



Barlow's goodbye

Layla J. Barlow, 3, waves with her mother Katie Ehrke at the Gas Boom Days parade on High Street in Redkey on Saturday. The annual Redkey festival kicked off with the parade and an extraction demonstration by Redkey Fire Department.

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County plans to meet with POET, Minnich

Firms are planning large-scale projects

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

Two local companies are planning large-scale projects in Jay County.

Commissioners hope to meet with them soon.

Jay County Commissioners agreed Monday to invite officials from the POET Bioprocessing ethanol plant to their next meeting Aug. 25. They also discussed hopes to establish a road use agreement with Minnich Poultry in the near future.

POET Bioprocessing is pursuing a geological carbon sequestration project. It would involve drilling a nearly 4,000-foot well and injecting carbon dioxide — it's a byproduct from creating ethanol — into the well for 12 years.

Commissioners decided not to establish a moratorium on geological carbon sequestration projects in July. Jay/Portland Building and Planning is in the midst of creating an ordinance to regulate such facilities, with hopes to have something for Jay County Plan Commission to approve by the end of the year.

Commissioners president Chad Aker noted he recently discussed the project with building and planning director John Hemmelgarn, who voiced a few concerns Monday.

Hemmelgarn said POET plans to pump 175,000 tons of carbon dioxide below the surface annually. The government will pay the company \$85 per ton of carbon dioxide injected, or \$14,875,000 annually, he continued.

Hemmelgarn said POET has proposed paying the county \$2 per ton of carbon dioxide injected into the ground and roughly \$100 per acre to landowners. He argued the company should allot more money to the county, suggesting the company instead pay \$5 or \$10 per ton of carbon dioxide injected.

"They're going to gain a lot of money from this, and that's OK, I don't have a problem with people making money, but what's in it for the county?" he said. "They should be paying more to the county. And granted, they may be good for the community, but there's a lot of people that are being affected that have nothing to do with POET ..."

Hemmelgarn called on commissioners to meet with POET representatives to request a higher payment per ton. (He asked that potential funds from the project go to local emergency responders.) He also asked that the conversation with POET officials take place at a public meeting.

See Meet page 2

Cigarette tax revenue up 113%

By DAN CARDEN The Times (Munster) Tribune News Service

State cigarette tax revenue soared last month as smokers were hit with a \$2 per pack increase in Indiana's cigarette tax, and cigar, pipe and vape users also were made to pay more for their indulgences.

Data released Friday by the State Budget Agency show Indiana collected \$40.2 million in cigarette taxes in July — a 112.7% increase compared to the state's \$18.9 million in cigarette tax revenue during July 2024.

A \$2 per pack increase went into effect July 1

Medicaid health expenses and a dismal, tariff-impacted state revenue forecast.

Altogether, the 200% per pack cigarette tax increase is projected to raise \$850 million in additional revenue over the next two years from the approximately 20% of Hoosier adults who smoke.

The July cigarette tax haul already exceeded the expectations of state budget officials who anticipated cigarette tax receipts would come in \$600,000, or 1.4%, lower than last month's actual collections, according to the State Budget Agency.

The additional revenue helped Indiana beat its total July revenue target by \$50.2 million, or 3.2%, despite collections from personal and corporate income taxes coming in

short of their monthly goals.

The budget agency said those shortfalls likely were due to tax payment timing issues and advised that income tax receipts are best evaluated on a quarterly or annual basis, rather than monthly.

The \$933.5 million generated by the 7% state sales tax, Indiana's largest revenue source, was \$19.4 million, or 2.1%, more than predicted for July, and \$54.5 million, or 6.2%, greater than July 2024 sales tax collections, data show.

Plan condemned; Netanyahu defends

By DAN WILLIAMS Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu defended his plan for a military sweep against the final Hamas strongholds in Gaza, calling it the best available option for recovering hostages while safeguarding his country's long-term security — an argument that's met vocal opposition at home and abroad.

After talks on a third ceasefire stalled in July, the Netanyahu government on Friday authorized an advance on Gaza City. Israeli forces had previously skirted the area for fear that hostages believed to be held there could be hurt or lost in the chaos of combat.

Though the army has yet to mobilize the reinforcements required to roll into action, the plan has drawn condemnation from foreign powers already upset at a hunger crisis besetting Palestinians in Gaza, after Israel cut off aid between March and May in a bid to sideline Hamas. The U.S., by contrast, has indicated readiness to back its Middle Eastern ally.

Four Al Jazeera journalists were among five people killed Sunday when an Israeli airstrike hit a tent in Gaza City.

Prime minister says military sweep is the best option

The Israeli military said the target of the strike was Anas Al-Sharif, a contract reporter whom the Qatari media network hired to cover the Israel-Hamas war. But witnesses and health officials in Gaza said the attack also killed another reporter, as well as two cameramen.

The Israeli military said that Al-Sharif "posed" as a journalist and was a member of the military wing of Hamas. It didn't comment on the other casualties.

U.S. President Donald Trump and Netanyahu spoke by phone on Sunday, Netanyahu's office said in a social media post that didn't characterize the call further. The White House didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.



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All in

Little Mr. Blueberry Camden Williams shoves his face in a pie during the Blueberry Pie Eating Contest at the National Blueberry Festival in South Haven, Michigan. Thousands of visitors transformed the downtown and waterfront into a bustling celebration of everything blueberry on Saturday.

Deaths

Norma Haffner, 98, Selma Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 89 degrees Sunday. The low was 70.

There is a 50% chance of rain tonight with storms possible and a low around 70. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday with a chance of rain and a high in the mid 80s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Brother Believe Me will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at Hudson Family Park. A group of experienced musicians, Brother Believe Me reproduces a wide range of musical genres. Brother Believe Me's performance marks the final free show of the year in the Hudson Family Park Amphitheatre concert series.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from the JCHS and FRHS girls golf teams.

Thursday — Coverage of this week's Portland Park Board meeting.

Friday — Details from Wednesday's Jay County Council meeting.





# Capsule Reports






**Failed to stop**  
A Dunkirk woman sustained a head injury after allegedly failing to stop at the intersection of Indiana 67 and county road 600 South in Redkey. Karen Black, 66, was driving east on county road 600 South as she approached its intersection with the highway about 7:40 a.m. Monday. Witness Monica Grayson told Jay County Sheriff's Office that Black's 2008 Mercury Grand Marquis didn't stop before proceeding into the intersection.

Redkey resident Gabriela Booher, 23, was driving her 2013 Jeep Wrangler southwest on the highway and couldn't avoid hitting Black's vehicle. Black was trapped in her vehicle before being extricated by emergency responders, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. She was flown to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne for treatment of her injuries.

Booher and Black were administered alcohol and drug blood tests, with results pending. Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

**Passing accident**  
Damage was estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Berne man's truck broke a wheel on a Portland man's buggy on county road 650 North, causing an accident about 6:20 p.m. Thursday. Chris D. Englehardt, 70, was driving a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado west on the road. He began to pass a horse and buggy operated by 20-year-old Joseph Shetler in front of him. Englehardt's front passenger fender struck Shetler's driver's side back wheel, causing it to break.

Joseph Shetler's sister, 17-year-old Rosie Shetler, fell out of the buggy. She chipped her teeth and sustained scrapes on her feet and right leg. She was transported to IU Health Jay. Emma Shetler, 30, also sustained a minor injury to her lower leg. She refused treatment, according to the report.

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Wednesday 8/13	Thursday 8/14	Friday 8/15	Saturday 8/16	Sunday 8/17
 <b>84/62</b> Mostly sunny skies are expected Wednesday with a 40% chance of showers.	 <b>84/64</b> Thursday looks to be mostly sunny with highs in the lower 80s.	 <b>88/67</b> Friday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a high around 88 degrees.	 <b>90/70</b> Mostly sunny skies again on Saturday with a high around 90 degrees.	 <b>89/67</b> There's a slight chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with temperatures in the upper 80s.

Lotteries	
<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$501 million	30-31-32-36-40-41-47-48-50-51-53-61-62-65-67-77-80 Cash 5: 19-24-26-32-40 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$182 million	<b>Ohio</b> Sunday Midday Pick 3: 4-4-3 Pick 4: 0-6-1-3 Pick 5: 8-3-0-5-1 Evening Pick 3: 2-8-6 Pick 4: 6-7-5-3 Pick 5: 8-2-0-7-8 Rolling Cash 5: 13-26-27-35-37 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Sunday Midday Daily Three: 1-8-6 Daily Four: 4-4-1-3 Quick Draw: 9-12-14-15-22-33-36-37-41-43-46-52-53-57-61-62-63-66-72-79 Evening Daily Three: 7-3-7 Daily Four: 0-7-8-6 Quick Draw: 9-12-29-	

Markets	
<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.09 Sept. corn.....4.07 Oct. corn .....3.93	Sept. beans .....9.72 Wheat .....4.93
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.11 Sept. corn .....4.01 Oct. corn .....3.97	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....3.95 Sept. corn .....3.85 Beans.....9.85 Sept. beans .....9.80 Wheat .....4.91
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....3.91 Sept. corn .....3.91 Beans.....9.72	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.11 Sept. corn .....4.01 Beans.....9.82 Sept. beans .....9.52 Wheat .....4.62

**Today in history**

In 1851, Isaac Merrit Singer patented the sewing machine and created the business I.M. Singer & Company.

In 1877, Thomas Edison completed his model for the first phonograph.

In 1881, film director Cecil B. DeMille was born in Ashfield Massachusetts. He directed the Biblical epic "The Ten Commandments," twice, originally in 1923 and then in his final move starring Charlton Heston in 1956.

In 1883, the last known quagga died in a zoo in Amsterdam. The animal was a type of zebra native to South Africa.

In 1944, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., the brother of President John F. Kennedy, died in a plane crash while flying on a World War II mission.

In 1972, the 100th Jay County fair closed with a fireworks display. The fair board reported a total of \$8,600 received for fair admission at the gates for the week.

In 2021, Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council held a joint session to discuss potential plans for utilizing the county's allotment of about \$4 million in federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar	
<b>Today</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 6 p.m. — Ridgeville Town Council, fire station, 302 N. Walnut St.	County Council joint session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6:15 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, Jay County Council and Jay County Country Living Advisory Board joint session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 a.m. — Upper Wabash River Basin Commission, Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton. 5 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay	<b>Thursday</b> 6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

# Obituaries

**Norma Haffner**  
*May 21, 1927-Aug. 7, 2025*  
Norma A. Haffner, age 98, of Selma, Indiana passed away on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025, in Cardinal Care Strategies in Muncie. She was born in Jay County on May 21, 1927, the daughter of Wilson and Abbie (Lee) Glentzer. She was married on June 13, 1948, to Fred Haffner and he passed away on Aug. 11, 2011. Norma was an elementary school teacher at Liberty Perry Schools in Selma. She had attended Westside Church of Christ.

Surviving is one son, David Haffner (wife: Jerrie) of Nashville, Tennessee; two daughters, Carol Myers of Muncie and Beth Roppilla of Nashville, Tennessee; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by nine siblings and one grandson. Private funeral services will be held. Burial will be in the Limberlost Cemetery.



Memorials can be made to choice of the donor. Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland is handling the arrangements. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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# Meet ...

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While Aker acknowledged that he's not an expert on the topic, he said he believes the project will have a minimal environmental impact on Jay County.

"But again, we should be able to profit a little bit off of this a lot more," said Aker.

In related business, Aker and highway department superintendent Bob Howell agreed to meet with Minnich Poultry representatives to discuss a potential road use agreement for the company's upcoming construction of a new feed mill and biochar manufacturing and distribution plant in Noble Township.

Minnich Poultry will need a special exemption from Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals before moving forward with the project. Hemmelgarn suggested commissioners negotiate a road use agreement prior to the zoning board meeting to help facilitate the process.

Commissioner Duane Monroe asked Hemmelgarn about the status of the agreement, which commissioners agreed to pursue June 30. Hemmelgarn suggested commissioners meet with Minnich representatives to discuss terms, with county attorney Wes Schemenaur noting Aker and Howell could meet with representatives and report back to commissioners later. Aker agreed to share his findings at the next meeting.

Hemmelgarn also shared a quarterly update from his department. So far this year, 157 permits have been issued with 93 of those located in rural areas of Jay County. There have also been 13 new home permits issued, 10 of which are in rural areas of the county, and 20 commercial use permits, five of which are in rural portions of Jay County.

Commissioners also approved a \$23,000 contract with engineering firm USI Consultants in order to

## Commissioners OK'd contract for masonry work at courthouse

apply for Community Crossings grant funding for paving county road 400 South.

Commissioners agreed to seek bids in July for the project, which would involve paving the road between Indiana 67 and Indiana 1, an approximately 3-mile span.

This year's round of Community Crossings funding — previously open twice a year, the Indiana Department of Transportation program now accepts call for projects once annually — opens on Oct. 1. The program would pay for up to \$1 million of the cost.

Also, commissioners approved a \$177,000 contract with masonry contractor Millwright Solutions of Wabash for masonry work — sealants, tuck-pointing and damp-proofing — at Jay County Courthouse. Masonry maintenance work is conducted about every five years on the courthouse. A portion of the work should help significantly decrease maintenance costs in the future, according to courthouse superintendent Bruce Sutton. (Commissioners earlier in the meeting approved spending \$150,000 on the contract and later amended their motion to account for additional work required.)

In other business, commissioners Doug Horn, Aker and Monroe:

- Scheduled a special meeting for 4 p.m. Aug. 20 to review economic development income tax (EDIT) fund requests.
- Approved the following: hosting

a public hearing Sept. 22 to discuss raising the assessment on the Darst watershed — it's located along Indiana 26 near the state line — to \$1 an acre or a minimum of \$10 a plot; a contract with Christopher Burke Engineering for the county's multi-hazard mitigation plan; and placing a 1996 Badger excavator up for sale on auction website Purple Wave.

•OK'd Jay County surveyor Brad Daniels' request to raise rates for using machinery in watersheds. Rates would increase to \$23 for small backhoe usage and \$25 for excavator or bulldozer usage per hour and will go into the backhoe repair and replacement fund. (They are currently \$18 and \$20, respectively.)

•Discussed projects moving forward amid the transition from a contract East Central Indiana Regional Planning District, which expires this week. Monroe asked community coordinator Darlesia Lee if she would connect with Jay County Development Corporation employees about projects, with Lee confirming she has shared information with them via email. Aker thanked the organization for its work over the past two years, specifically its aid for municipalities to apply for Community Crossings funding. Regional planning district director Bill Walters noted the company will continue to help interested Jay County municipalities through the October round of funding.

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# Queens of pickleball rule the court

**By HUNTER BOYCE**  
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution  
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ATLANTA — A silver medal in Macon, a gold in Griffin — Atlanta resident Suzanne Ockleberry has a passion for pickleball. It's not trophies she's after though. She's forging friendships one serve at a time.

The New Jersey native has turned her love for the game into a rapidly growing community, called the Atlanta Pickleball Queens, now more than 300 strong. As Aug. 8 marks National Pickleball Day, paddles in hand, these women are making connections, winning tournaments and getting fit with one of the nation's fastest growing sports for all ages.

**The power of pickleball**  
Last year was a big one for pickleball. According to USA Pickleball, 18,455 new pickleball courts were built in 2024 nationwide. That represents

around 27% of all courts in the U.S. today, which hosted 142 sanctioned tournaments in 2024.

The Atlanta Pickleball Queens is not about pro competition, but it's getting in on the craze all the same. According to its co-founder, it's an all-female pickleball group where all women are welcome — no matter their skill level.

“Most of the time with men on the court, when you're playing like mixed doubles, the testosterone kind of takes over sometime,” Ockleberry told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. “And so women can feel intimidated and we wanted a space where women could come play, enjoy themselves [and] connect with other women that they wanted to play with on a regular basis.”

Atlanta's Audrey Davis was one of the group's first members. The 73-year-old San Francisco native moved to East Point with her husband, who died six years ago. It was during



Abbey Cutrer/The Atlanta Journal-Constitution/Tribune News Service

Teammates share sunscreen during the Atlanta Pickleball Queens Play Day event at Sykes Park in East Point, Georgia, on July 26.

that difficult time that pickleball entered her life.

It all started — as it often did for the avid tennis player — with a stroll through Sykes Park.

“One Sunday evening, I was on my way home, but

watch, play or even have my basket of balls and hit a few serves.”

A friend had previously told her about pickleball, and she was intrigued. Three people were playing at the park that night, those peculiarly short paddles in hand. Davis parked her car, walked over and introduced herself.

“Hey everybody, my name's Audrey,” she said. “Is this pickleball?”

Someone in the group quickly responded. “Yes, get your paddle and come on,” Davis continued.

She's been hooked ever since.

“Having met such a wonderful group of people, all ages, all ethnic groups, it doesn't matter; we just have such a good time,” she said. “Look at it with a clarity of the letter F. It's just so much fun. You're working on your fitness with friends, old and new, and they become like family after a while.”

Davis and Ockleberry would go on to meet at that

same park. They quickly hit it off, sharing their ideas about the sport and how local women could possibly benefit. One Sunday night, back at Sykes Park, they gave it a shot. Reaching out to anyone they'd played with in the past, they organized a meetup. The word quickly spread. Two or three dozen women showed up for the first game. They tried again the next month and even more people came. It was a hit.

“I mean it was just conversation, but I think it evolved into the Atlanta Pickleball Queens because it grew so fast,” Davis said.

The Atlanta Pickleball Queens is free to join and offers training sessions for those that have never played the sport. Food and merchandise are often available at meetups to help raise money for the volunteer group as well.

“This is an opportunity for folks to get out and meet people, talk to people, play together, have fun,” Ockleberry said.

# Husband can't accept wife's terminal diagnosis

DEAR ABBY: I was diagnosed with colon cancer five years ago. After two surgeries and three hospital stays, I recovered. The experience made me realize at 62 that it was time to downsize. I moved my husband and myself into a smaller, one-story home in a lovely retirement community.

I have now been diagnosed with incurable metastatic cancer. I'm being treated to prolong my life. The treatment is hard and is taking its toll. I am having a hard time preparing my husband for when I'm gone. I think I've taken the necessary steps. I want him to be prepared, but he doesn't seem to want to prepare. We have been married for 45 years. I have briefed our daughter on where

Dear Abby



to think beyond the inevitable. Be sure your daughter knows all of your wishes to be carried out before and after your demise, because she may need to step up. And forgive your husband. He will have to get through your loss in whatever way is natural for him.

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DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine, “Jake,” is going to be a groomsman in his friend's wedding. They've been friends since childhood and have been through a lot together. Jake has been in a serious relationship for more than six months, but his friend's bride has informed him that he won't be getting a plus-one invitation for the wedding. Her reason is that only

people who were in relationships before they got engaged are invited to the wedding.

Jake and his girlfriend feel very insulted by this. He has spoken to the groom and explained their point of view, but the bride won't budge on her decision. In my opinion, wedding guests are always offered a plus-one when invited — especially a groomsman! Jake feels awful knowing he'll be celebrating his friend that night while his girlfriend is at home alone. What are your thoughts? — FAIR IS FAIR IN CANADA

DEAR FAIR: While it isn't cast in granite that wedding invitations must be issued with a plus-one, it certainly is the considerate thing to

do. Guests should be made to feel as comfortable as possible. The same goes for members of the wedding party.

Being asked to be a groomsman doesn't mean agreement is compulsory. My thought is that under these circumstances, Jake might prefer to inform his friend he needs to find another groomsman and politely decline the invitation to attend the wedding and to be part of the wedding party.

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# 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**  
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.

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. Includes activities and devotional time.

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

Community Center.

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

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

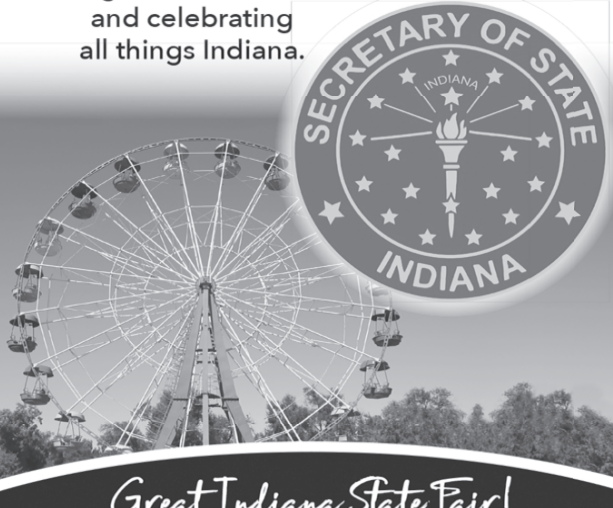
AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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6	5	4	2	7	1	9	8	3
1	8	3	9	5	6	4	7	2
9	2	7	8	3	4	1	6	5
4	7	1	5	2	8	3	9	6
8	9	6	3	4	7	2	5	1
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# Trump suits cognitive dissonance

**By JOHN M. CRISP**  
Tribune News Service

If nations can suffer from cognitive dissonance just as individuals can, it's easy to see why we elected Donald Trump.

A good place to start thinking about this is football:

As I often do in late summer, I was considering chronic traumatic encephalopathy when a shooting spree in Manhattan left four dead and a fifth critically injured. The shooter, Shane Tamura, killed himself, as well.

Tamura, a former high school football player, left a three-page note blaming the National Football League for prioritizing profits over player health and blaming his behavior on his CTE. His apparent target was NFL headquarters.

The details haven't been confirmed: CTE can be definitively diagnosed only by a brain dissection after death. But Tamura believed he was suffering from CTE. As other CTE suicides have done, he took care to shoot himself in the chest rather than the

*John M. Crisp*



head. "Study my brain, please," his note read. "I'm sorry."

Why do I often think about CTE in the fall? Because football is revving up. NFL training camps have opened, and the first college games begin on Aug. 23.

Stories about CTE often crop up in the fall, as well, or maybe I just notice them more. Last week, The New York Times reported on Greg Norman, a star football player at the University of Utah and a hero of the Utes' 2009 Sugar Bowl win over Alabama.

Norman never played in the NFL, but soon after his college career ended, he began a fifteen-year decline that included many of the maladies that afflict CTE sufferers: memory loss, confu-

sion, aggression, paranoia, substance abuse, attempted suicide.

Norman was found last year near an onramp to Highway 101 in California. He had been dead for 24 hours. He was 38 and homeless.

Norman, of course, suffered from CTE. Dr. Ann McKee, director of Boston University's CTE Center, says Norman's brain was in "a state of degeneration for more than a decade." Greg Norman's story is one of many.

But this column isn't about CTE or football; it's about cognitive dissonance, a clinical term that describes the psychological tension that develops when people hold beliefs that are inconsistent or contradictory.

For example, we are certain that football harms the brains of its players, as well as the rest of their bodies. We know this based on science, data, anecdote and common sense. The brain is a delicate organ floating within a hard cranium; it makes sense that violent blows to the head can't be good for the brain.

The problem is that our nation really loves football, liberals and conservatives alike. We love it so much that we're willing to live with the cognitive dissonance that it creates. The harm that it does to its players is easily rationalized. Or just ignored.

We do the same thing in other areas. Serious climate scientists insist that our globe is warming rapidly. They have data that demonstrates this, and increasingly we see the evidence around us in the form of more floods, droughts and heat waves.

But our century-long hydrocarbon binge is so much fun that we're doing almost nothing about climate change. More cognitive dissonance.

In fact, I'm not sure we would even have a country without cognitive dissonance. Our founders had to accept simultaneously the contradictory propositions that all men are created equal, but Black men are not, to say nothing of women.

Even our president reflects

our cognitive dissonance: We know he lost the 2020 election and tried to overturn it, but enough of us had to pretend that it didn't happen—or not care—in order to reelect him.

In fact, in some respects, Donald Trump suits perfectly our dissonant national mind:

On climate change: Trump contends it's a hoax. Last week his Environmental Protection Agency rejected the idea that greenhouse gases are a threat to the climate.

On football: In 2020, Trump criticized rule changes intended to reduce concussions, praising the brain-jarring, bone-breaking tackles of the past. Modern football, he says, has become "soft."

In fact, if we're reluctant to confront hard truths, Trump is the perfect president for our nation.

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## Redistricting is cynical power play

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It was all but inevitable. Dozens of Democratic lawmakers fled the state Sunday to prevent the Legislature from voting on new, ultra-GOP-gerrymandered congressional districts.

If Democrats want to reenact famous episodes in Texas history, they should have remained here and cast themselves as modern defenders of the Alamo: destined for doom but resolved to stay and fight. It's not a good look to taunt Republicans with "Come and Take It" — an iconic reference to a cannon used in the Texas Revolution — from Illinois.

Even so, Texans know who is to blame for this pointless political theater: Republicans. There was no legitimate reason to redraw the maps ahead of the 2030 census. There was only a cynical desire for power.

President Donald Trump has a single-digit Republican majority in the U.S. House. Historically, the president's party loses seats during the midterm elections.

But if Trump has proved anything, it's that historical precedents don't seem to apply to him. His approval ratings are low but stable, his base is as energized as ever, and Democrats still are searching for messages and policies that attract middle America. Republicans now in Congress don't seem as endangered as they would have been in the past.

However, Trump wanted to guarantee he'd keep a Republican majority, so he leaned on state GOP leaders to redraw U.S. House districts now. Gov. Greg Abbott could have demurred. He could have said lawmakers needed to focus on flood relief and issues leftover from the regular session during the special session. Instead, Abbott agreed to help create more safe Republican seats.

The governor's power grab is a corruption of the political process. The current congressional maps were drawn by Republicans, defended by Republicans and constitutional. Texans who testified at redistricting hearings around the state were

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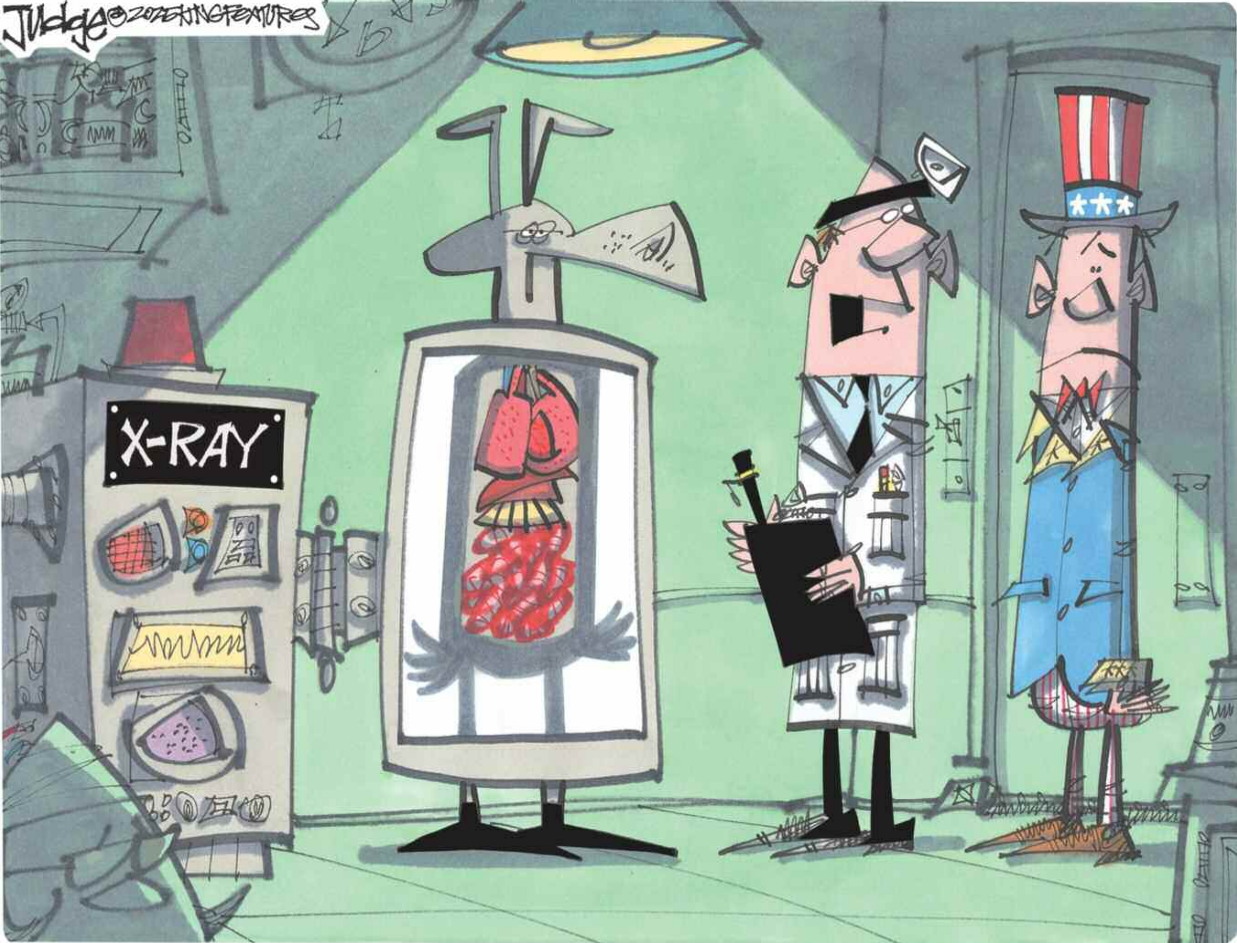
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nearly unanimous in their opposition to the plan. Republicans released new maps almost immediately after the hearings, suggesting they had never planned to incorporate public comments into their districts.

Democrats decided to leave the state to prevent the Texas House from voting on the new maps. In response, Abbott has threatened to remove lawmakers from their seats, based on a single opinion from a Texas attorney generally with the credibility of a \$3 bill. Such a move would disenfranchise millions of Texas voters and directly assault democracy. This newspaper also reported that Abbott is spending \$750,000 on ads that target Democrats who broke quorum.

This region is not homogenous politically, economically, racially or ethnically and those perspectives all deserve representation in Washington. Fort Worth, which has a majority nonwhite population, would lose its only nonwhite representative in Congress. One diverse Dallas County district, now represented by Democrat Julie Johnson, would be redrawn to favor Republicans.

Democratic-leaning states are now considering redistricting to counter Texas' move. Just what we need: Republicans in blue states feeling just as disenfranchised and betrayed as Democrats do in Texas.



## Flashbacks bring lessons learned

**By NIKI KELLY**

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"Surreal" is the only way to describe a gaggle of Hoosier reporters gathering around a speakerphone to record a gruff voice beaming in from Illinois. But that's what happened in 2011, when Indiana House Democrats staged a walkout to block a variety of bills.

The memories of those peculiar media availabilities with Rep. Pat Bauer, D-South Bend, came flooding back when I heard Texas Democrats had also fled the state — this time to block a mid-cycle redistricting.

The nearly six-week Hoosier walkout likely led to a GOP supermajority and has had lasting negative impacts to this day.

House Democrats left Indiana on Feb. 22, 2011, for a Comfort Suites in Urbana, Illinois. The caucus was fighting several anti-union bills, though a host of other issues also played a role, including state-funded vouchers for private schools.

Their absence meant the House couldn't put together a quorum to conduct business. Dozens of bills died on the calendar during the walkout.

The absent members were fined tens of thousands of dollars, but they held off right-to-work legisla-

*Niki Kelly*



tion for a year and got other, smaller concessions.

Was it worth it? Definitely not. The Texas fiasco is happening on a much bigger stage and centers on one issue that is relatively simple to explain to voters: should Texas Republicans redraw congressional districts early — instead of after the 2030 census — to create more GOP seats and help the party hold a narrow U.S. House margin?

Given the higher profile and tighter focus, the impact of the Texas Democrats' walkout could be more effective.

Indiana lawmakers might face a similar situation soon as pressure mounts from President Donald Trump's administration for other red states to redistrict early. But Democrats won't have the option of a walkout this time.

That's because the GOP controls the House 70-30 and the Senate 40-10. It takes a quorum of 67 and 33 to conduct business, respectively, which means Republicans don't

need Democrats for a quorum or to pass a bill.

Indiana Republicans have a big decision to make.

They have to weigh public transparency and fiscal prudence in deciding whether to redistrict in a special session. Gov. Mike Braun, in particular, has spent months preaching financial discipline — resulting in state layoffs as well as cuts to benefits and services for Hoosiers.

The decision to call a special session is ultimately up to Braun, but legislative leaders would have to be on board to avoid embarrassment.

The GOP would need to find a cogent message on why the move is necessary. After all, Indiana's population has increased minimally, about 1.5%, since 2021, so there simply aren't large migration and demographic changes to adjust for.

What's left is purely partisan politics. And it's hard for me to believe that the GOP leaders here would move forward with a special, superfluous session that could cost upwards of \$200,000 just for that.

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# ServSafe training set for next week

ServSafe training will be available at John Jay Center for Learning in Portland.

The next session is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 19.

The certification course is open to all food service employees and emphasizes safe food- and beverage-handling practices to minimize the risk of food-borne illnesses.

Additional sessions will be held on Tuesdays, Sept. 23, Oct. 28 and Nov. 25.

For more information, or to register, call (260) 729-5525.

## Upgrade coming

Adams Memorial Hospital is updating the software system in its lab department.

The upgrade will go live on Saturday, Aug. 23. Patients may experience temporary delays or longer wait times as the new system is implemented.

## Hospital honors

Several area hospitals were recognized last week for participating in the American Heart Association's Get with the Guidelines initiative to improve outcomes for those who have heart disease or a stroke.

Hospitals recognized for their efforts include Indiana University Health Jay in Portland, IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Reid Hospital & Health Care in Richmond, Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Parkview Hospital Randallia in Fort Wayne and Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

"Every 40 seconds, someone in America has a stroke or heart attack," said Terri Ruff, chair of the American Heart Association's board of directors in Indianapolis, in a press release. "High-quality care should be accessible to all, and sites awarded through the Get With The Guidelines program help work toward our shared vision of health and hope for everyone, everywhere."

## I&M partnering

Indiana Michigan Power

## Business roundup

recently filed a special, joint contract with Google.

The agreement details how Google can shift electricity demand by handling non-urgent tasks during off-peak hours for the electrical grid.

"I&M is excited to partner with Google to enable demand response capabilities at their new data center in Fort Wayne," said Indiana Michigan Power president and chief operating officer Steve Baker in a press release. "As we add new large loads to our system, it is critical that we partner with our customers to effectively manage the generation and transmission resources necessary to serve them. Google's ability to leverage load flexibility will be a highly valuable tool to meet their future energy needs."

Google is working toward building a \$2 billion data center in Fort Wayne.

## Teaming up

The Indianapolis Colts and McDonald's are partnering again for a special promotion.

The fast-food restaurant will offer a free order of 10 Piece Chicken McNuggets after every game, including preseason and playoffs, in which the Colts score a touchdown. It will be available through the McDonald's app.

McDonald's will also begin offering its new McDonaldland Meal today. It features a new Mt. McDonaldland Shake, a choice of a Quarter Pounder with Cheese or a 10-piece McNuggets, fries and a collectible character of Ronald McDonald, Grimace, Birdie, Hamburglar, Mayor McCheese or the Fry Friends.

## Ground broken

Bowen Health broke ground on a new integrated healthcare

facility in Huntington last week.

The \$11 million, 29,000-square-foot facility is expected to open at the end of 2026. It will offer dental care, health care, mental health care, addiction recovery treatment and life skills coaching.

"We knew we could return years to people's lives if we had a healing space designed around integrative care," said Bowen Health president and CEO Dr. Rob Ryan in a press release. "The purpose of this new building is to be conveniently located, be the place patients and staff can be proud of, and design it around maximizing integrative health. These changes are not just for those struggling with mental illness; this is a campus of hope."

## Food band awarded

Reid Health Community Engagement announced almost \$100,000 in grants on Friday, including \$5,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana.

This grant cycle focused on physical activity, nutrition and weight by improving community health, encouraging healthy choices, and reducing disparities related to activity and nutrition.

"By supporting programs that improve access to nutritious food and physical activity, we're empowering local organizations to make lasting, positive change in our communities," said Reid Health community health and engagement director Jess Przybysz in a press release.

## Red Gold honors

Red Gold and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture honored Wittmer Farms of Valparaiso as its first-place winner of the 2025 Red Gold Stewardship award.

The award honors growers' continuous good efforts with soil and water conservation practices.

"We have had 100% participation in this program for several years," said Curt Utterback, director of agriculture at Red

Gold, in a press release. "Many of the growers are multi-generational operations and taking care of the land is a top priority for them."

Wischmeyer Farms of north-west Ohio took second place.

## Adding delivery

Dollar General and Uber Technologies are partnering to offer delivery from 14,000 Dollar General and pOpshelf locations.

Delivery is already being offered at some stores, with the rollout to continue throughout the month.

"Our customers will enjoy even greater convenience through our Uber Eats partnership, accessing everything from food to essential household items, saving them valuable time and money," said Tony Rogers, Dollar General's chief marketing officer, in a press release. "Providing communities with affordable, fresh, and accessible food options delivered right to their front door is aligned with our mission of Serving Others."

## Named to board

Tyson Foods appointed Sarah Bond to its board of directors Thursday.

Bond is president of Xbox. She has worked for Microsoft since 2017, when she was hired as corporate vice president.

"Sarah is dynamic and passionate, with proven management strength, and her energy and personality are a wonderful fit for our culture," said Tyson Foods chairman John H. Tyson in a press release. "As our management team, members of the board and the Tyson family got to know Sarah, we immediately felt that she would be a tremendous addition to Tyson Foods," said Chairman John H. Tyson. "We are confident that her unique expertise will help us continue to grow and serve our customers, our team members, and our shareholders."

## Expo scheduled

Registration is open for the Indiana Chapter of the National Tooling and Machining Associa-

tion and the Precision Machining Association Indiana District's Indiana Manufacturing Suppliers Expo.

The event will run from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at Embassy Suites in Plainfield. It will include educational tracks including AI in manufacturing.

"Indiana's small manufacturers and suppliers are the heart of our economy — bringing cutting-edge tech, consistent quality, and real innovation," said Dan Kendall, Precision Machining Association chair, in a press release. "This Expo unites that community, building meaningful partnerships and fueling growth. And with AI reshaping how we make things, this year's expanded education sessions are essential — packed into one power-packed afternoon, they give manufacturing leaders the tools to not just keep pace, but lead."

To register, or for more information, visit [intma.org](http://intma.org).

## Nominate manufacturers

Nominations are open for the Indiana Manufacturers Association 2025 Manufacturing Excellence Awards.

The awards honor Indiana companies and individuals for their contributions to the manufacturing industry. They are open to all manufacturers in Indiana.

Anyone can make a nomination by visiting [indianamfg.com/2025-manufacturing-excellence-awards](http://indianamfg.com/2025-manufacturing-excellence-awards). The deadline is Sunday, Aug. 31.

## Awards set

Indiana Chamber of Commerce will host its annual awards dinner at 5 p.m. Nov. 5 at the JW Marriott Indianapolis.

Daymond John, founder of FUBU and a longtime star of "Shark Tank," will be the featured speaker.

Individual tickets are \$195. For more information, visit [indianachamber.com](http://indianachamber.com).

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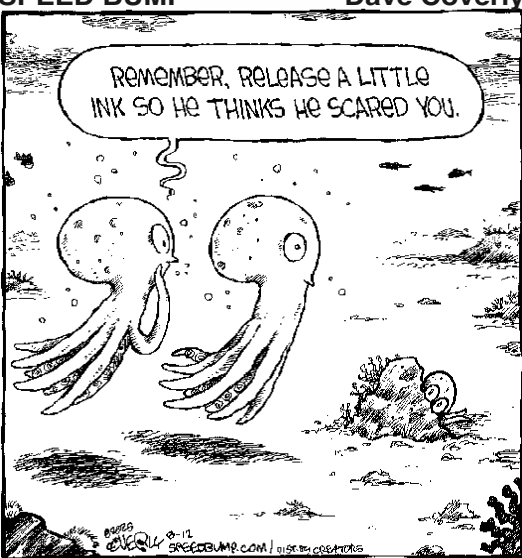
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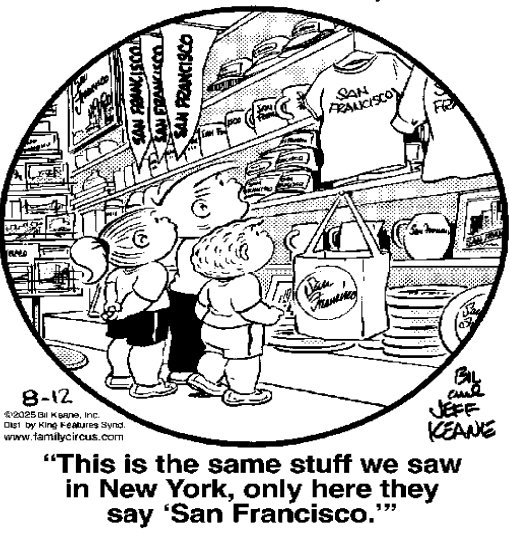
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After the TeSlaa touchdown, the Falcons answered right back with a six-play, 70-yard scoring drive that took just 1:44 off the clock. Falcons receiver Chris Blair caught a 29-yard pass down

the sideline on Lions cornerback Dicaprio Bootle and finished the job with a 13-yard touchdown catch over Lions defensive back Erick Hallett II, who was also flagged for defensive pass interference on the play.

On the final play of the half, Allen tripped while escaping the pocket, fumbled but recovered as Detroit ran out the clock.

Kicker Jake Bates added the Lions' first points of the second half. After the drive was extended

because of a third-down roughing-the-passer call, Bates came on to drill a 57-yard field goal right down Main Street, tying the game at 10-10 with 11:48 to go in the third quarter.

After Krieg missed a 53-yard

field goal, wide left, the Lions grabbed a 17-10 lead with 0:42 left in the third quarter. Detroit converted a fourth-and-3 with a third-down rush by Jacob Saylor and Allen found Meeks in the flat one play later for a 1-yard touchdown.



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## Early season swing

Georgia Wenning of the Fort Recovery High School girls golf team hits atop a hill on hole No. 3 at Union City Golf Club on Aug. 5. The Indians returned to action Monday with a MAC match at Marion Local.

# Pawol ...

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“To me, this is a huge piece of history,” said Amy Schneider, a longtime diehard Braves fan from Tucker who created the sign. “I’ve seen a lot of Braves history, but to me, this is baseball history. Not even baseball history, but sports history.”

All in all, it was a historic day and it was commemorated well, down to Pawol donating her hat to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

“The dream came true (Saturday), and it’s just been incredible,” Pawol said.

Pawol deserves all the applause, texts, posters and congratulations. It’s been a long grind since she committed herself to becoming an MLB umpire in 2015.

“I’m happy for anybody that sticks it out and grinds through a career like that and gets the opportunity to be where they want to be,” said Braves manager Brian Snitker, himself familiar with persevering through the minor league life. “So good for her.”

Here’s the thing, though. This has been a long time coming, and there’s still a long way to go.

Pawol’s big day was 28 years behind the NBA in having a female official call a regular-season game, 27 years behind MLS and 13 years behind the NFL. (The NHL has yet to employ a female referee.)

And it’s not difficult to find other segments of baseball where a woman can do the job as well as a man that are populated almost entirely by men.

For instance, there has been one female general manager and one primary play-by-play announcer in MLB history. The ranks of scouts and coaches are nearly all male.

Undoubtedly, high-level playing experience is an asset in coaching or scouting. But there are enough examples of coaches and scouts whose playing careers didn’t go past high school to know it’s not necessary.

There’s nothing to be done about what’s happened to this point. But the

pace to change the landscape moving forward has to pick up.

Saturday, I spoke with Laura Okmin, the third-longest-tenured sideline reporter in NFL history and the founder of Galvanize, a training and mentoring organization for aspiring female sports broadcasters. A thoughtful observer (and participant) of the challenges faced by women in the sports industry, she has seen progress.

Early in her career, Okmin remembered thinking that she would not see women doing play-by-play or coaching men’s professional sports teams or officiating their games in her time, but all have to come to pass. The next step is building their numbers to the point where they’re no longer an anomaly.

“I’m so happy to see any advancement, but I’m always like, we’re still slow in how many women are we seeing that are actually hiring and actually making the impactful decisions that will change the landscape for good?” Okmin asked.

In Pawol’s realm, what will it take for there to be more than one female MLB umpire? It probably starts with more dads (and moms) sharing baseball with the enthusiasm they do with their sons. It takes youth leagues considering young women as potential umpires and then providing mentors to help them develop.

And then it takes amateur and professional leagues to ensure that female umpires are getting the same shot that their male counterparts are.

And, perhaps most importantly, it will take girls and young women who think that they might like to be umpires.

“First and foremost, give it a try,” Pawol said. “And then just get into it and have some stick-to-it-ness, some grit, to see it through. It’s a long road.”

Pawol started walking her road in 10 years ago this month with an invitation to an MLB umpire camp. Perhaps a few young women’s own journeys began Saturday.

# Sports on tap

Local schedule	TV schedule				
<b>Today</b> Fort Recovery — Boys golf vs. Mississinewa Valley at Winchester – 4 p.m.; Girls golf vs. South Adams – 5 p.m.	<b>Today</b> 6:40 p.m. — MLB: Philadelphia Phillies at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana) 7:07 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at Toronto Blue Jays (TBS) 7:30 p.m. — WNBA: Dallas Wings at Indiana Fever (ESPN)	Phillies at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana) 7 p.m. — Little League baseball: Texas vs. Connecticut (ESPN) 7:10 p.m. — MLB: Atlanta Braves at New York Mets (FS1) 9:30 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN)	as a lunch in between flights. The event raises funds for healthcare scholarships 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@adamshhealthnetwork.org.	members and \$150 for non-members. The deadline to register is Sept. 12. For more info, call (260) 726-4481 or email amanda@jaycountychamber.com.	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
<b>Thursday</b> Jay County — Girls golf vs. Woodlan – 5 p.m.; Girls soccer scrimmage vs. South Side – 6 p.m.; Volleyball scrimmage vs. Mississinawa – 6 p.m.; Junior high football scrimmage at Fort Recovery – 5 p.m. Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. Parkway – 4:30 p.m.; Boys golf at Parkway – 5 p.m.; Volleyball scrimmage at Lincolnview – 5 p.m.; Middle school football scrimmage vs. Jay County – 5 p.m.	<b>Wednesday</b> 1 p.m. — Little League baseball: Puerto Rico vs. Venezuela (ESPN) 3 p.m. — Little League baseball: Nevada vs. Illinois (ESPN) 5 p.m. — Little League baseball: Panama vs. Australia (ESPN) 5:10 p.m. — MLB: Philadelphia		<b>Chamber to host</b> 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 purchased as well. Sponsorships can be purchased as well. A lunch sponsorship will cost \$500, while a gold sponsorship will go for \$450. Hole sponsorships cost \$100 for	<b>Tickets available</b> 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.	<b>Next race set</b> 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. ..... To have an event listed in "Sports on tap", email details to sports@thecr.com

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This property offers the rare opportunity to purchase land in Portland with both agricultural and commercial opportunities. Tract 4 - Combination of Tracts 1 and 2. Tract 5 - Entire package which includes house,</div>	<div><b>90 SALE CALENDAR</b></div> <div>pole barn and 50 acres. <b>OPEN HOUSE: SUNDAY AUGUST 10, 2025 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.</b> For more information or private showing contact <b>GARY LOY</b>, Auctioneer and (260) 726-5160 or <b>KIM LOY</b>, Real Estate Broker at (260) 726-2700. <b>THE ESTATE OF MAX &amp; BERNICE MCCLURG</b> Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 Kaden Khayyata AU12400069</div> <div><b>PUBLIC AUCTION</b> Located: The corner of Main and Race Streets, Ridgeville Indiana (just west 1 block from Pak A Sak) Saturday Morning <b>AUGUST 16, 2025 9:30 A.M.</b> <b>ANTIQUES - OLD &amp; COLLECTORS ITEMS</b> Railroad crossing Cross-buck signs with post, lights and bell. 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# Jen Pawol makes history, but there’s more work to do

By KEN SUGIURA  
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Tribune News Service

ATLANTA — When Jen Pawol shattered a glass ceiling Saturday afternoon at Truist Park, it was as wonderful as you would hope.

When she emerged from the third base dugout with the umpiring crew minutes before the start of the first game of the Braves-Marlins split doubleheader, photographers snapped away, capturing the history of the first game of MLB’s first female umpire.

When stadium announcer Kevin Kraus announced the game’s umpiring crew, he paused after intoning Pawol’s station at first base, allowing for fans to applaud.

When Braves bench coach Walt Weiss and Miami Marlins manager Clayton McCullough came to home plate to exchange lineup cards, they both shook her hand and offered their congratulations and encouragement. When the crew took a commemorative photo, crew chief Chris Guccione made sure Pawol was in the middle. He directed her attention to the first base stands, where a cluster of family and friends cheered and waved. Embracing the day, Pawol waved back.

She couldn’t help but smile, relishing this moment when her dream came true and she made baseball history in the same proud step.

A male fan yelled out from behind home plate

Ken Sugiura



“Let’s go, Jen! Welcome to the Show!”

Before the start of the first inning, Marlins first base coach Tyler Smarslok offered his welcome, as did Braves counterpart Tom Goodwin in the bottom of the first. After the top of the first, when she performed the obligatory check for foreign substances (such as pine tar) of Braves pitcher Hurston Waldrep, catcher Sean Murphy joined the huddle for a quick word of congratulations for Pawol.

And the game proceeded and ended without incident. In the top of the second, she made her first call at first base on a ground ball to shortstop Nick Allen. Angled to the base, she registered Allen making the throw to first baseman Matt Olson ahead of Nick Allen, paused and signaled him out.

During one break, the video board showed two fans holding signs in support of Pawol, prompting enthusiastic applause. Even better, a camera caught Pawol sneaking a look at the board. One of them was a poster that read “Congratulations, Jen Pawol!” with a drawing depicting Pawol as Rosie the Riveter.

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## Short game

Garrett Diller of the Fort Recovery High School boys golf team putts on the 13th green at Portland Golf Club during his 49-stroke round on Thursday. The Tribe beat New Bremen 179-193 to pick up their first Midwest Athletic Conference win before facing Marion Local on Monday.



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# Morice Norris taken off in an ambulance

By NOLAN BIANCHI  
The Detroit News  
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ATLANTA — The Detroit Lions’ preseason game against the Atlanta Falcons was cut short after Lions defensive back Morice Norris suffered a serious injury with 14:50 remaining at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Friday night.

While attempting a tackle on former Michigan State running back Michael Carter, Norris’ head collided with Carter’s knee. He lay on the ground, motionless, as a backboard and cart were immediately brought out.

Players from both teams showed serious concern as medical personnel from each team worked on Norris on the field. Players eventually returned to the field of play, 11 to each side, and formed a prayer circle. But play never resumed and officials announced soon after that play had been suspended. The Lions were leading, 17-10, when play stopped.

Lions quarterback Hendon Hooker, who got the start against Atlanta, was pulled with 5:10 left in the second quarter after turning it over via fumble twice and completing seven of 10 passes for just 38 yards. Over two games, Hooker is now a combined 10-for-16 passing for 56 yards with three turnovers, including an interception on his final attempt in last week’s loss to the Los Angeles Chargers.

Detroit trotted out quarterback Kyle Allen with 5:31 to go in the first half, and he outgained Hooker on his first attempt, completing a 68-yard bomb to rookie receiver Jackson Meeks.

## Preseason game between Lions and Falcons was suspended after injury with 14:50 remaining

Two plays after scrambling for eight yards, Allen connected with rookie receiver Isaac TeSlaa in the end zone for an 11-yard score. TeSlaa went up to haul in the throw over veteran cornerback Dee Alford with 2:18 left in the half.

Allen finished the night 7 for 8 for 120 yards and two touchdowns and made a number of impressive plays with both his arm and legs.

After the Lions got off the field with a fourth-down stop to begin the game, Hooker coughed up Detroit’s first turnover. He escaped the pass rush on third down but had the ball jarred loose by ex-Lions linebacker Josh Woods while going for the line to gain; the Falcons recovered at the 41 of Detroit. Atlanta turned it into points with a 57-yard field goal by Lenny Krieg to go up, 3-0, with 8:32 left in the first quarter.

Hooker broke free for a 23-yard gain down the sideline on third-and-10 to extend Detroit’s second drive, but the Lions

punted after Meeks dropped a third-down pass a few plays later.

The Lions were assessed four special-teams penalties in the opening quarter. UDFA safety Ian Kennelly jumped offsidess on the opening kickoff, TeSlaa was called for an illegal block on the Lions’ first kick return, and then cornerback Dicaprio Bootle and linebacker DaRon Gilbert were both assessed holding penalties on the same punt, all within the first 11:17 of game time.

Detroit began moving the ball at the start of the second quarter, stringing together four first downs — including a fourth-down completion to TeSlaa that went for 7 yards — before Hooker was strip-sacked, his second fumble of the game. UDFA tackle Mason Miller was beaten cleanly by Arnold Ebiketie and Hooker didn’t see or feel the pressure, resulting in a Falcons recovery at the Atlanta 17.

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