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Steam pours out of one of the engines that are part of a display set up by Rick and Mike Miller this week at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show at Jay County Fairgrounds. Mike, the son, owns the engines — a 1915 four-horsepower Titan and a 1917 1 3/4-horsepower Mogul, both made by International Harvester.

## Officials discuss building options

*Consultant suggests updating comprehensive county plan*

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

It's time to update the county's comprehensive plan.

Local officials heard suggestions for the county's future as well as a proposal for how to begin the process of building a new multi-faceted facility for county personnel Wednesday.

Susie Ripley, a coordinator with RQAW Corporation in Indianapolis, gave county officials a few ideas for how to move forward with developing the community in order to attract more residents.

The discussion started in relation to a few projects being considered for the county's just under \$4 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds. County officials invested in a study earlier this year through civil engineering firm Butler, Fairman and Seufert on county property along county roads 100 East and 200 North near Jay County Highway Department. The company shared a design layout for potential housing in April, estimating the cost of the project at just under \$24 million.

Ripley bounced around different topics in relation to community development, noting she previously worked in the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for almost 11 years. A few keys for obtaining more project grants and attracting more potential residents, she said, are to work with municipalities as well as neighboring counties and create "gateways" — projects in prime locations.

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## Electric display

### Millers demonstrate DC at show

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

With two engines puttering away powering a variety of gadgets, it's difficult to miss the Millers.

Father Rick and son Mike have their display featuring direct current (DC) set up for the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show that officially opened Wednesday and continues through Saturday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Rick, 71, has been coming to the Tri-State show for about 40 years. His son has been there, on and off, for about 30.

"There's a lot of stuff to see," said Mike. "We love the swap area there. There's a lot of stuff to buy. ... And there's a lot of people here obviously to talk to."

"Plus the fact that this is the largest gas engine show in the world and people come from all over," said Rick. "People that you meet at the show here are just top of the line. I trust everybody. This is just a good group of people."

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A sign warning of high voltage sits front and center at the Millers display, which is set up on the north side of Abromson Drive between the restrooms and horse barns at Jay County Fairgrounds. Everything in it runs on direct current (DC) as opposed to the more common alternating current (AC). "I actually love this old DC stuff," said Rick Miller. "It was ... Thomas Edison's current that came up with. To me, AC generators just don't look as nice as the DC ones."

## Foundation awards more than \$150,000

The Portland Foundation on Wednesday announced summer scholarships totaling more than \$150,000 that have been awarded to 75 recipients.

The largest of the awards was the \$5,000 Fred M. and Elizabeth L. (Hudson) Stultz Scholarship to Gabi Paxson. It goes to Jay County residents who are juniors or seniors pursuing a degree in agriculture or veterinary science.

Christina Brown and Chase McFarland each received a \$3,500 Jerry R. Pierce Memorial Scholarship, which gives preference to employees and descendants of employees of Accelerated Curing. Dr. Ara C. and Gay B. Badgers Medical Scholarships of \$3,000 each for Jay County High School graduates majoring in a doctoral medical program went to Kellie Fortkamp, Jared

Schlosser, Kathryn Smeltzer, Ivan Smeltzer and Abbigayle Smith.

Other scholarships of \$1,000 or more were: the Clifford and Nancy Ball Scholarship of \$1,600 to Daniel Bracy, Hope Lugar and Carissa Mercer; the Alwyn Carder Scholarship of \$1,600 for a Jay County resident who is a junior or senior in college majoring in architecture, history or educa-

tion to Sarah Bowdell, Kaitlyn Dow, Sophia Fugiett, Michael Schlechty, Trevor Shaneyfelt, Andrew Simmons, Megan Templeton, Lillian Trinidad and Cherie Walter; the Weldon and Dorothy Hama Memorial Scholarship for \$1,600 to Desiree Brown, Heather Crouch, Lindsey Franks, Miranda Reinhart, Carrie Schmit, Brittani Snell and

Alexis Trobridge, and \$1,000 to Charles Brunswick, Chloe Campbell, Alex Davis, Ashlyn Dow, Sophia Fugiett, Lindsey McIntire, Caitlynn Muhlenkamp, Benjamin Nichols, Calli Stigleman, Mikele Suman, Makayla Templeton, Megan Templeton and Lillian Trinidad; the Orla and Ruth Tharp Education Scholarship of \$1,600 to Klarisa Hemmelgarn and Heather Lugar; and \$1,300 to Kaitlyn Dow, Gabriel Faulkner, Candler Hedges, Joseph Hilty, Xavier Ninde, Ryan Schlechty and Caroline Walter; the Martha Catharine Rockwell Music Scholarship of \$1,562 to Daniel Bracy; the Elizabeth Starbuck II Scholarship of \$1,200 to Alexa Barrett, Keith Hartley, Dawn Minnick, Kailee Osterholt, Isaac Robbins, Lucas Schmit, Andrew Simmons and Sierra Trobridge. \$1,100 to

Noah Arbuckle, Reid Claycomb, Allison Jobe and Trevor Shaneyfelt, and \$600 to Eliza Bader, Austin Curtis, Pacie Denney, Gavin Farmer, Riley Foster, Lyric Garringer, Mariah Gross, Cameron Henry, Alana Kunkler, Hannah Littler, Griffin Mann, Logan McGinnis, Natalie Miles, Gabriel Rowles, Olivia Rowles, Kelsey Simmons, Jessica Walter and Houston Yowell; the Linus and Margaret Mescher Scholarship for \$1,200 to Kendal Garringer, Michael Schlechty and Cherie Walter; the Richard L. and Loretta E. (Larry) Zeigler Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000 to Sarah Bowdell, Mikale Knight, Gabrielle Paxson and Cherie Walter; and the Carla E. Horn Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 to Lindsey Franks.

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### Paxson receives \$5,000 Fred M. and Elizabeth L. (Hudson) Stultz Scholarship

#### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 85 degrees Wednesday. The low was 59.

There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight with

a low of 64. Expect a high of 81 Friday with a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 11 a.m.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

Win on the Wabash, a raffle event at Fort Recovery's Ambassador Park, is scheduled for Friday and Saturday. Drawings begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday. Entertainment includes performances by Kaitlyn Schmit at 9 p.m. Friday, Gabe Bailey at 2 p.m. Saturday and Saw Creek at 8 p.m. Saturday.

#### Coming up

**Friday** — Results from tonight's JCHS boys soccer game against Delta.

**Tuesday** — Photos from weekend events including Win on the Wabash.



# Awards ...

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Other scholarships awarded are as follows:  
Joyce A. Horn Scholarship (\$775) — Sarah Bowdell, Kaitlyn Dow, Mikale Knight and Cherie Walter.  
Robert Quadrozzi Memorial Scholarship (\$700) — Alexis Trobridge.  
Larry and Maria Hiatt Scholarship (\$600) — Mikale Knight.  
Ruth Whipple Badders Scholarship (\$580) — Megan Templeton.  
East Central Opportunities Scholarship (\$575) — Riley Foster.

Marseal T. Deweerd, Edith T. Horn, and Virgie M. Brady Memorial Scholarship (\$550) — Carrie Schmit and Caroline Walter.  
James and Imogene Cowan Memorial Scholarship (\$500) — Austin Curts.  
Janet B. Arnold Memorial Scholarship (\$450) — Sarah Bowdell and Mikale Knight.  
Shirley Franck Perseverance Scholarship (\$410) — Heather Crouch and Alexis Trobridge.  
Altrusa Club of Portland Scholarship (\$400) — Heather Crouch.

Charles & Ruth Joos Scholarship (\$400) — Eliza Bader, Austin Curts, Pacie Denney, Gavin Farmer, Riley Foster, Lyric Garringer, Mariah Gross, Cameron Henry, Alana Kunkler, Hannah Littler, Griffin Mann, Logan McGinnis, Natalie Miles, Olivia Rowles, Gabriel Rowles, Kelsey Simmons, Jessica Walter and Houston Yowell.  
Haynes Starbuck II Scholarship (\$475) — Eliza Bader, Austin Curts, Pacie Denney, Gavin Farmer, Riley Foster, Lyric Garringer, Mariah Gross, Cameron Henry, Alana Kunkler, Hannah

Littler, Griffin Mann, Logan McGinnis, Natalie Miles, Olivia Rowles, Gabriel Rowles, Kelsey Simmons, Jessica Walter and Houston Yowell.  
Haynes Starbuck II Scholarship (\$400) — Noah Arbuckle, Charles Brunswick, Chloe Campbell, Reid Claycomb, Alex Davis, Ashlyn Dow, Lindsey Franks, Sophia Fugiett, Allison Jobe, Mikale Knight, Lindsey McIntire, Caitlynn Muhlenkamp, Benjamin Nichols, CarrieSchmit, Trevor Shaneyfelt, Calli Stigleman, Mikele Suman, Makayla Tem-

pleton, Megan Templeton, Lilian Trinidad and Alexis Trobridge.  
Haynes Starbuck II Scholarship (\$300) — Alexa Barrett, Kaitlyn Dow, Gabriel Faulkner, Kendal Garringer, Keith Hartley, Candler Hedges, Joseph Hilty, Dawn Minnick, Xavier Ninde, Kailee Osterholt, Isaac Robbins, Ryan Schlechty, Michael Schlechty, Lucas Schmit, Andrew Simmons, Sierra Trobridge and Caroline Walter.  
John Jay Center for Learning Scholarship (\$265) — Kelsey Simmons.

## CR almanac

Friday 8/26	Saturday 8/27	Sunday 8/28	Monday 8/29	Tuesday 8/30
<b>81/60</b>	<b>82/62</b>	<b>88/68</b>	<b>86/68</b>	<b>87/65</b>
There's a slight chance of showers Friday, with thunderstorms possible in the early afternoon.	Sunny skies are in the forecast for Saturday, with a high in the low 80s. Chance of rain late.	Sunday has a chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Rain is likely Monday with a 60% chance of thunderstorms throughout the day.	Tuesday has a chance of thunderstorms under mostly cloudy skies. The high will reach 87.

## Lotteries

**Powerball**  
6-24-35-37-44  
Power Ball: 22  
Power Play: 4  
Estimated jackpot: \$115 million

58-60-61-62-63-65  
Cash 5: 12-19-21-31-32  
Hoosier Lotto: 6-7-16-18-28-32  
Estimated jackpot: \$17.8 million

**Mega Millions**  
Estimated jackpot: \$135 million

**Hoosier**  
Midday  
Daily Three: 3-2-3  
Daily Four: 0-9-6-3  
Quick Draw: 7-11-13-18-22-25-28-31-33-35-41-47-56-57-58-63-73-75-76-77  
Evening  
Daily Three: 9-3-2  
Daily Four: 2-6-8-5  
Quick Draw: 1-5-8-9-12-16-25-31-32-33-35-37-42-47-

**Ohio**  
Midday  
Pick 3: 5-5-2  
Pick 4: 6-6-1-1  
Pick 5: 6-6-0-2-0  
Evening  
Pick 3: 5-1-8  
Pick 4: 6-7-5-5  
Pick 5: 9-7-0-8-1  
Rolling Cash: 19-26-29-30-37  
Classic Lotto: 2-9-10-23-42-45  
Kicker: 7-2-7-7-9-5  
Estimated jackpot: \$34.5 million

## Markets

**Cooper Farms Fort Recovery**  
Corn.....6.98  
Sept. corn .....6.85  
Wheat .....6.44

**POET Biorefining Portland**  
Corn.....7.28  
Sept. corn .....7.25  
Late Sept. corn .....6.75

**The Andersons Richland Township**  
Corn.....7.08  
Sept. corn .....6.34  
Beans .....15.07  
Sept. beans .....14.17

Wheat ..... 7.53  
Sept. wheat..... 7.53

**Central States Montpelier**  
Corn.....7.17  
Sept. corn .....6.97  
Beans .....15.08  
Sept. beans .....14.88  
Wheat .....7.63

**Heartland St. Anthony**  
Corn.....6.74  
Sept. corn .....6.74  
Beans .....14.98  
Oct. beans .....13.95  
Wheat .....7.62

## Today in history

In 1609, Galileo Galilei demonstrated his first telescope.  
In 1819, founder of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency Allan Pinkerton was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He moved to the United States in 1842. His detective agency thwarted an 1861 plot to kill President-Elect Abraham Lincoln in Baltimore and Union Gen. George McClellan later hired him to organize a "secret service" to gather information on the Confederacy during the Civil War.  
In 1916, the Organic Act was signed by President Woodrow Wilson. It established the National Park Service.  
In 1930, actor Sean Connery was born Thomas Connery in Edinburgh, Scotland. Connery began portraying James Bond in 1962 and also starred in "Murder on the Orient Express," "The Untouchables," "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" and "The Rock."  
In 1972, the seventh annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show opened at Jay County Fairgrounds with an estimated 20,000 expected to attend.  
In 2012, the first spacecraft entered interstellar space when NASA's Voyager I, which was launched in 1977, left the part of space influenced by the sun.  
In 2018, the Celina Rotary Invitational, which included the Jay County and Fort Recovery high school cross country teams, was halted mid-race by lightning and never resumed. Chloe Will of the Indians was sitting in fourth place when the race was stopped and JCHS sophomore Sophia Fugiett was in seventh. —The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Thursday, Sept. 1** 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.  
**Monday, Sept. 5** 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

# Program to help with tutoring

By CASEY SMITH  
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A new statewide grant program will provide low-income Indiana families with funds to support tutoring for students who are struggling to recover from academic setbacks spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic, state officials announced Wednesday.

The Indiana Learns program will provide qualifying families with up to \$1,000 to spend on high-dosage tutoring for math and English/language arts, as well as approved out-of-school academic programs.

Indiana Department of Education officials said the initiative seeks to increase access to effective, out-of-school academic support. The announcement comes just weeks after statewide standardized test scores showed that nearly one in five Hoosier third graders this past

spring did not master foundational reading skills.

It is funded through federal dollars and no state dollars can be added when those are exhausted.

Last week, state education officials and the Lilly Endowment announced a separate investment of up to \$111 million to improve reading outcomes in Indiana schools.

"Parents and families play such an important role in a child's education, not only through reading to and supporting them at home, but also through additional high-quality tutoring to further support their learning," Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education, said in a statement. "As we continue to make historic investments in education, this grant will increase access to tutoring opportunities for our students who need it most, regardless of a parent or family's ability to afford this additional support."

IDOE selected The Mind Trust, an Indianapolis-based education nonprofit organization, to operate the new two-year grant program.

Families can use the funds on approved virtual and in-person tutoring, including private tutoring, small group tutoring or academic-focused camps held during school breaks.

All qualifying and participating students will receive an initial one-time grant of \$500, according to guidelines. Traditional public, charter and accredited non-public schools can then opt to contribute an additional \$250 to the accounts of qualifying students in their school or corporation. The state will provide an extra \$250 match, giving families a total of \$1,000 in their accounts.

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# Capsule Reports

### Cargo damaged

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after an Ohio man's truck trailed off U.S. 27 and hit a pole, causing damage to his cargo and the pole about 2:29 p.m. Wednesday.

John P. Schaadt, 78, Convo, told Jay County Sheriff's Office he was driving

his 1989 Ford Ranger and hauling a trailer with a John Deere Gator on it when the trailer started to fishtail out of control. His Ford went off the east side of the road and struck a utility pole, damaging it and an attached phone box. The John Deere Gator was thrown from the trailer.

# Dems nominate Steury for Congress

By WHITNEY DOWNARD  
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In a Tuesday caucus closed to the press, the Indiana Democratic Party nominated Paul Steury as its candidate to finish Rep. Jackie Walorski's term after she died in a car accident earlier this month.

Steury won the Democratic primary for the Second Congressional District

earlier this year and will appear on the ballot for a new two-year term. He will face Republican nominee and former Walorski aide Rudy Yakym in both the special and general elections.

"With Paul Steury, Democrats have an educator and proven community leader who is ready to fight climate change, create more good-paying jobs, and build a better tomorrow for Hoosiers across Indiana's Second Congressional District," Democratic Party Chairman Mike Schmuhl said in a statement.

"Paul's experience is in stark contrast with Rudy Yakym and a modern Republican Party that puts extremism and cozying up to special interests over common sense solutions for hard-working folks."

Voters in the Second District will select two candidates in November — one to serve the remainder of Walorski's term until Jan. 3 and another to serve a new full two-year term.

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### SERVICES

**Thursday**  
**Butcher**, Homer: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Saturday**  
**Gordon**, Barbara: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Or email: [careers@swissvillage.org](mailto:careers@swissvillage.org)

**The Jay County Commissioners are taking applications for the position of**

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## Cincinnati donates

The Cincinnati League presented \$500 checks to Jay County Historical Society Heritage Festival and \$1,000 to Jay County Cancer Society recently. Pictured are Julia Schwomeyer, Cincinnati League, Bob Vance, Jay County Historical Society Heritage Festival, and Stacy Richardson and Tisha Gierhart, Jay County Cancer Society.

## Gospel group will perform on Saturday

A southern gospel group is coming to Portland.

The Nelons will be performing at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at First Church of Nazarene, 920 S. Shank St., Portland.

### Taking Note

The Nelons is a family ensemble that offers a blend of gospel music, including a cappella, hymns, Americana and folk, according to their website. Members of the group have won various awards, including their induction into the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame in 2016. Their most recent awards include a Gospel Music Association Dove Award in 2021 for their song, "If God Pulled Back The Curtain."

First Church of Nazarene will accept free

will donations for the concert.

### Historical speaker

**FORT RECOVERY** — The next speaker in a history series is set to visit the village this weekend.

David Heckaman will be speaking about the Frontier Indian Wars starting at 3 p.m. Sunday at Fort Recovery Nazarene Family Center, 401 E. Boundary St.

Admission is free. For more information, call Nancy Knapke at (419) 375-4384.

# Friend shows patterns of flaking out

**DEAR ABBY:** A childhood friend, "Brenda," moved away 20 years ago. Even though we were living across the country from each other, we remained close.

About 10 years ago, I lost my 9-month-old nephew to cancer. It was extremely traumatic for our whole family. His death occurred around the time Brenda and her family were visiting her parents here in town, so I notified them about the wake and funeral arrangements. Abby, they never showed. I was heartbroken and didn't talk to Brenda for a few months. After she apologized many times, I started to talk to her.

A few years later, Brenda's mother passed away. I was there for her and her family

## Dear Abby



from start to finish, and when she was sick, I would take her mom to doctor appointments. Last year my mother died after a brief illness, and I again let my friend know. Again, she was a no-show. Money was not a problem for plane tickets for other things, but too expensive for me to have the comfort of a supposed "best" friend.

Should I ignore this again or let the relationship fizzle out? I'm hurt and have expressed

this to her. She says she's sorry, but nothing changes. — **DISAPPOINTED IN NEW YORK**

**DEAR DISAPPOINTED:** Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother. It's time you reevaluated your relationship with Brenda. You may be her best friend, but she is clearly not yours. A best friend is someone you can depend on. When the chips are down, Brenda has been absent. If you wish to keep her as a friend, do so, but with the understanding of her significant limitations.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am finalizing the guest list for my wedding and face a dilemma. A casual but long-term friend of ours is the ex-boyfriend of my maid of

honor. The two are still friends and see each other occasionally, so there is no issue there. The issue is whether or not to invite his live-in girlfriend. I know typical wedding etiquette usually includes significant others, but in this case?

First off, we barely know her. Most of the time when our friend comes to our house, she doesn't come along. When we visit his house, she's gone or seems to avoid us. We're having a small backyard wedding, and the ex-girlfriend and the new girlfriend have never met. Is it necessary to invite her? I want to be respectful, but it seems complicated for everyone involved, and I'd rather not have it detract from the day for my maid of honor. — **BRIDE-TO-BE IN OREGON**

**DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE:** Not knowing the ex-boyfriend's new girlfriend, I can't offer insight into why she seems standoffish. It may be that she's socially awkward and not comfortable with people she doesn't know. To exclude the live-in girlfriend would be not only disrespectful to her, but also to her boyfriend.

I don't advise doing it because you could create long-lasting hurt feelings and ill will.

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*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.*

## 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

**GOODYEAR FAMILY REUNION** — Will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at Greek's Pizzeria, 1607 N. Meridian St., Portland.

### 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.

**LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES** — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

**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.

### 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.

**MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** — Will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Jay County Historical Museum in Portland and travel to Fort Recovery for a historical tour and Fort Recovery State Museum visit. Members and guests are invited. Attendees should bring a lunch. Call Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

**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 breakfast 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.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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

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.

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# The Commercial Review

# Resident addresses cart ordinance

To the editor:  
The City of Portland still cannot comply with its own ordinance.

1. Section 77.10 Registration and Fee

All golf carts which are operated on a city street shall be registered with the City annually. The Portland Police Department shall inspect and register each golf cart upon the owner applying for registration and the golf cart is inspected to confirm that it complies with all requirements of this Ordinance....

Portland PD did not inspect my golf cart, which qualifies for Section 77.05, upon my own inspection I found that it had one piece of equipment that was not working.

2. Section 77.10 Registration and Fee.

... Upon being registered, a registration sticker shall be issued by the City and the sticker shall

## Letters to the Editor

be affixed to the rear bumper of the golf cart.

Portland PD placed my registration sticker on my slow moving vehicle sign (§ 77.09) which is not in compliance with Ordinance 77.10 as stated above, thus my golf cart is not in compliance with the Ordinance 77.10. This is location specific.

3. Refer to Section 77.09 Slow moving vehicle sign.

All golf carts must display on the back of the golf cart a "slow moving vehicle" sign of the same type required under Indiana law.

IC 9-21-9-2 Slow moving vehicle emblem; display

Sec. 2. Whenever a vehicle is moved, operated, or driven on a highway that is open for vehicular travel, the vehicle shall display a triangular slow moving vehicle emblem mounted as near as is practicable to the center of mass and at an approximate height of not less than three (3) and not more than five (5) feet from level ground or pavement surface. The emblem shall be mounted so as to be entirely visible from the rear, day or night. The emblem and the emblem's position of mounting on the vehicle must meet the specifications established by rules adopted by the Indiana criminal justice institute.

If my slow moving vehicle sign had been inspected then it would have been discovered that my golf cart was in violation of both Indiana Code and City Ordinance by 6 inches too low.

At this time my golf cart has

two violations and one warning according to Ordinance Chapter 77.

Now, is the City of Portland having problems with golf carts or is this just (as Cliff Moser stated in his letter to the editor on June 10, 2022, he was informed that people violate golf cart laws all the time)? Then why doesn't the Portland Police Department enforce city ordinance Chapter 77, which covers all of this there was no need of a special fee. Call the Portland Police Department at (260) 726-7161 to report any and all violations of the Ordinance Chapter 77.

4. I still have not had my receipt corrected as it states that it was for the 'Vehicle Fund' not as the ordinance §77.10 states ... Fees collected shall be deposited into the Police Continuing Education Fund.

I challenge the Portland

Police Department to make me their first example of enforcing this Chapter 77 ordinance as I will be on the streets during the week of Aug. 22 to 28, 2022, with my golf cart. After the police department cites me, then they can cite all of the other residents of Portland and those who come to visit who do not comply with this Chapter 77 ordinance.

Also, I request a refund prorated as the effective date of §77.10 just took effect on August 15, 2022 as was stated in the public notice that was in the Aug. 20, 2022, The Commercial Review newspaper. Since the police department would not accept a check, I also request that this payment be in cash.

Is there more to this story then meets the eye?

Thank you,  
Bob Moore  
Portland

# Hoosiers need to vote, participate

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Yes, I'm fed up with politicians buying the votes of Hoosier citizens.

I am equally fed up with Hoosiers who do not provide cash for politicians to sustain democracy.

You know Gov. Eric Holcomb and the Indiana General Assembly are sending Hoosier income taxpayers money from "The Surplus." These checks are arriving in time for you to remember your benefactors on election day this year.

You may not know Mayor Joe Hogsett (Indianapolis) has proposed sending property taxpayers in Marion County — approximately \$29 million "to fight inflation." Those checks should be arriving in time for the municipal elections of 2023.

The amounts of those checks will be significant to poor taxpayers. But most poor people are neither income nor property taxpayers. Most taxpayers getting the checks are not poor or in financial distress. They are only hungry for more pizza and beer, more fillet and wine.

What do Hoosiers really want? Better services from their respective governments. They want better roads that stand up to the punishment of heavy trucks. They want better educated students despite the neglect of parents for that education. They want to protect Indiana's natural environment so they can either hug more trees or shoot more deer.

Hoosiers want public officials they can respect. Officials, who show by their diligent attention to our serious needs, that Hoosiers are respected by those they elect.

But Hoosiers themselves cannot get respect from public officials without changing their own behavior. Voters must participate in elections. To participate means actually voting, either through some form of early voting or on election day itself.

Failure to vote surrenders government to those with the most money, the loudest voices and the time to pressure officials.

Quiet, penny-pinching, busy people, the majority

Eye on the Pie



... there are courageous souls who stand against "the inevitability of defeat."

of Hoosiers, lose every election. They do not believe they can make a difference. And they don't.

But there are courageous souls who stand against "the inevitability of defeat." They run for office, they donate funds, they donate time to those campaigns experts have declared unwinnable.

Certain elections have been forfeit by the two parties. Republicans do not advance candidates in certain districts and Democrats are absent on the ballot in others.

Sometimes a verifiable whacko will run and win even a statewide office because a perfectly qualified candidate failed to get the funding and support needed to prevail.

The media is already announcing the doom of many candidates based on history rather than investigation. Recently, a candidate for the Second Congressional District in north central Indiana was labeled a loser by a prominent columnist in the Indianapolis Star, despite all the good qualities the author noted.

That candidate should now be receiving a flood of money and volunteer time to overcome the defeatist expectations of "those-in-the-know." To withhold funds or time from a "losing" candidate guarantees defeat.

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# Companies, Congress should step up

By DR. AMAKA NNAMANI

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Tribune News Service

Breastfeeding moms face an array of challenges, even today. And for Black women, breastfeeding can be even tougher.

Historic implicit biases about Black women not being interested in breastfeeding can mean that Black mothers don't get enough lactation help after giving birth. Forty-five percent of Baby-Friendly hospitals — those that have adopted a set of policies to ensure that their facilities are supportive of breastfeeding — are concentrated in cities in which Black people make up 3 percent or less of the population, the ACLU reported in 2019. Hospitals in communities with an above-average Black population are less likely to promote nursing than hospitals in other neighborhoods, the civil liberties group says.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Black women also struggle to breastfeed successfully because they return earlier to work after giving birth and have less access to professional support than white people do.

I learned firsthand how difficult it can be to continue breastfeeding after returning to work. I was a first-year resident when I had my first baby, and I did not know my rights as a breastfeeding mom. There was no lactation room at the time in my residency program, so I had to scout for rooms to express milk. I was often scared to ask to go pump (even though I was in a pediatrics residency program) and felt that I had to overcompensate for my absences.

Ten years ago, I had my first child — a beautiful, healthy girl. I had decided that I would breastfeed her, no matter how difficult it was, because I had seen the beauty of breastfeeding firsthand from my close friend Indiya.

Dr. Amaka Nnamani



Indiya had a baby that she had exclusively nursed. She is a supportive friend and helped me find an apartment for my residency. I had returned to Nigeria for a few months after medical school to be with my husband and came back to the U.S. for my first year as a pediatrics resident. My husband and I were working through the logistics of being in a long-distance marriage, and Indiya's support throughout my pregnancy was a balm to my soul.

Support is powerful. Amara, my daughter, had a tongue tie and so, the latch was very painful initially. I was clueless about breastfeeding. I remember briefly talking to a lactation consultant in the hospital and being discharged with a bunch of papers.

Amara and I eventually figured it out and I was able to breastfeed her for about 11 months. However, the journey was not smooth. In addition to not having a room set aside for pumping in my workplace, I was very stressed and often didn't have much milk to express.

Unfortunately, my experience, as a Black professional woman, is not unusual. Statistics show that the rates of breastfeeding initiation and duration for Black women continue to lag those of all other races/ethnicities. There are several factors that contribute to this, including the history of slavery in this country, implicit bias, lack of knowledge and not having enough role models in the Black community.

I cannot overemphasize the importance of a strong support network, starting from the family/home in spouses/partners and extended family, the community, and our elected representatives. If you are a breastfeeding mom and you do not have a family support system, there are groups like La Leche League International. I recommend that you try to find one that is culturally sensitive to you because the members likely will have shared experiences and advice.

We know the health benefits of breastfeeding. We should do all we can to encourage new moms and assist them, while also recognizing that breastfeeding isn't possible or desirable for everyone. We can help each other by being nonjudgmental and supportive.

As we celebrate National Breastfeeding Month this August, I hope that Congress will pass legislation to require universal paid maternity leave of several weeks, insurance coverage for lactation support and breast pumps, on-site child care and workplace space to express milk.

Until we get laws that cover everyone and truly support new families, companies need to step up. As more people navigate returning to the workplace after many months of working from home, there will be breastfeeding moms among the ranks. Employers should support mothers who are breastfeeding by having clean, spacious lactation rooms, and there should be a clear culture in the workplace of giving women the time they need to express milk, take time off when necessary and not feel guilty about it.

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### Dulcimer tones

Dana McCall of Winchester, Kentucky, plays the mountain dulcimer Wednesday at the 57th Tri-State Antique Engine & Tractor Show at the Jay County Fairgrounds. McCall and her husband have a spot across from the Trading Post (in the 4-H Horse & Pony Club barn) with plenty of shade and comfortable chairs. People are always welcome to come have a seat and listen to her music or maybe bring an instrument of their own to join her. "I sit here and play and talk to people" every day of the show, McCall said.

## Discuss ...

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She referenced hopes to construct a multi-faceted building for Jay Emergency Medical Service, Jay County Health Department and Jay County Coroner's Office. She suggested that as an option for a cornerstone project.

"There's so much you have at your disposal," Ripley said.  
She asked if Jay County has a countywide comprehensive plan. Travis Richards of Jay County Development Corporation noted the plan does exist but hasn't been updated recently.

Ripley said that should be the county's first order of business moving forward.  
"If you don't have a plan, you plan to fail," she said.

Representatives from GM Development, Etica Group and Meyer Najem Construction also proposed the county enter into a build operate transfer (BOT) agreement — an alternate form of project delivery for large-scale infrastructure projects — to construct the new building for JEMS, the health department and coroner's office.

Ryan Berry of Meyer Najem Construction explained different types of delivery methods for projects, such as the conventional method, which includes designing, bidding and constructing a building. He proposed using a build operate transfer agreement, which would allow a private entity to partially or entirely design, construct, operate and manage the project, along with perform maintenance and finance the cost.

The group highlighted a few advantages of such an agreement, including guaranteed pricing on construction and financing, meaning there would be little to no change orders made. It would also select construction proposals that are most qualified for the job.  
Representatives from the companies alluded to Indiana Code, specifically section 5-23, which allows county entities to enter into build operate transfer agreements.  
Jim Biggs, client relations department manager with Etica Group who also doubles as a Porter County Commissioner, advocated for the process.  
"You know before you commit, you know up front, to the dime, how much this is going to cost you," he said.  
Council member Matt Minnich asked how much the process would cost. Patrick Davis, a Jay County High School alumnus and executive vice president for preconstruction and partner at Meyer Najem Construction, noted the firms would add on a fee to the final cost.  
Ripley later suggested commissioners and council speak with a few representatives from other consulting firms before moving forward with an agreement with any of the three companies. Commissioner Brian McGalliard advocated for looking into other options, and officials discussed holding off a decision until after the 2023 budget has been finalized. (Council meets at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 7 to review the county's budget for next year. More meetings, including a public hearing and budget readings, will continue through Oct. 5, when council is set to adopt the budget.)  
Before officials adjourned, council member Ted Champ proposed the group look into a new sound system for the courthouse auditorium. They agreed to do so.

## Biden to cancel some loan debt

By ELI STOKOLS

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden moved Wednesday to cancel \$10,000 in student debt for individuals earning less than \$125,000 annually and extend a pause on loan repayments for all borrowers through the end of the year. People who received Pell Grants to help cover the cost of college will be eligible for up to \$20,000 in loan relief under Biden's plan.

Together with a newly proposed rule that would limit many borrowers' payments on their undergraduate student loans to 5% of their

monthly income, the measures amount to a major restructuring of the federal educational finance system.

If they survive likely court challenges and are implemented in full, the reforms would eliminate millions of Americans' student debt, ease burdens on those with higher debt loads, and slash monthly payments for many future borrowers. More than 40 million Americans owe a collective \$1.6 trillion in federal student loans.

Lamenting that "an entire generation is now saddled with unsustainable debt" because the cost of higher education has skyrocketed in recent

years, Biden described his action as a matter of economic fairness that will "provide more breathing room for people" and boost America's competitiveness.

"My plan is responsible and fair. It focuses the benefit on middle-class and working families. It helps both current and future borrowers, and it will fix a badly broken system," he said.

The overall package, which Biden said will benefit 43 million Americans, is a win for activists who had pushed for loan forgiveness.

Republicans and some moderate Democrats bristled at the price tag of the new measures.

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# Electric ...

Mike (left) and Rick Miller sit and chat behind one of the generators that is part of their display.

Rick, of Trenton Township, Michigan, on the north side of Detroit, is retired after a career as a toolmaker for General Motors. Mike, who lives about 40 miles north of his father in Port Huron, Michigan, worked as a toolmaker for about 20 years before shifting to run his own machine shop, Precision Turning.

Rick got interested in engines during a visit to Greenfield Village in the 1970s. "He's the one that got me into it," said Mike, referring to his father. "Yeah, he had no choice in the matter," responded Rick. "He was born into it."



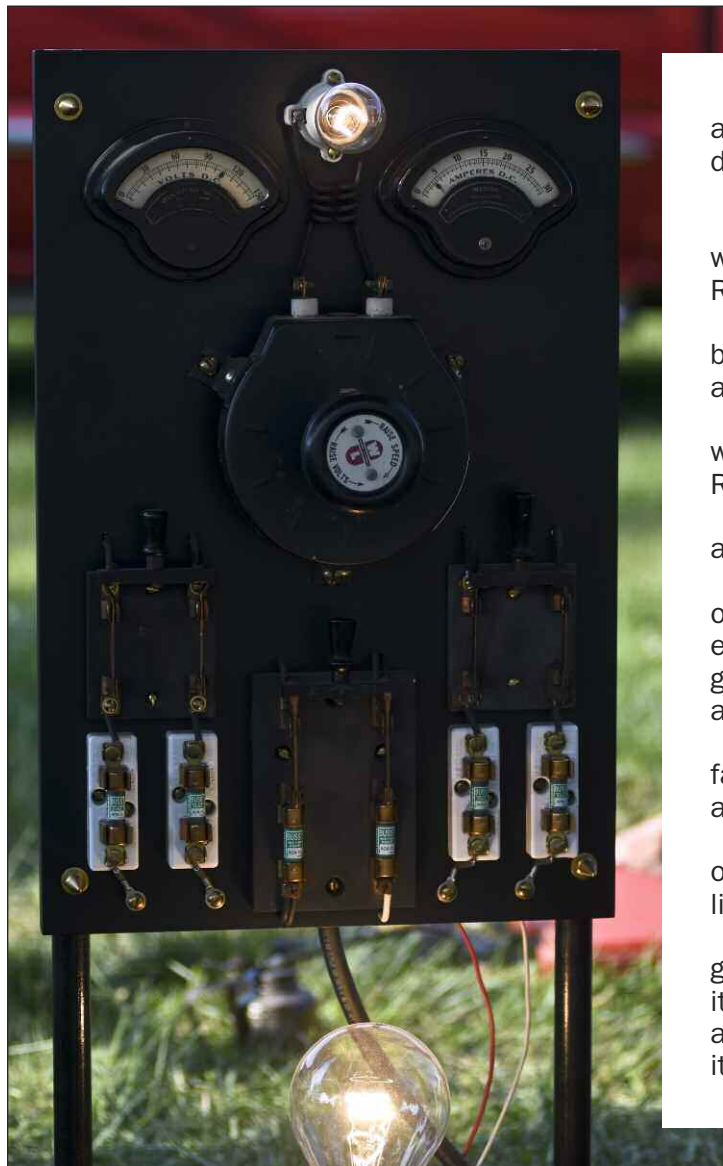
One of the pieces of the display is a rotary voltage transmitter with a motor dynamo that Rick stumbled upon in Engine Ads.

"I went out and looked at it and I said, 'Man, I gotta have this thing,'" Rick said. "That's my favorite piece in here."

When he bought it, there was no wiring or controls. He took care of those details himself.

"When this come out of the telegraph office, they were using 20, 40, 60 and 80 volts," he said. "So with this being a dynamo ... they can actually get any voltage they want out of this."

Many of the various pieces of the display date from the late 1800s, including a Fort Wayne Electric Works generator for 1894. Everything in the display runs on DC at 125 volts.



Electrical switches and lights are a focal point of the Millers' display at the Tri-State Show.

But they haven't always been. "When we first started out we were actually grinding corn," said Rick.

But that brought the need to buy corn, the work to grind it and a mess left behind to clean up.

"My son and I figured this was not the way to go with this," Rick said.

They decided lights would be a better demonstration.

"And then we just kept adding one more piece pretty much every year," Rick added. And it's getting out of hand. But people absolutely love this."

Father and son arrived at the fairgrounds Tuesday and spent all day setting up.

They especially like showing off their display at night when the lights make a big impact.

"The compliments that we get on this makes this all worth it," said Rick. "You know, we put a lot of work and effort into doing it."



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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane

Boy, it sure is human out today.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A wise expenditure

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 9 8 7  
♥ A K 9 5  
♦ 6 2  
♣ 8 4

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

**EAST**  
♠ A 6 5 4  
♥ Q 10 8 7  
♦ Q 4  
♣ 6 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q  
♥ 6 3 2  
♦ A J 9 5 3  
♣ A K Q 3

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. When the nine lost to the ten and the suit divided 4-2, he came to an unhappy end, finishing down one.

Since declarer had nine ironclad tricks after the opening club lead, this was far from a satisfactory outcome. Had he been willing to make a seemingly extravagant expenditure, he could have assured his contract.

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass 1♣ Pass  
2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass  
3NT

The proper play for South is to overtake the queen of spades with the king at trick two. This assures him of three spade tricks whether or not the king is taken with the ace.

Let's assume East wins the trick and returns a club (if East does not take the trick, South simply continues leading spades). Declarer wins the club return and re-enters dummy with a heart to force out the jack of spades, and the remaining heart honor provides the entry needed to run the rest of the spades. All told, South scores three spades, two hearts, three clubs and a diamond to come to nine tricks.

Admittedly, there might be a natural reluctance to spend the queen and king of spades on the same trick. But the failure to make this play constitutes a form of prudence that, in the end, proves to be quite expensive.

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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**Peanuts**

WHY DO BIRDS NEED SO MUCH STRING WHEN THEY'RE BUILDING A NEST?

I'M SURE I DON'T KNOW

**Rose is Rose**

I'VE BEEN SO BUSY... I DIDN'T CHECK IN ON YOU TODAY.

I DIDN'T CHECK IN ON YOU, EITHER.

SMOOCH

SO YOU'RE GOOD? FOR NOW... CHECK IN ON ME LATER.

**Agnes**

SCHOOL IS LOOMING LARGE.

I'VE DECIDED NOT TO STRESS ABOUT IT.

STAYING OPEN TO THE POSSIBILITIES?

YES... AND ONE IS THAT ALIENS WILL LASER THE BUILDING TO RUBBLE.

ALIENS. KEEP YOUR EYES TO THE SKY, FRIEND.

**Hi and Lois**

WHY CAN'T PEOPLE GET ALONG IN THE WORLD?

I DON'T KNOW, DITTO.

WHAT IF THEY GOT TOGETHER OVER COOKIES AND ICE CREAM?

NOT A BAD IDEA.

**Funky Winkerbean**

IT'S STRANGE...

FIFTY YEARS LATER AND I STILL GET NERVOUS GOING INTO THAT BUILDING.

SOMEHOW... I THOUGHT GETTING TO FIFTY YEARS WOULD TAKE LONGER!

**Blondie**

OH NO, THE ENGINE WARNING LIGHT JUST CAME ON

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

DROP ME OFF FIRST!!

**Snuffy Smith**

NEITHER RAIN NOR SNOW NOR GLOOM OF NIGHT SHALL STOP TH' U.S. MAIL !!

BUT MIZ PRUNELLA SHORE CAN SLOW IT DOWN !!

**Beetle Bailey**

WHY DO THEY CALL THIS CHILLY WHEN IT'S HOT?

IT'S MADE WITH CHILI PEPPERS

SO THEY FREEZE THE PEPPERS BEFORE THEY HEAT THEM UP?

**CRYPTOQUIP**

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CYP'C MVTYB YWYMPDTMTZG?  
PVY LZBBYD LKBYD.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU'VE PUT ON A SAD FACE FROM MISPLACING SOMETHING, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? LOST AND FROWNED.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals R

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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| 12 Nerd's kin          | 45 Actress Phylcia         | 4 Winter vehicle                    | 28 D.C. base-baller     |
| 13 Somewhat (Suff.)    | 49 China setting           | 5 Resident of Lagos                 | 29 Resident of Vienna   |
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| 16 "My word!"          | 53 Male deer               | 8 Biondi in "It's a Wonderful Life" | 36 Household            |
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Yesterday's answer 8-25

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# Sports

## Pittman growing as new leader

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WESTFIELD — The first word that comes to mind when Reggie Wayne thinks of Indianapolis Colts wide receiver Michael Pittman Jr. is “knucklehead.”

But the two-time Pro Football Hall of Fame finalist, franchise legend and first-year wide receivers coach means it in an endearing way.

Mostly. For Wayne’s rookie season as a position coach to be a success, he’ll need the 24-year-old knucklehead from Southern California to play and behave with a maturity well beyond his years.

Fortunately, Wayne has seen that quality in Pittman in the most important way.

“I think he’s a true leader,” Wayne said. “I think he embraces that role. I think it means a lot to him. ... I didn’t feel like I was a full leader in my room until probably Year 11, right? So I know what comes with it, and he’s getting it at Year 3. It can be a lot on you. It can be times when you go home and you feel like you need another set of paychecks.”

“But it also shows that your teammates and everybody have faith in you to be able to take a room and go out there and lead by not only just talk but also by example.”

The leadership mantle in Indianapolis’ wide receiver room has been a torch not passed lightly over the past 25 years.

It started with Hall of Famer Marvin Harrison’s quiet intensity as the No. 1 target for a young Peyton Manning around the end of the last millennium.

Wayne first was passed the torch in 2009 after Harrison’s retirement and truly grew into the role as the top wide receiver for rookie quarterback Andrew Luck in 2012.

T.Y. Hilton was thrust into the role in 2015 following Wayne’s retirement and had to grow up fast while navigating the quarterback carousel that began with Luck’s shoulder injury that season.

Now it’s officially Pittman’s turn, and it’s a role he readily accepts.

A gregarious personality with a popular YouTube channel documenting portions of his life off the field, Pittman’s something of an old soul when he steps between the lines.

He’s an intense competitor who values every rep he takes, and he prefers his actions to speak louder than his words.

“I’m more of a lead-by-example (type) than I am go out there and start yelling at people,” Pittman said following Wednesday’s 90-minute practice at Grand Park. “I’ve always believed in building people up. You really don’t want to call somebody out in front of everybody because then that can kind of create that tense situation where it’s like, ‘OK, you’re calling me out, eff you. I don’t like you.’”

“So I always come up to people privately like, ‘Hey, I think we could do this and this and get better this way.’ So that’s how I like to do it.”

That leadership by example often takes the form of Pittman’s competitive nature.

He doesn’t like to miss a snap, let alone a full practice. It was one of the things Indianapolis scouts loved about him coming out of USC ahead of the 2020 draft.

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## Over the Falcons

Jay County High School senior Lauren Brewster takes a swing Tuesday as Mackenzie Meadows of Winchester puts up the block. Brewster had six kills, six digs and one block to help lead the Patriots to their first win of the season.

## Thwait's stays hot for TinCaps

FORT WAYNE — After a two-game hiccup, Nick Thwait's is right back to dominating.

The 2018 Fort Recovery High School graduate tossed three shutout innings Saturday in their 4-3 loss to the Dayton Dragons.

Thwait's entered the game in the sixth inning with Fort Wayne trailing 2-0 and a runner on base. After giving up a double to the first batter he faced, he retired the next three in order.

In the seventh, Quincy McAfee of Dayton led off with a single before Thwait's induced a grounder from Justice Thompson for a double play in another scoreless frame. And in the eighth he retired the Dragons in order.

Thwait's left the game with the TinCaps — they are the High A affiliate of the San Diego Padres — having pulled even, but Dayton got a run in the ninth to take the victory.

In his three scoreless innings of work, the

*FRHS grad has 1.48 ERA over last nine outings*

fourth-year pro struck out three while allowing a pair of hits.

Thwait's has been on fire for a month and a half, having allowed just three runs in his last nine appearances for a 1.48 ERA over that stretch. During the same period, he has a 0.88 WHIP with 13 strikeouts in 18.2 innings.

For the season, he is 3-5 with a 3.53 ERA and 45 strikeouts in 51 innings.

## JC golfers fall to ACAC rivals

CELINA, Ohio — With a small squad, the Patriots knew wins might be hard to come by.

That was the case against a trio of conference foes Wednesday.

The Jay County High School girls golf team finished last in a four-team Allen County Athletic Conference match at Celina Lynx Golf Club.

The Patriots scored 246 to finish five strokes behind third-place Adams Central.

Southern Wells (204) edged South Adams for the win by a single stroke.

Sophomore Maddy Snow led the Jay County (1-7) as she shot 53.

Grace Meeks of Southern Wells was the match medalist with a 43.

Rosealynne Smith, a senior, was one stroke behind Snow for JCHS. Ellie Klarer followed with a 67 and Ukrainian exchange student Stacy Fomina had a 72.

## Fortkamp leading the Cougars again

Paige Fortkamp was the 2021 NALA American Volleyball Coaches Association Regional Freshman of the Year and the 2021 Crossroads League Freshman of the Year.

Her sophomore season is already off to a strong start.

Fortkamp, a 2021 Fort Recovery High School graduate, has paced the University of St. Francis volleyball team in kills in two of its first four matches and reached double figures three times.

After leading the Cougars (3-1) in kills during her freshman campaign, Fortkamp is right back to being the top attacker so far this season.

She racked up 14 kills in their season-opening 25-18, 16-25, 25-13, 25-13 victory Friday over Rochester as they hosted the 14-team Onset Invitational at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne and now has 46 kills through four matches. (The next highest mark on the

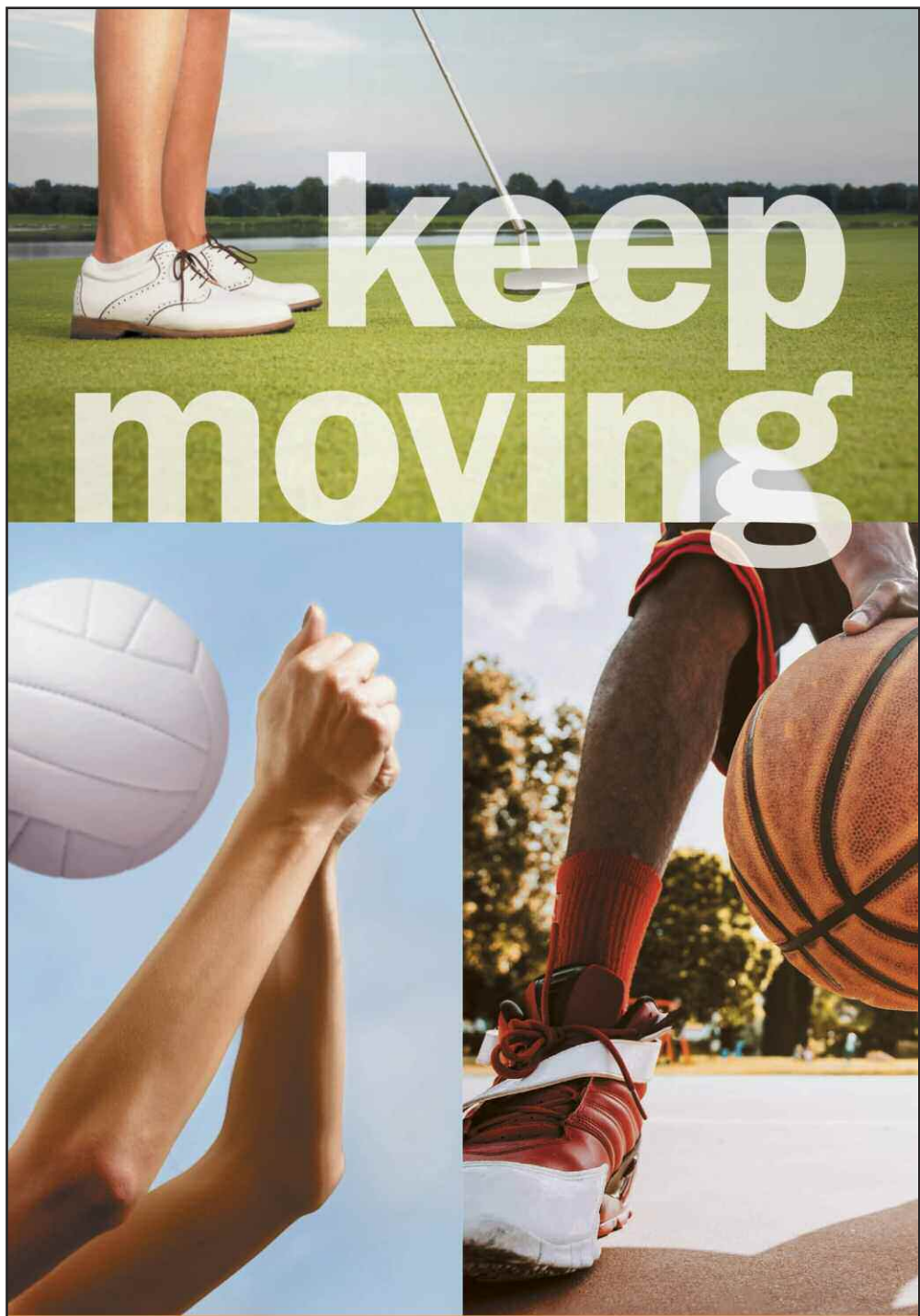
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team is 33 from junior Haidyn Carrico.)

Fortkamp's biggest match of the weekend came Saturday as she blistered IU South Bend in a 24-26, 25-18, 25-21, 25-20 win for St. Francis. She racked up 16 kills and had a .500 kill percentage to go along with eight digs, four assists, three aces and a block.

She also had 10 kills in a win over Oakland City and six in a loss to Mount Mercy.

Through four matches, Fortkamp is averaging 2.9 kills per set, which puts her in the top 100 in the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association. She has totaled 17 digs, five assists, four aces and three blocks.



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