 3101-EDUCATION \$23,946,000 \$0 \$0 \$0 3300-OPERATIONS \$8,584,742 \$8.026.841 \$11.647.000 \$0 6.95% \$42,645,647 \$15,275,596 \$13,328,759 Totals

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> https://www.jayschoolcorp.org. Public Hearing Date: August18, 2025 Public Hearing Time: 5:00p.m.

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Indians shoot well, place sixth

CELINA, Ohio — Three Indians posted career-best scores in an 18-hole event. Two more made their varsity debuts for a tournament.

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Despite posting some of their best scores, the Indians couldn't climb into the

top half of the standings.

The Fort Recovery High School girls golf team posted a 417 to finish sixth at the Gary Broering Invite at Mercer County Elks on Wednesday.

Last season, the Indians shot a 423, which earned them a second-place finish. Their 417 this season had them sitting sixth out of 10 teams. Fort Loramie took the top spot with a 390, while St. Henry and Minster followed closely with scores of 391 and 392, respectively. New Bremen (413) and Coldwater (414) both finished ahead of Fort Recovery as well, while Marion Local (451), Celina (466), Wapakoneta (478) and Parkway (551) all fell behind.

Olivia Knapke led the Indians with her best 18-hole round at 88 strokes. She made three pars on the 10th, 12th and 15th holes, all of which are par-4s. She also had eight bogeys. Knapke's score earned her a tie for ninth with Minster's Stella Mumaw, Hanna Lee of Wapakoneta and Fort Loramie's Kim Billing. (Lauren Heitkamp of Minster earned match medalist honors with an 81.)

Mallory Evers and Evvie Briner came in just behind her as they shot career-best scores of 100 and 104 strokes. Between the two, they made three pars and 16 bogeys.

Layla Armstrong made State Tournar up the final score in her that took 13th.

Local Roundup

first 18-hole event by carding a 114. She made par twice

Georgia Wenning and Cora Pearson shot a 117 and 119 that didn't affect the final score.

Scholarship awarded

The OHSAA recently awarded \$200,000 to recent high school graduates, including Fort Recovery's Kennedy Muhlenkamp, as part of the Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Program.

Award-winning student athletes were selected by their respective District Athletic Board based on a point system that rewards students for GPAs, class rank, community service, varsity letters and athletic honors.

While at Fort Recovery High School, Muhlenkamp competed on the volleyball, girls basketball and girls track teams.

She totaled 164 kills, 342 digs, 42 assists and 22 aces on the 2024 volleyball team that made its first regional appearance since 2020.

Muhlenkamp was the second leading scorer on the 2024-25 girls basketball team at 11.3 points per game, earning her a spot on the Second Team All-Midwest Athletic Conference

She also competed on the 4x800-meter relay team that made it to the Division III State Tournament in 2023



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Into the basket

Isaac Kunkler sinks a short range toss on the 2nd hole during the Portland Disc Golf Club's outing at the Hudson Family Park Disc Golf Course on Monday. The club plays the course on Monday evenings throughout the summer. Kunkler tied for fourth with a four-under-par.



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