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Jay County Council president Jeanne Houchins speaks to council members Wednesday. Council is considering a variety of raises, including a 6% increase for nearly every county employee, for next year.

## Ready to review

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

It's been nearly six months since officials last discussed the future of Jay County Country Living.

Jay County Council hopes to review its finances with Jay County Commissioners next month.

Council members discussed the residential center and raises for county employees at their meeting Wednesday.

Council president Jeanne Houchins reminded council that county officials decided to give Jay County Country Living approximately six months to turn its finances around.

County officials held an open forum Feb. 7 to discuss the residential center's future. (In the last 10 years, Jay County Country Living's budget has jumped from roughly \$421,000 to about

### Council, commissioners plan to discuss Jay County Country Living

\$523,000. As of February, Jay County Country Living had about \$203,600 in uncollected debt from previous or current tenants. Commissioners wrote off an additional \$51,377 in January.)

County auditor Emily Franks noted all current residents are up-to-date on their payments.

Two positions have been removed from the residential center since Blankley started as well.

Council agreed to coordinate a meeting with Jay County Commissioners and Blankley sometime in August.

In related news, council decided to raise Blankley's salary to roughly \$45,000, retroactive to her full-time status March 27. (Council calculated the amount with the countywide 6% wage increase in mind, noting the raise would bump her salary to \$48,000 in January.)

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## Board OKs hangar addition

Tavzel says Sonrise has outgrown its space

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Portland Municipal Airport is growing.

Portland Board of Aviation on Wednesday approved an expansion of Sonrise Aviation's corporate hangar, discussed the need for additional hangar space for patrons and received an update on its runway extension project.

Sonrise Aviation's Hal Tavzel, who also serves as airport manager, presented the board with a request to construct an addition to the company's corporate hangars at the east end of the airport. The 25-foot by 70-foot addition would extend from the northwest side of the firm's main building and connect it to a nearby smaller building via a breezeway.

He told the board Sonrise needs more room for equipment, an area to build engines, storage and a bathroom.

"We're just outgrowing our hangar," he said.

Board members Faron Parr, Clyde Bray and Mitch Ferguson, absent Mitch Sutton, approved allowing Sonrise to move forward the project. (It was noted that they added space will require a new lease agreement.)

Tavzel said he expects construction to begin in this fall.

In his role as airport manager, Tavzel also suggested the board consider constructing a new hangar for patrons. He said hangars will be full with the exception on when where equipment is currently stored. (He also suggested a storage shed for that equipment to allow the hangar space to be used for a plane.)

Jason Clearwaters of engineering firm Butler, Fairman and Seufert said he would look at adding hangar construction to the board's next capital improvement plan.

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## Ice cream send-off

Arts Place executive director Eric Rogers chats with Arts Place board members Bonnie Maitlen (background left), Michelle Goldman (foreground left) and Mike Medler (foreground right), and his wife Pam (background right) during a surprise ice cream social Wednesday evening prior to his final board meeting leading the organization. Rogers is retiring as executive director, a position he has held since 1976, at the end of the month. Desiree Duell will become the new executive director Aug. 1. The board is planning a public event for Rogers's retirement in the fall.

## Bill leaves narrow exceptions

By CASEY SMITH  
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Indiana's Republican supermajority will seek to ban virtually all abortions in the state, only leaving narrow exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother.

A bill unveiled by Senate Republican leadership Wednesday would not allow a grace-period for women seeking an abortion after conception.

Sen. Sue Glick, R-LaGrange, said the bill won't impact treatment of miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, or fatal fetal anomalies. The procedure would be allowed in instances of rape, but only until 20 weeks of gestation, as outlined in current state law.

The bill would not limit access to the "morning after" pill or any forms of contraception. Current Indiana law makes it a felony for a doctor to perform an illegal abortion and under the bill most abortions would be illegal. There are no criminal penalties for women who seek abortions in the bill.

Glick — a more moderate mem-

ber of the caucus — will carry the bill.

"We are not here to criminalize women, we are here to support mothers and help them bring happy and healthy babies to term," she said. "We in the pro-life movement have long believed in exceptions to abortion restrictions for the life of the mother, and that is reflected in our legislation. In addition, we recognize there are heart-breaking cases where, because of violence committed against women and young girls, providing some additional exceptions is necessary. That's why the legislation we are introducing provides exceptions for cases of rape and incest, which I believe a majority of Hoosiers support."

### Indiana GOP proposal would ban most abortions

While 13 states had "trigger bans" to criminalize abortion when the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, Indiana is one of the first to see legislative debate on abortion restrictions since the Dobbs decision.

Indiana currently allows abortions up to 20 weeks of gestation. If the bill is enacted, the state will have one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the nation. Oklahoma and Missouri ban abortion at conception and the only exception is for the life of the mother.

Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray, R-Martinsville, said the legislation will be debated at the Statehouse starting Monday. That's when a special legislative session begins in earnest.

Lawmakers will have to finalize their bills by August 14, in accordance with state law.

Under the proposal, surgical abortions could only be done in hospitals or standalone ambulatory surgical centers. Just medication abortions would be permitted in other licensed facilities.

Women who were victims of incest or rape would not be required to go to the police in order to undergo the procedure, but they would have to provide the physician with an affidavit, signed under penalties of perjury, attesting to the abuse, according to the bill.

Bray announced a second proposed spending bill Wednesday that will address the needs of post-Roe parents denied an abortion, while strongly encouraging adoption.

He said a \$50 million "initial" investment will go to four state agencies, who may award the monies to programs that support health pregnancies and families.

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### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 92 degrees Wednesday. The low was 68.

Tonight's low will be 68 with a chance of showers around midnight. Expect sunny skies Friday with a high of 88.

Highs for the weekend are 89 Saturday and 90 Sunday with a chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Monday's high will be 82.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Portland Redevelopment Commission has scheduled an executive session for 8 a.m. Friday at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. Its regular meeting will follow at 8:30 a.m.

### Coming up

Friday — Coverage of tonight's Redkey Town Council meeting.

Saturday — Results from the Jay County Lions Band Contest.



# Hangar ...

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Clearwaters also told the board Milestone Construction began work on its portion of the runway extension project to 5,500 feet from the current 4,000 feet around July 1. The company is handling paving and lighting — the second phase of the project — as well as some work not completed by HIS Constructors in the first phase (leveling and drainage).  
Milestone is completing some dirt work and is expected to start soil stabilization Friday. Clearwaters said an aggregate base will begin being laid in the first week of August and completion of the

project is expected by mid-September.  
The board approved payment of \$143,701.99 to Milestone Contractors for work on the project.  
HIS Constructors is finishing a few items, primarily involving drainage on the north side of the taxiway, this week. Clearwaters said his firm is continuing to monitor the HIS work with an eye on closing the contract. The board and Clearwaters have repeatedly expressed frustration with a lack of progress by HIS on the project.  
The board also heard a request from Rick Owen to sign a lease for the hangar he rents at the air-

port. Owens had previously received a notice to vacate the hangar but worked with the aviation board on an extension to allow him time to sell the plane he stores there. He requested the lease, saying he feels the notice to vacate was unfair as he had not broken any airport rules.  
Parr said the board would consider his request, but assured him that there is no intention to kick him out of the hangar before he is able to sell the plane.  
In other business, the board:  
•Approved a fuel discount agreement with AeroAg LLC at a rate of 27 cents over the airport's cost plus taxes. If the crop dust-

ing company purchases at least 10,000 gallons of fuel this year, it will be eligible to negotiate a fuel discount again in 2023.  
•Briefly discussed reviewing hangar rental rates. Parr said the board should look at how its rates compare to other area airports and consider further increases for hangars at which significant infrastructure improvements have been made.  
•Heard the following updates from Tavzel:  
—The airport sold 8,246 gallons of fuel in June for \$50,592.91. That's nearly double the total of 4,189 gallons sold in July 2021.

—Electrical service has been upgraded for a hangar for which a new door will be installed next week.  
—A new flight instructor has been hired for the facility.  
•Submitted pay requests of \$169,113.06 and \$12,257.71 to the FAA for two grants.  
•OK'd the first draft of its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Plan as required by the FAA. The plan will be up for final approval at the board's Aug. 17 meeting and then submitted to the FAA for its review.  
•Approved the payment of \$9,743.99 in claims.

# CR almanac

Friday 7/22	Saturday 7/23	Sunday 7/24	Monday 7/25	Tuesday 7/26
<b>88/68</b>	<b>89/75</b>	<b>90/68</b>	<b>82/63</b>	<b>81/67</b>
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Friday, with a high in the upper 80s. Slight chance of rain at night.	Thunderstorms are possible Saturday, but not likely. Mostly sunny skies, with a high of 89 degrees.	There's a 50% chance of thunderstorms Sunday in the afternoon. The temperature may reach 90.	Monday has a lesser chance of rain under partly sunny skies. Mostly cloudy at night.	Partly sunny skies are expected Tuesday. There's also a 30% chance of showers.

# Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> 10-20-23-49-65 Power Ball: 22 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$119 million	59-63-64-65-67-69-76-77 Cash 5: 9-10-14-16-40 Hoosier Lotto: 8-11-12-21-29-30 Estimated jackpot: \$15.8 million
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$630 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 5-3-6 Pick 4: 7-0-2-1 Pick 5: 1-3-4-6-3 Evening Pick 3: 7-6-5 Pick 4: 6-8-6-2 Pick 5: 1-5-4-9-0 Rolling Cash: 11-20-31-36-38 Classic Lotto: 4-13-16-17-25-44 Kicker: 4-7-9-3-2-7 Estimated jackpot: \$31.9 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 4-2-6 Daily Four: 5-5-3-2 Quick Draw: 4-11-19-22-23-24-25-36-37-38-40-43-44-53-54-64-67-69-75-78 Evening Daily Three: 6-7-8 Daily Four: 5-7-5-7 Quick Draw: 10-11-20-25-37-38-49-51-53-56-57-58-	

# Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.59 Aug. corn .....6.59 Wheat .....6.65	Wheat ..... 7.76 Nov. wheat ..... 8.42
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.73 Aug. corn .....6.73 Oct. corn .....5.61	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.88 Late July corn .....6.68 Beans .....15.51 Late July beans.....15.46 Wheat .....7.86
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.61 Aug. corn .....6.61 Beans .....15.13 Aug. beans.....15.13	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.54 Aug. corn .....6.39 Beans .....15.11 Aug. beans.....15.06 Wheat .....7.82

# Today in history

In 1403, King Henry IV defeated the Percys in the Battle of Shrewsbury in England.  
In 1861, Union and Confederate Troops met in the First Battle of Bull Run, the first major military engagement of the Civil War.  
In 1987, Guns N' Roses released its album "Appetite for Destruction." It would go on to sell more than \$17 million copies.  
In 1996, "The Daily Show" premiered on Comedy Central with Craig Kilborn as its host.  
In 2007, the final book in the Harry Potter series — "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" — was released.  
In 2012, Richard Williams of Portland climbed the standings after a slow start the previous night to finish seventh in the Double Header Classic at Montpelier Motor Speedway. Fort Recovery's Jamie Heiser was 10th.  
In 2021, Jay County Council approved \$275,000 in economic development income tax (EDIT) funds to be contributed toward the construction of a new Jay County Humane Society animal control shelter. —The CR

# Citizen's calendar

**Today**  
6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.  
6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.  
**Friday**  
8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission executive session, Portland.  
Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.  
8:30 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.  
**Monday**  
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

# Review ...

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Blankley has been working for the county since late January. She was formally hired on a part-time basis in February and later brought on as a full-time employee at the end of March. County officials requested Blankley update her job description — along with director duties, she also utilizes her license as a registered nurse — to submit to consulting firm Waggoner, Irwin and Scheele. The firm then suggested a range of potential pay increases in the ballpark of \$48,000, comparing the salary to similar director positions in Indiana.  
Several council members pointed out Blankley could be making more money utilizing her nursing license at a hospital or other medical facility, adding that it is beneficial to have a registered nurse at Jay County Country Living.  
After discussion, council agreed — Harold Towell and Matt Minnich dissenting — to give Blankley the raise. (Both Towell and Minnich both voiced support for giving Blankley a raise, but disagreed on how council chose to do so.)  
Also Monday, council reviewed but took no action on other suggestions offered from Jay County Personnel Committee. The advisory group, which is comprised of Houchins, council member Ted Champ and commissioner Chad Aker, has suggested various raises for Jay County Sheriff's Office, Jay County Highway

Department and Jay Emergency Medical Service in addition to the 6% raises for nearly all county employees that council has already discussed.  
The committee suggested bumping up wages for Jay County Sheriff's Office based on a matrix pay scale presented by Sheriff Dwane Ford and chief deputy Ben Schwartz, though it did not recommend implementing the pay scale in full. (The matrix factors in 0.5% wage increases for sheriff's office employees the first few years and 1% wage increases in following years.)  
Council member Ray Newton questioned why the county would invest in a wage study if the matrix pay scale already uses figures compared to other counties. Champ pointed out Blackford and Wells counties use similar systems and said officials have told him they haven't had an issue with it.  
Franks said that a matrix pay scale would be a "budgeting nightmare," specifically when employees change positions.  
The committee suggested the county invest in a wage study for 2023, along with looking into adjusting the job classification system. It also suggested all elected officials, excluding council and commissioners, receive a 6% raise. (The personnel committee has suggested a \$1,513 increase in each commissioner's pay and a \$2,591 jump in each council member's pay annually. County council members

took a 25% pay cut in 2017 and commissioners took a 10% pay cut the same year.)  
Council made no decision on personnel committee's recommendations Wednesday.  
In other business, council members Faron Parr, Mike Rockwell, Houchins, Champ, Minnich, Towell and Newton:  
•Made the following additional appropriations: \$300,000 for stone and gravel to Jay County Highway Department (council rescinded a decision from last month to appropriate \$250,000 to the department because it was approved to the wrong fund); \$107,303.02 for a chip spreader at the highway department; \$102,000 for a new salt barn (the previous one was collapsing) at the highway department; \$20,496.30 for Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition to allocate to local organization and programs, which is paid for through state grants; \$18,000 for A Better Life — Brianna's Hope; \$15,000 for planning community development projects through East Central Indiana Regional Partnership; \$12,000 for weather radios at Jay County Emergency Management Agency, which are paid for through a state grant; \$7,500 for witness fees to Jay County Prosecutor's Office; \$3,000 for court-appointed doctors or psychiatrists to Jay County Circuit Court; \$2,866.27 for new tasers at Jay County Sheriff's Office; and \$1,000 for Arts in the Parks

# Narrow ...

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"We want to work with young people ... and give them the opportunity to prevent conception in such a way that's scientific, and that's safe," Glick said. "We want to make as many avenues available ... to make sure they're not having unwanted pregnancies if they're not able or unwilling to carry a child to term ... we would rather deal with it on the front end, rather than the site where we're dealing with an abortion."  
Gov. Eric Holcomb did

comment specifically on the abortion bill after it was released Wednesday.  
The Republican governor has previously signed every anti-abortion bill that has made it his desk. Holcomb maintained last week that he has no "ultimatums," suggesting he could sign into a law the current abortion-restricting proposal.  
Indiana Right To Life President Mike Fichter did not immediately respond to a request for comment after the bill was unveiled. He told reporters Wednesday morning that the pro-life group expected lawmakers to significantly restrict abortions.  
"Roe is no longer in place. The Roe shield is no longer there, so this is the time. This is the time for Indiana to pass loving and compassionate protections for unborn children," Fichter said. "We believe every single Hoosier deserves to be born."  
Indiana Democrats have remained outspoken against any Republican-backed plans to curtail access to abortions.  
Senate Democratic Leader Greg Taylor of Indianapolis said the proposed abortion restrictions are a "drastic" step and would lead to more women's deaths.

"When pregnant women cannot access vital components of health care, they are at greater risk of having their pregnancy end in a fatality — especially if they already have existing health conditions or illnesses," Taylor said. "Everything from the language of the proposed bill to the legislative process surrounding it is cause for concern ..."  
House Democratic

Leader Phil GiaQuinta, D-Fort Wayne, said in a statement following the bill's release that Indiana Republicans are "gambling with the lives of Hoosier women to gain points in an ultimately unwinnable culture war."  
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**SERVICES**  
Thursday  
**Stump, Patricia:** 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.  
  
Saturday  
**McMillan, Evelyn:** 1 p.m., Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.  
  
Service listings provided by  
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Portland, Indiana 47371  
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progressiveofficeproducts.com

**Shine Brighter**  
**FASHION SHOW**  
JULY 23  
Vendor Market @ 3pm  
Shopping • Food • Silent Auctions • Live Music  
Fashion Show @ 7pm  
FEATURING LOCAL BOUTIQUES!  
BLIND BID ON YOUR FAVORITE SHOW OUTFITS!  
SHOW ADMISSION \$15  
LOCATION: 9811 US 67, REDKEY, IN (REDKEY FAITH MINISTRIES FELLOWSHIP CENTER)  
Bring this ad for \$5 off admission!

**Swiss Village**  
**NOW SEEKING: HEALTHCARE HOSTESS**  
Swiss Village is seeking an individual to work Part-Time as a Healthcare Hostess. This position will be 2-3 days per week, 4pm-7pm, with a weekend rotation. Weekend hours will be 2pm-5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. This position is responsible for assisting the healthcare staff by providing non-medical support services, including passing linens, snacks, and ice waters. Candidates must be at least 15 years old, have an interest in nursing services, and be able to communicate effectively with staff and residents.  
**Apply in person, online at www.swissvillage.org, or send Resume to:**  
Kayla Reilly, HR Specialist  
Swiss Village  
1350 W. Main St.  
Berne, IN 46711  
Or e-mail: careers@swissvillage.org

**2022 Jay County Pee Wee Football AND FLAG FOOTBALL Registration**  
**Flag Football:** Grades Pre-K(4 years old), K, 1st, and 2nd  
**Pee Wee Football:** Grades 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th  
**At Hines-Inman Memorial Field** (S. Western Ave, Portland)  
**When: July 16th, 23rd, 30th**  
**8am to 11am**  
**\$40 registration for Pee Wee**  
**\$20 registration for Flag Football**  
For information contact Chett Franks (260) 525-8658

# Flea market set for the end of July

WILLSHIRE, OHIO — The annual flea market is coming up.

Willshire Sportsman's Club will host its annual Flea Market and Trade Days from dawn to dusk July 28, 29 and 30 at 3385 Ohio 81, Willshire.

The event boasts a variety of flea market items, including crafts, cement figures, tools, dog supplies, antiques, fishing and hunting supplies, according to a press release from the organization. Concessions are available daily, and admission and parking are free.

There's an auction for at 6 p.m. July 30.

Updates about the event can be found on the group's Facebook page, @WillshireSportsman'sClub. Contact Ron Schumm at (419) 495-2730 or Dan Strader at (419) 203-4557 for more information.

## Bible school

Three local churches are sponsoring a vacation bible school program in Fort Recovery.

## Taking Note

First Church of Christ, Christ's Chapel and Church of the Nazarene are sponsoring Community Vacation Bible School at the Ambassador Pool in Fort Recovery from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 25 through July 28. The program is tailored to children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Its theme this year is "Zoomerang."

## Classes offered

John Jay Center for Learning is offering free classes for adults to receive a High School Equivalency diploma. Classes are available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

# Friendship is fading

DEAR ABBY: My 15-year-old daughter, "Nadia," has been friends with another girl, "Kelly," since they were 8. Over the years, I have had my concerns about Kelly because she lies. She can also be very manipulative, and she hasn't always treated Nadia well.

Nadia and I have had numerous conversations about this friend over the years, and I have expressed my feelings about Kelly's behavior. Sometimes Nadia would acknowledge Kelly's wrongdoings; other times she'd get upset and insist I was wrong. Either way, she seemed to have great loyalty to Kelly.

Over the years, Kelly's mother, "Brittany," and I became friends and, over the last two or three, we have grown very close. I allowed it to happen because I thought Kelly had matured. Unfortunately, I was wrong. Meanwhile, Nadia has been seeing more clearly what a difficult person Kelly is and is pulling away from her.

While I'm happy Nadia has found healthier friendships, I am worried about how this may affect my friendship with Brittany. She tends to be defensive about her kids and will probably not be able to see how much her daughter has hurt Nadia over the years. Advice? — MOM PROBLEM IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MOM: I do have some.

Dear Abby



jealous because, in spite of his many poor choices, they prefer spending time with him more than with me.

He has always been an irresponsible parent, and it crushes them each time he goes back to jail. No matter what, they run to his rescue whenever he needs something, be it money, transportation, etc. How can I handle this in the best way for the sake of my children without causing stress on them and our relationship? — STABLE PARENT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PARENT: Please accept my sympathy. You have been forced into the role of the authoritarian parent, while your husband has adopted the role of looney-gooney fun parent, which is how your children still regard him. It isn't fair, and I feel for you. But until they wise up on their own, there's nothing you can do about it. So try not to spend too much time dwelling on it. Live your life. When faced with a circumstance that's not likely to change soon, that's all anyone can do.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

STAY OUT OF IT. It's common for childhood friendships to wane. By now you should have realized friendships cannot be forced. All it does is breed resentment. Unless Brittany raises the subject, avoid discussing it. Cross your fingers and hope that Kelly might not even realize Nadia is less available. However, if Brittany asks, simply say that the girls' friendship, like other teen relationships, seems to have run its course.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband has been incarcerated off and on for the last several years. The kids adore him and want nothing more than to spend time with him, even though I am the responsible parent who cares for them and provides for their needs.

I'm glad the kids are not angry with him, and I'm trying to be understanding about their need for love and acceptance from him (even though they are no longer young children). However, I can't help feeling anxious, angry and

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

## Reunions

JAY COUNTY HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, in the Community Room at Jay County Public Library. Attendees should bring their own table service and are invited to bring a dish to share and a white elephant gift as a prize for bingo. Reservations are not required. For more information, call Sharon Taylor at (765) 578-0357.

## Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

EN AVANT CLUB —

Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 211 AUXILIARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at the post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday

of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

## Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

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

## Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for break-

fast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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

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

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

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

# Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

## Wednesday's Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

# Find Local Businesses & Services

**Fortkamp Foam**  
3226 Wabash Road  
Ft. Recovery, OH  
419-852-1390  
[Fortkampfoam.com](http://Fortkampfoam.com)

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# Government is a key to economy

By MORTON J. MARCUS

This final dive into the 2019 gross domestic product (GDP) county data for 21 Indiana industry sectors begins with a reminder: the federal "disclosure policy," which intends to protect the privacy of business firms, makes it impossible to give a reasonably complete picture of the economy in 76 of Indiana's 92 counties.

Government and government enterprises were reported in all counties. Government enterprises include postal, transportation and utility services among others. These services could be offered in the private sector, yet, for historical or efficiency reasons, have been taken on by governmental units.

Government, which includes public schools, was the number one sector in 14 Indiana coun-

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ties. Among these were Monroe, Delaware and Vigo counties, where public universities are located.

Marion County, where the state government and the largest city are located, had government ranking fourth (8.6%) among its economic sectors. By contrast, Martin County, with the Crane Navy Base, found 71% of its GDP in the government sector.

While government was no less than eighth among ranked

sectors in any county, it was less than 3% in Gibson, Posey and Harrison counties.

Real estate, renting and leasing was reported for all 92 counties. This sector includes real estate development (exclusive of construction), plus renting and leasing of all sorts. Construction equipment, home furniture, trucks and cars, residential and commercial spaces are rented and leased.

Statewide, this sector ranked third with 10.4% of GDP. It ranked first in four counties (Johnson, Boone, Brown and Switzerland). In Brown County, it accounted for 22% of GDP. In no county did it rank lower than sixth.

Finance and insurance was reported and ranked in 87 counties. It occupied first place only in Hamilton County with 19%

of that county's GDP and 18% of the sector's state GDP. Marion County had 32% of the sector's state GDP even though the sector provided only 7% of the county's GDP.

Professional, scientific and technical businesses accounted for 4.5% of Indiana's GDP and ranked 10th among 21 sectors. In Martin County, this sector ranked second with 8.7% of the GDP. Hamilton County had the highest percent of county GDP (9.3%) in these activities. Thirty-three counties had less than 2% of county GDP in this sector.

In this era of Information, 48% of Indiana's GDP in this sector was undisclosed. Included here are broadcast, internet and publishing firms, ranging from news to software. Also included here are services that

store and distribute computerized information.

Marion County data for this sector were undisclosed, but \$500,000 was reported for Warren County.

Arts, entertainment and recreation, which includes gambling and professional sports, were concentrated in two counties. Marion, with no casinos, had 39% and Lake, with two casinos in 2019, had 14% of this sector in Indiana. Because of casinos, this "quality of life" sector was greater than 2% of county GDP in only Dearborn, Harrison, Madison, LaPorte and Lake counties.

Sorry, but there's no space for the remaining, small sectors.

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# Vandalism is not free speech

The Kansas City Star

Tribune News Service

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is absolutely right: The recent desecration of Ascension Catholic School in Overland Park was an "overt act of hatred and incivility."

Yard signs on church grounds have repeatedly been stolen or defaced, according to church officials.

We reject all acts of violence, vandalism and theft. Spray painting church property and the recent tagging of campaign signs belonging to a candidate for the Jackson County Legislature with a hateful anti-gay slur doesn't achieve any worthwhile outcome.

And the silliness of stealing campaign signs touting one candidate or cause over another must end as well.

Laws exist to deter such actions, but police have more pressing needs than to look into acts of pure pettiness and meanness.

Residents on both sides of the state line must continue to reject hate speech or intolerance. But over the weekend, our fraying norms of civility didn't stop someone from vandalizing Ascension. "My body my choice," a vandal wrote in bright red paint.

The distasteful words that followed were reprehensible.

"F--- your dirty \$," the vandal continued. A woman was seen running away from the scene, according to Overland Park police. She left a parting gift by splattering a statue of the Virgin Mary with red paint. As of Wednesday, no one had been arrested, police said.

Ascension Catholic School is part of the Church of the Ascension, which has been actively promoting the Value Them Both constitutional amendment on the Aug. 2 ballot in Kansas. If passed, the amendment would allow state lawmakers to further restrict access to abortion or ban the procedure outright.

No matter your political beliefs or standing, it's unacceptable to vandalize property to get your point across.

Protesting is an effective tool to bring attention to important matters, anti-violence advocates say. Peaceful demonstrations build consensus and a

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wider audience, advocates contend. And they're right.

Allan Katz is founder of American Public Square at Jewell, a nonprofit devoted to promoting civil discourse among folks with different viewpoints and beliefs. Free speech, Katz noted, is not unrestricted.

"Yes, you can express yourself and stand outside a church and demonstrate or picket a candidate or a cause," he said. "But there are lines you cannot cross."

Whoever vandalized Ascension Catholic School crossed those lines and must face legal consequences for their actions. As does the perpetrator responsible for the homophobic slur that appeared on a campaign banner promoting Justice Horn for Jackson County Legislature.

Horn, the only openly gay candidate in the race, is seeking to represent the 1st District.

"You destroy your own message," Katz noted. "No one is talking about the message. They are talking about the action."

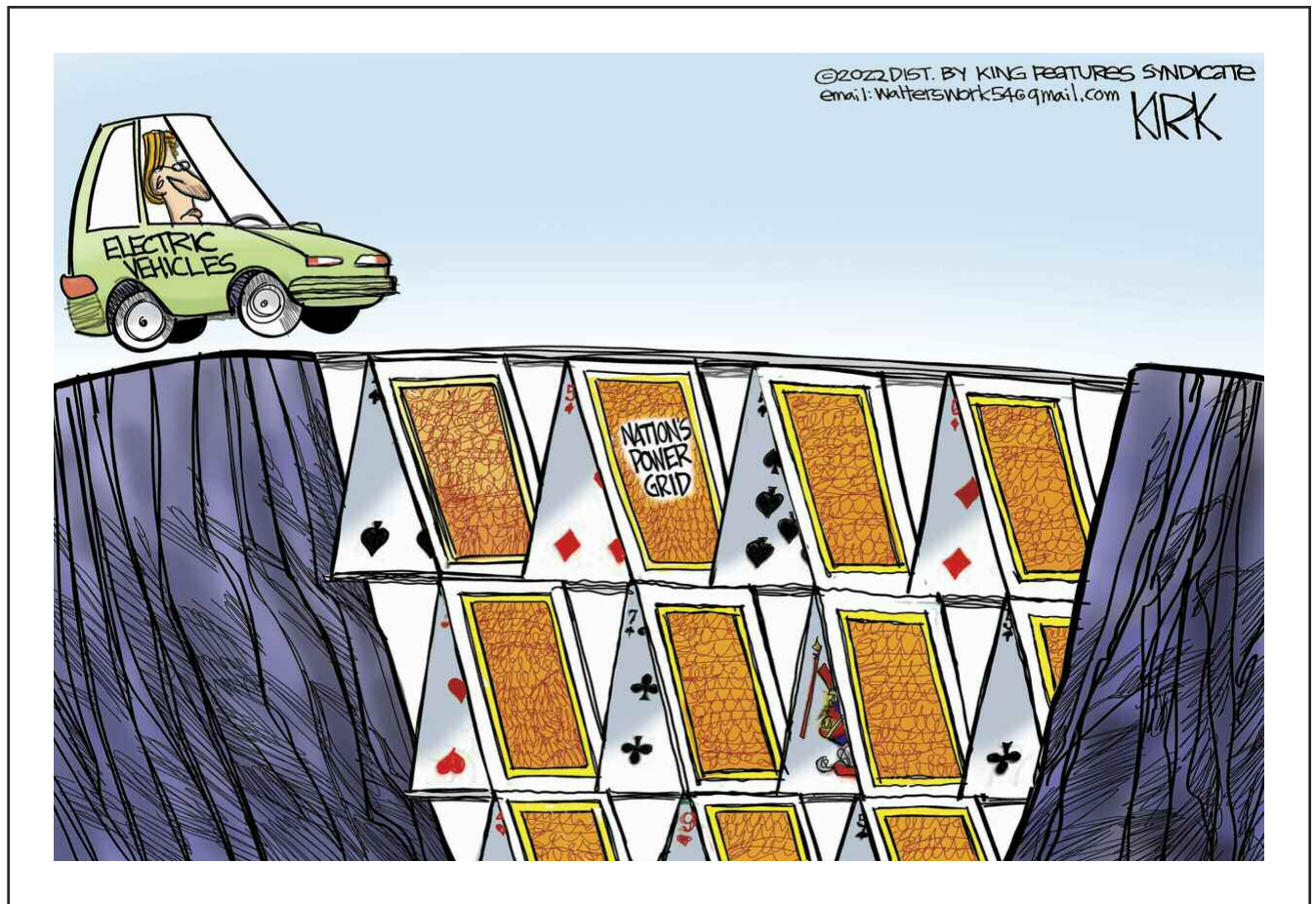
Going forward, we all have to be mindful of respecting each other's differences. Most of us have strong feelings on social and cultural issues that could manifest itself politically, Katz said.

Dissent is allowed. Dialogue and respect is crucial. But communication has to be open and honest to be effective.

"Convincing someone to accept your point of view is to get someone to understand your perspective and why you believe what you believe," Katz said. "People can disagree with a degree of civility and still respect the other person. There is space for difference of opinion."

People believe in what they believe. Vandalizing someone's property isn't going to get them to change their viewpoints.

Over the past week, we have seen the further erosion of civil discourse play out before our very eyes. The criminal acts must stop.



# Take note of Sri Lanka uprising

By MICHAEL PARAMATHASAN

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service

A popular revolution is unfolding in Sri Lanka, with the fall of one of Asia's most powerful political dynasties amid hunger, heartbreak and the immutable resilience of the Sri Lankan people.

Widespread apathy transformed into political anger. After 40 years of fierce internal conflicts fanned by politicians, Sri Lankans are united on an unprecedented scale, demanding an end to an entrenched political order. What is emerging on the streets of Colombo is a lesson for the rest of the world. Over last weekend, protesters stormed President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's home and office, and the official residence of the prime minister. Rajapaksa fled the country, first to the Maldives, and then traveled on Thursday to Singapore. For months, demonstrators have been demanding accountability, transparency and effective governance. Unlike the rioters in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021, they are not seeking to delegitimize the legislature or the country's democratic institutions. Rather, they are calling for those who claim to represent the people to be held accountable for their actions. As the Rajapaksa dynasty comes to an end, the much harder task of righting the wrongs now begins.

Sri Lanka is a 2,500-year-old civilization, Asia's oldest democracy to offer universal suffrage and the country that produced the world's first female prime minister in 1960. Until recently, it was an economic success story — emerging from nearly three decades of civil war that ended in 2009 — and it was a model for public health and educational development in the region. And yet it is now a nation teetering on the verge of collapse due to political and administrative mismanagement, corruption and an apathetic democratic culture that allowed for political impunity and

rampant nepotism. As long as roads were built and wars were won, people tolerated the status quo.

It took an unprecedented economic crisis to jolt the country into action. Sri Lanka went bankrupt, and there have been food and fuel shortages, while talks with the International Monetary Fund for a bailout are ongoing. Rajapaksa's reputation of ruthlessness earned him the nickname the "Terminator" within his family. With his humiliating departure on a military aircraft to the Maldives, a scene that evoked the memory of former Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's run from Kabul in August, the first chapter of Sri Lanka's revolution has come to a volatile end. (Rajapaksa reportedly emailed his resignation to Sri Lankan officials on Thursday.)

Now the people's movement, called the Aragalaya (the Struggle), is entering a new and more complex phase. The Sri Lankan Parliament must form a new government under the constitution. For Sri Lanka's democracy to survive, a deeper examination of the political culture that led to this crisis is necessary, and a system reboot is critical. This starts with the accountability for the political elite.

The concentration of power in the hands of a few in Colombo, as well as royalty-like deference to those in authority, was the norm. A few selective educational institutions in the capital created an elite class of politicians and bureaucrats. This allowed for presidential Cabinets as large as a small town and ministerial titles that sounded made up, and, in the case of

Rajapaksa, near total control of a government that was run like a personal fiefdom. The great irony is that all of this took place in a highly literate, democratic country with generally free and fair elections. The last few months have turned this political culture upside-down.

Although the Rajapaksa clan has been dethroned, the enablers and executors remain in power, mostly behind the scenes. And opportunistic politicians in Parliament are now lining up one by one for their customary news conferences. With the whole world watching, Sri Lankans know that it is not enough for these politicians to point fingers on camera while professing their love and admiration for protesters on the streets.

Sri Lankans will not forget the excesses of these politicians or how they facilitated and benefited from a political culture that has led to this collapse. Gone are the days of reverence for ministers with titles longer than their resumes. The people of Sri Lanka have an opportunity to rewrite their nation's destiny. This means saying no to a political culture that bends the rules based on one's social status. This means saying no to corruption and to the politics of division. For decades, political parties benefited from pitting one part of the population against another to gain political power.

The combustible mix of cronyism, inequality and institutional mistrust that upended a failed government is not unique to Sri Lanka. Exacerbated by the pandemic and pushed to the brink, Sri Lankans have shown how a citizenry will act to correct its course. The United States and other countries should take note. The future of liberal democracy depends on it.

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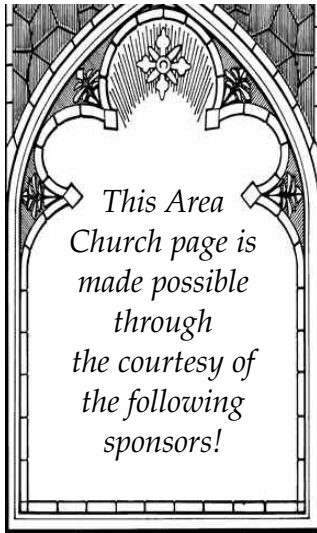
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asburyministries.org

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1217 W. Votaw St., Portland  
Michael Burk  
(260) 726-4282  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Bellefontain United Methodist**  
440 S. 600 East  
Gordon Jackson  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Bethel United Methodist**  
Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk  
Scott McClain  
Services: 10:45 a.m.

**Bluff Point Friends**  
80 E. 650 South  
Services: 10 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**Boundary St. Paul**  
Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East  
Ava Gannon  
(260) 726-2373  
Services: 9:30 a.m.

**Bryant Wesleyan**  
209 S. Hendricks St.  
Paul VanCise  
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.  
bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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301 N. Main St., Dunkirk  
Susan Durovey-Antrim  
(765) 499-0368  
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susan.duroveyantrim@in.unc.org

**Christ Chapel**  
105 S. Elm St., Fort Recovery  
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christchapelfr.com

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**Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)**  
8472 S. 800 East, Union City  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**Church of God of Prophecy**  
797 N. Creagor Ave., Portland  
Nanette Weesner  
(260) 766-9334  
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
nanybell@yahoo.com

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Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland  
Kevin McClung  
(260) 729-7295  
Services: 10 a.m.

**Church of the Living God**  
South Broad Street, Dunkirk  
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

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**Cornerstone Baptist**  
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Wayne Ward  
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Services: 10 a.m.

**Dunkirk Nazarene**  
226 E. Center St., Dunkirk  
Tom Fett  
(765) 768-6199  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

**Evangelical Methodist**  
930 W. Main St., Portland  
Steve Arnold  
(260) 251-0970  
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

**Fairview United Methodist/Jay County**  
2875 E. 200 South  
Gordon Jackson  
Lay leader: Beth Stephen  
(260) 726-9184  
Services: 10:15 a.m.

**Faith Community**  
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Joe Schmit  
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Services: 10 a.m.

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Services: 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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Hugh Kelly  
(260) 726-8873  
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pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

**First American Baptist**  
427 S. Main St., Dunkirk  
Dan Coffman  
(765) 768-7157  
Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

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

**First Community Baptist**  
341 S. Meridian St., Redkey  
Everett Bilbrey Jr.  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

**First Free Will Baptist**  
12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk  
Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

**First Presbyterian**  
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(260) 726-8462  
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Rev. James Stilwell  
(419) 678-2071  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle**  
468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk  
Robert Thomas  
(765) 348-4620  
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

**Geneva First United Methodist**  
100 W. Line St., Geneva  
Barry McCune  
(260) 368-7655  
Services: 9:30 a.m.

**Geneva Nazarene**  
225 Decatur St., Geneva  
(260) 525-8609  
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Sunday school: 9 a.m.  
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

**Gilead Church**  
County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

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

**High Street United Methodist**  
435 High St., Geneva  
Rev. Joseph Hampton  
(260) 368-7233  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Holy Trinity Catholic**  
7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant  
Fr. Peter Logsdon  
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churchofthemostholym Trinity.com

**Hopewell of Life Ministries**  
County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1  
Rev. Ruth Funk  
(260) 251-8581  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

**Immaculate Conception Catholic**  
506 E. Walnut St., Portland  
Fr. Peter Logsdon  
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Services: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday

**Kingsley Full Gospel**  
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Stuart Phillips  
Services: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Mary Help of Christians**  
403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery  
Rev. Ned Brown  
(419) 375-4153  
Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

**Mount Tabor United Methodist**  
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk  
John Retter  
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Services: 9 a.m.

**Mount Zion United Methodist**  
County roads 600 East and 200 North  
Rev. Darrell Borders  
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Services: 9 a.m.

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Randy Smith  
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Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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Chuck Myers  
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**New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist**  
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Neil Butcher  
(765) 499-7838  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Noble Congregational Christian**  
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Aaron Huey  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Oak Grove United Methodist**  
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Neil Butcher  
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**Pennville United Methodist**  
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Gary Newton  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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mypleasanthillchurch.org

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Steve Cecil  
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Union and Malin streets, Redkey  
Jeff Hammers  
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**Redkey United Methodist**  
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Lori McIntosh  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Robin Owen  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
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**St. Joseph Catholic**  
1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery  
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Services: 7:30 a.m. Sunday

**St. Mary's Catholic**  
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Services: 5 p.m. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

**St. Paul Catholic**  
517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery  
Rev. Ned Brown  
Services: 8:30 a.m. Sunday

**St. Peter Catholic**  
1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery  
Rev. Ned Brown  
Services: 10 a.m. Sunday

**Sugar Grove Nazarene**  
County roads 400 North and 550 West  
Rev. Mike Heckman  
(260) 731-4733  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. (the 2nd and 4th Sunday at Pennville Park from June through September)

**Sugar Grove United Methodist**  
County roads 600 South and 1150 West, Dunkirk  
Scott McClain  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Temple Baptist**  
Indiana 167, between Dunkirk and Albany  
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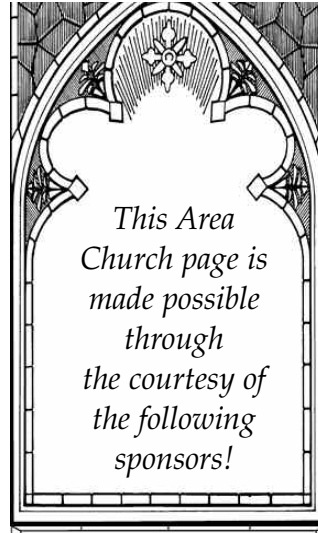
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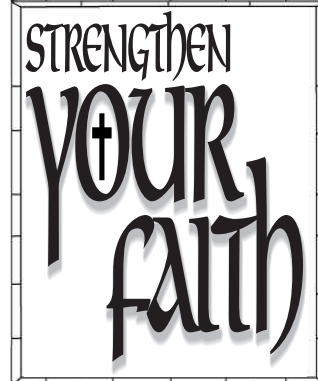


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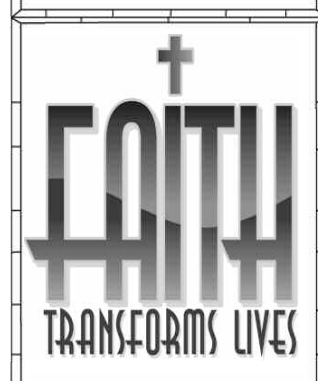
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**Contract Bridge** By Steve Becker

**Playing the waiting game**

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 5  
♥ 10 2  
♦ K 8 7 4  
♣ J 10 9 7 3

**WEST**  
♠ A 9  
♥ Q 8 4  
♦ Q J 10 5  
♣ A 6 4 2

**EAST**  
♠ K 8 3  
♥ 9 7  
♦ A 9 6 3 2  
♣ Q 8 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 10 7 6 4 2  
♥ A K J 6 5 3  
♦ —  
♣ K

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass  
2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass  
4♠

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

A-K of hearts and played a third heart. West following with the queen. When South ruffed with dummy's jack, East overruffed with the king and returned a low club. West took South's king of clubs with the ace and returned the jack of diamonds. Declarer ruffed and played the queen of trump, won by West with the ace. Back came another diamond, ruffed by South. Declarer then cashed the ten of trump, and when both defenders followed, South had the rest of the tricks and his game.

At the second table, after ruffing West's diamond lead and cashing the A-K of hearts, declarer also played a third heart and ruffed it with the jack. But here East discarded a diamond instead of overruffing the jack with the king.

As a result of this play, declarer could not avoid going down. Regardless of how he continued, he had to lose three trump tricks as well as a club.

East's refusal to overruff the jack with the king at trick four was based on his realization that it was almost impossible for him to gain a trick by discarding instead. So East bided his time and was ultimately rewarded for his thoughtful play.

Consider this deal from a team-of-four match. The final contract at both tables was four spades, and the opening lead by West in each case was the queen of diamonds. However, the declarer at the first table made the contract, while the declarer at the second table went down one.

At the first table, declarer ruffed the queen of diamonds, cashed the

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WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT SOME STRATEGY.  
HOW ABOUT TRYING A SQUEEZE PLAY?  
A SQUEEZE PLAY?!!  
I'LL SQUEEZE THE CATCHER!

**Rose is Rose**

I CAN'T REACH THE OARS!  
HURRY! HIS SKIN IS GETTING WRINKLY!  
STRETCH, MURPHY! STRETCH!

**Agnes**

I HAVE PRODUCED THE PRETIEST PIECE OF PUCE PLUSH THE PLANET HAS EVER PERUSED.  
IT'S PINK.  
PUCE IS PINK.  
PITY.  
POSSIBLY A PITY BUT NOT PROBABLE.  
UM... I'LL PASS ON THE PUCE PLUSH... PLEASE.

**Hi and Lois**

THERE'S A HIVE!  
ARE THEY GOING TO STING US?  
THE RULE WITH BEES IS...  
LET THEM BEE.

**Funky Winkerbean**

I TOOK MY FINISHED PRINCE VALIANT PAGE UP TO THE SYNDICATE OFFICE...  
"SO THEY COULD SHOW IT TO HAIL FOSTER!"

**Blondie**

THAT'S RIGHT, FOLKS, COME ON DOWN TO BIG BILLY'S BBQ BROASTED BEEF RANCH FOR THE BEST BEEF THIS SIDE OF THE BAYOU!  
AND NOW, BACK TO THE NEWS. SOME EXPERTS ASK: "SHOULD WE LIMIT OUR MEAT CONSUMPTION TO SAVE THE PLANET?"  
ARE YOU OK, DEAR?  
IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE AN EXISTENTIAL MEAT CRISIS?

**Snuffy Smith**

SOMETIMES I TAKE FOR GRANTED HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS HERE IN HOOTIN' HOLLER !!  
IN FACT, SOME AREAS ARE ABSOLUTELY GORGES !!

**Beetle Bailey**

NEW PILLOW?  
YEAH, 100% GOOSE DOWN, ANTIMICROBIAL, HYPO-ALLERGENIC, BREATHABLE FABRIC COVER...  
YOU SURE KNOW YOUR PILLOWS!  
I'VE STUDIED AND TESTED THEM EXTENSIVELY  
NOT TONIGHT, YOU'RE ON GUARD DUTY!

**7-21 CRYPTOQUIP**

WPNQZ CJBC CJP SMKNQZ SMWWPS  
XMQENUPSPU MQP ML JNE  
BXCNKNCNPE MLLPQENKP,  
CJP WBQUNC WBQQPU NC.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOME FRISKY WEB-FOOTED ANIMALS NEED TO DRINK, DO THEY GATHER BESIDE THE OTTERING HOLE?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals G

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Perón of Argentina  
4 Siestas  
8 First light  
12 Bud  
13 — Major  
14 Actor  
15 German shepherd  
17 Teen hangout  
18 Resis- tance unit  
19 Church topper  
21 British party  
24 Louvre treasures  
25 Khan title  
26 The "G" of LGBTQ  
28 Doesn't buy  
32 Clothing store section  
34 Gender  
36 Strata- gem  
37 Green sauce  
39 Teeny  
41 Shriver of tennis

**DOWN**

1 Clean air fish  
2 Kilmer  
3 Losers  
4 Egnog  
5 "Entou- rage"  
6 Unpaid TV ads  
7 Dasher's boss  
8 Agri- culture goddess  
9 Pronto  
10 Humpty's perch  
11 Egyptian river  
16 Sashimi  
20 Goof up  
21 Pack (down)  
22 Curved molding  
23 Airline to Sweden  
27 Ever- green type  
29 Wedding  
30 Despot  
31 Big rig  
33 Bought time  
35 Deleted  
38 Tram load  
40 Realm  
43 Ersatz chocolate  
45 Follower (Suff.)  
46 Wild party  
47 "Peek- —!"  
48 Holler  
49 Disaster aid gp.  
53 Scoun- drel  
54 Long, crosser  
55 CIA operative

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

Yesterday's answer 7-21

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# Harker's rabbit earned best in show

Jayne Harker came away as the big winner July 9 during the Jay County 4-H Rabbit Show at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Harker's Netherland Dwarf earned honors for best of variety and best of group. It went on to earn the best 4 class honor and then was named best in show.

McKenna Vore earned the best 6 class honor for her New Zealand buck, which also won for best of breed and best of variety.

Nevaeh Brower won for senior showmanship and went on to represent the rabbit club in the small animal supreme showmanship contest. Other showmanship winners were Andrew Suman (junior) and Katie Haffner (novice).

Ambassador winners were Makinsey Murphy (senior), Nevaeh Brower (intermediate), Samuel Westgerdes (junior) and Bailey Muhlenkamp (beginner).

Earning reserve ambassador awards were Keisha Adair (intermediate) and Milee Rickard (junior).

Other awards were as follows:

**Meat rabbits**

Grand champion: Nevaeh Brower  
Reserve grand champion: Nevaeh Brower

**Meat Pen**

1. Nevaeh Brower
2. McKenna Vore
3. Adam Alig
4. Andrew Suman

**Fryer (single)**

1. Nevaeh Brower
2. Samuel Westgerdes
3. Adam Alig
4. Maggie Westgerdes
5. Eli Westgerdes
6. McKenna Vore
7. Cayden Buckland
8. Danielle Somers
9. Tyler Manor

**Roaster**

1. Nevaeh Brower
2. McKenna Vore

**Stewer**

1. Samuel Westgerdes
2. Nevaeh Brower
3. McKenna Vore
4. Trace Smith
5. Jayme Harker



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Jayne Harker grins while holding his best of show Netherland Dwarf. It also won best of variety, best of group and best 4 class during the July 9 Jay County 4-H Rabbit Show.

**Rabbits**

**Blue Holicer**

- Senior buck  
1. Samuel Westgerdes (best of breed)

**Senior doe**

1. Samuel Westgerdes (best opposite sex)

**Junior buck**

1. Samuel Westgerdes  
2. Samuel Westgerdes

**Junior doe**

1. Samuel Westgerdes  
2. Samuel Westgerdes

**Champagne D'Argent**

- Senior buck**  
1. Corey Emery (best opposite sex)

**Senior doe**

1. Corey Emery (best of breed)  
2. Corey Emery

**Chinchilla**

- Senior doe**  
1. Oakley Unverferth (best of breed)

**Dutch**

- Senior buck**  
1. Dominic Steveson (best of breed)

**Dwarf Hotot**

- Senior buck**  
1. Samuel Westgerdes (best of breed)

**Flemmish Giant**

- Buck**  
1. Bryce Clevenger (best of breed)

**Doe**

1. Bryce Clevenger (best opposite sex)

**Holland**

- Solid senior buck**  
1. Trace Smith

**Solid senior doe**

1. Makinsey Murphy (best opposite sex variety)

**Junior buck**

1. Tyler Manor (best of variety)

**Broken senior buck**

1. Eli Westgerdes (best opposite sex variety)

**Broken senior doe**

1. Maggie Westgerdes (best of variety, best of breed)  
2. Trace Smith

**Lilac Senior buck**

1. Leah Steed (best of breed)

**Senior doe**

1. Leah Steed (best opposite sex)

**Lionhead Senior buck**

1. Makinsey Murphy (best of breed)

**Lop**

- Mini solid senior buck**  
1. Alex Huntsman (best of variety)  
2. Milee Rickard  
3. Allison Tipton

**Mini solid senior doe**

1. Emily Manor (best opposite sex variety)  
2. Jackie Tipton

**Mini solid junior buck**

1. Kelsey Muhlenkamp

**Mini broken senior doe**

1. Cayden Buckland (best of variety, best of breed)  
2. Tyler Manor  
3. Danielle Somers

**Mini broken junior buck**

1. Isaac Hawbaker (best opposite sex variety, best opposite sex)  
2. Isaac Hawbaker

**Mini broken junior doe**

1. Kelsey Muhlenkamp  
2. Bailey Muhlenkamp

**Mini**

- Rex broken senior buck**  
1. Joseph Kunk (best of variety, best of group)

**Rex lilac senior doe**

1. Trace Smith (best opposite sex, best opposite sex group, best of variety)

**Rex otter junior buck**

1. Halle Homan (best of variety, best of group)

**Rex sable point senior buck**

1. Dominic Steveson (best of variety, best of group, best of breed)

**Rex white senior buck**

1. Dominic Steveson (best of variety best of group)

**Satin squirrel senior buck**

1. Keisha Adair

**Satin squirrel junior buck**

1. Keisha Adair (best of breed)  
2. Keisha Adair

**Satin squirrel junior doe**

1. Keisha Adair (Best opposite sex)

**Netherland dwarf**

**Self group black senior doe**

1. Jayme Harker (best opposite sex, best of variety, best of group)  
2. Makinsey Murphy

**Shaded tortoise shell senior doe**

1. Maggie Westgerdes (best of variety, best of group)

**Agouti chestnut senior buck**

1. Maggie Westgerdes (best of variety, best of group)  
2. Maggie Westgerdes

**Tan pattern otter senior buck**

1. Jayme Harker (best of variety, best of group, best of breed)  
2. Eli Westgerdes  
3. Eli Westgerdes  
4. Maggie Westgerdes

**Tan pattern otter junior buck**

1. Riley Creech

**Tan pattern otter senior doe**

1. Jayme Harker (best opposite sex variety, best opposite sex group)  
2. Alexis Tipton

**AOV broken senior buck**

1. Eli Westgerdes  
2. Alexis Tipton

**AOV orange senior buck**

1. Eli Westgerdes (best of variety, best of group)

**New Zealand**

- Black 6/8 buck**  
1. McKenna Vore (best of variety, best of breed)

**Blue 6/8 buck**

1. Nevaeh Brower

**Blue junior buck**

1. Nevaeh Brower (best of variety)

**Broken senior buck**

1. Nevaeh Brower (best opposite sex variety)

**Broken 6/8 doe**

1. Nevaeh Brower (best opposite variety)

**Red senior buck**

1. Adam Alig

**White senior buck**

1. Nevaeh Brower

**White 6/8 buck**

1. Nevaeh Brower (best of variety)  
2. Riley Creech

**White senior doe**

1. Nevaeh Brower

**White 6/8 doe**

1. Nevaeh Brower (best opposite sex variety, best opposite sex)

**Polish**

- Blue senior doe**  
1. Dominic Steveson (best opposite sex)

**Chocolate senior buck**

1. Dominic Steveson (Best of breed)

**Rex**

- Broken junior buck**  
1. Joseph Kunk (best opposite sex variety)

**Broken junior doe**

1. Joseph Kunk (best of variety)

**Castor junior doe**

1. Joseph Kunk (best of variety, best of breed)

**Otter senior buck**

1. Andrew Suman

**Otter junior buck**

1. Joseph Kunk (best of variety, best opposite sex)

**Otter junior doe**

1. Joseph Kunk (best opposite sex variety)

**Silver Fox**

- Black senior buck**  
1. Jayme Harker (best opposite sex)

**Black senior doe**

1. Jayme Harker (best of breed)

**Thrianta**

- Senior buck**  
1. Samuel Westgedes (best of breed)

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# Sports

## Mathias finishes 28th in tourney

*JCHS grad competed in inaugural adaptive open*

PINEHURST, North Carolina — A Jay County High School graduate closed his first national championship appearance Wednesday with back-to-back pars to secure a top-30 finish.

Evan Mathias, JCHS class of 2014, posted a 10-over-par 82 in the final round of the inaugural U.S. Adaptive Open at Pinehurst No. 6 to finish 28th out of 78 male competitors.

He dropped four spots on the final day of the tournament, which Simon Lee of Korea (3-under) won in a playoff over Felix Normman of Sweden. He was third among multiple limb amputees, trailing Tennessee's Jordan Thomas, who placed fifth overall at 10-over, and California's Erik Bowen, who shot 3-over on the final day of the tournament to sneak ahead by one stroke.

Mathias started strong with a birdie on the 475-yard, par-5 first hole Wednesday at Pinehurst No. 6, but struggled on the remainder of the front nine. He posted back-to-back bogeys on the second and third holes, had a double bogey on the 364-yard, par-5 fifth hole and needed eight strokes to finish the 430-yard, par-4 ninth.

After making the turn at 7-over-par, he played a fairly consistent back nine, mixing in three bogeys with six pars for his round of 82. He was in the low 80s throughout the 54-hole event, shooting an 83 in the opening round Monday and an 80 Tuesday.

Mathias was a three-sport athlete at JCHS, leading the Patriot boys golf team to a regional berth in 2012. He was a regional qualifier two more times as an individual. He went on to play golf at Marian University and has since won multiple Georgia State Amputee Golf Tournament championships and the ParaLong Drive Cup in 2019.

## On tap

### TV sports

**Today**  
3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro — Austria vs. Germany (ESPN2)  
8 p.m. — Soccer: Copa America Feminina — Peru vs. Brazil (FS1)  
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN)

**Friday**  
3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro — Quarterfinal (ESPN2)  
6:30 p.m. — Auto racing: ARCA Menards Series — General Tire Delivers 200 (FS1)  
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
9 p.m. — Canadian Football League: Edmonton Elks at Winnipeg Blue Bombers (ESPN2)

### Local notes

**Ticket sales set**  
Jay County Junior-Senior High School super and season tickets for the 2022-23 sports season are on sale.  
A Patriot Pass, which is good for all junior high and high school events, is \$100. (It is \$60 for those 65 and older.) Super tickets are \$75 for high school only and \$60 for junior high only. And season passes are \$20 for football and \$45 for boys basketball. (All Jay County students will be admitted to home games at no charge.)  
Tickets are available during regular office hours — 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Passes do not cover Allen County Athletic Conference or IHSAA tournament events.

**Swiss Days Race registration open**  
Registration is open for the Swiss Days Race.  
The event is scheduled for July 30, with a 5K run at 8:15 a.m. and a 1-mile kids race at 9:15 a.m.  
The registration fee is \$20. In order to receive a race shirt, registrations must be completed by July 20.  
To register, visit [firstbankofberne.com](http://firstbankofberne.com).

**5K circuit continues July 16**  
The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will wrap up its 2022 schedule on Aug. 6.  
The final event in the eight-race circuit is the JRDS 5K at Hudson Family Park. Registration is \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the race.  
To register, or for more information, visit [runjaycounty.com](http://runjaycounty.com).

## Ngakoue to boost D line

By **GEORGE BREMER**  
The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)  
Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — Yannick Ngakoue is arguably the most important defensive player on the Indianapolis Colts' roster this season.

The veteran defensive end has been a consistent pass rusher with 55.5 career sacks across six NFL seasons, and that skill is an urgent need in Indy. But Ngakoue brings more than simply his presence on the field.

As productive as Ngakoue has been, his ability to help bring along a group of younger pass rushers might be just as valuable to the Colts.

Kwity Paye, a first-round pick out of Michigan in 2021, is at the top of the list. And it helps he's been a fan of Ngakoue for quite some time.

Paye's been working to learn the secrets of Ngakoue's devastating cross-chop maneuver, and he's found the 27-year-old former Maryland star to be a willing teacher.

"He's (a) very natural (leader)," Paye said in June. "He's trying to give guys tips. Even when I know the stuff, he'll just make sure that I know it, just make sure that we're good."

Ngakoue's familiarity with new defensive coordinator Gus Bradley's scheme — and history of success within it — was a primary factor in Indianapolis targeting the Pro Bowl pass rusher in a trade this offseason with the Las Vegas Raiders.

For the cost of cornerback Rock Ya-Sin, the Colts get a player who has never had fewer than eight sacks in any NFL season.

Ngakoue is a particularly good fit in Bradley's Leo position — a defensive end spread out wide with a clear rushing lane to the quarterback. As a rookie in 2016 with the Jacksonville Jaguars, Ngakoue had eight sacks in



Tribune News Service/Chicago Tribune/Jose M. Osorio

Defensive end Yannick Ngakoue (91), who now plays for the Indianapolis Colts, hits Bears quarterback Justin Fields (1) while playing for the Los Vegas Raiders in the first quarter of an Oct. 10, 2021 game at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas. The Colts are hopeful that Ngakoue can improve the team's defensive line and mentor its young edge rushers including 2021 first-round draft pick Kwity Paye.

Bradley's final year as the team's head coach.

The duo was reunited last year in Vegas, and Ngakoue posted 10 sacks and two forced fumbles while starting all 17 games.

And it didn't take him long to get comfortable in his new home this spring.

"I would say it's a lot of similar things from back where we came from with Vegas, similar models we go by — always working hard, running to the ball, fast, physical, ball out, stuff like that," Ngakoue told Colts.com in June. "So it's just a familiar place for me. Just a different colored jersey."

Defensive tackle DeForest

Buckner led Indianapolis with seven sacks last year, and the team compiled a season total of 33. That lack of pressure on the quarterback factored into a 2-5 record in one-score games.

Included in that total were losses against the Baltimore Ravens, Tennessee Titans and Tampa Bay Buccaneers in which the Colts squandered double-digit leads.

Ngakoue's own pass rush ability should help Indianapolis turn some of that around. But he should also open up opportunities for other players.

Buckner regularly saw triple teams a year ago with no significant threat on the outside, and

Paye figures to benefit from the presence of Ngakoue opposite him.

Paye is likely to start at the big end position — where Maxx Crosby put together a Pro Bowl season last year with the Raiders — and Ngakoue likes what he's seen so far from the 23-year-old.

"Kwity has the potential to be great, and he has to just continue working each and every day," Ngakoue said. "And I'm a library for him. I'm an open book. I've been in the league. This is going on my seventh season. I know he's going into his second year, so any time that he comes to me with questions, I just give it to him and serve him."

## Harden, 76ers agree to a deal

By **GINA MIZELL**  
The Philadelphia Inquirer  
Tribune News Service

James Harden has agreed to a two-year, \$68.6 million deal to return to the 76ers, a league source confirmed.

Harden will make \$33 million during the 2022-23 season. The deal also includes a \$35.6 million player option for 2023-24, allowing Harden to potentially enter free agency again next summer.

The agreement comes less than a month after Harden declined his \$47.4 million player option for the coming season, which allowed the Sixers to bolster their depth and toughness during free agency by signing veteran forward P.J. Tucker with the full mid-level exception and forward Danuel House with the biannual exception. It was reported earlier this month that Harden would take about a \$15 million pay cut for this season.

The Sixers acquired Harden, the 2018 NBA

Most Valuable Player and a 10-time All-Star, at the last season's trade deadline in a blockbuster deal that sent Ben Simmons to the Brooklyn Nets. Harden averaged 21 points, 10.5 assists, and 7.1 rebounds in 21 regular-season games with the Sixers, becoming more of a facilitator and pick-and-roll partner with MVP runner-up Joel Embiid than the dominant scorer he was as a Houston Rocket.

Harden, who turns 33 in August, said after the Sixers lost to the Miami Heat in the playoffs' second round that he would do "whatever it takes to help this team continue to grow and put us up there with the best of them." He reiterated that in a recent interview with Yahoo! Sports, saying he told Sixers president of basketball operations Daryl Morey "to improve the roster, sign who we needed to sign and give me whatever is left over."

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