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## Climbing high

A girl looks for another foothold as she climbs to the top of the rope structure Tuesday at Hudson Family Park. Overcast skies led to temperatures in the high 70s through the afternoon.

## Council reviews budget, OKs plan for increase

*Total for 2023 comes in at about \$7.5 million*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Budget, payroll and sewer bills.

Portland City Council dealt with those various financial items Tuesday, holding the public hearing on its budget, giving final approval to its 2023 salary ordinance and OK'ing a plan for sewage rate increases.

The city's 2023 budget is proposed at just over \$7.5 million. That's up \$916,759 from the current year, an increase of 13.8%. (The 2022 budget was down about \$50,000 from 2021.)

Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips noted that the tax rate is expected to go down to \$1.88 from the current \$1.91.

The budget includes just over \$4 million in the general fund, \$1.3 million in the motor vehicle highway fund and \$452,300 in the park and recreation fund.

There were no comments from the public on the budget and only a few questions from council president Kent McClung. He asked if all departments had what they needed for equipment and other needs. He also requested information about insurance, such as what the total cost is and how much is covered by the city and the employees. (Phillips said she does not expect insurance costs to go up significantly in 2023.)

A vote on adoption of the budget is planned for council's Oct. 3 meeting.

Council members Janet Powers, Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Dave Golden and McClung also decided to move forward with a sewage rate increase in two phases. Because a 90-day notice is required for Jay County Regional Sewer District customers, the first phase is planned to go into effect Jan. 1. The second phase is scheduled for April 1 ahead of the city bonding for its planned wastewater treatment upgrades.

The upgrades are required through the city's agreed order with Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Estimated at \$10.8 million, they include a raw pump station, equalizing basin and other changes. They will be paid for via a loan from the State Revolving Loan Fund, with the sewage rate increase to be used to pay back the loan over a 20-year-period.

The increases are planned to be \$7.44 in the first phase and \$8.47 in the second. A public hearing on the increase is planned for December.

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## Hoosiers owe tax on loan forgiveness

By DAN CARDEN  
The Times (Munster)  
Tribune News Service

Hoosiers participating in the federal student loan forgiveness program currently are required to pay state and county income tax on the value of their eliminated debt.

A 2021 Indiana law mandates the total amount of forgiven student loan payments, which are exempt from federal income tax, be counted the same as earned income when it comes to calculating an Indiana resident's state and local income tax obligations.

That means if the loan forgiveness plan proposed by Democratic President Joe Biden goes through this year, a Hoosier who gets

### 2021 law dictates how much is counted toward state taxable income

\$10,000 in student loan debt wiped off the books still will have to pay 3.23% of that amount, or \$323, as income tax to the state of Indiana.

Pell Grant recipients who are eligible for up to \$20,000 in student loan forgiveness likewise will owe 3.23% of the forgiven amount, or a maximum of \$646, to the state.

Though should student loan for-

giveness not go through until 2023, the amount owed to the state will decline slightly because Indiana's income tax rate is dropping to 3.15% on Jan. 1.

At the same time, Indiana counties impose their own income tax obligations for which forgiven student loan debt also would count as earned income subject to tax.

The income tax rate in Lake County is 1.5%. As a result, a Lake County resident with \$10,000 in forgiven student loan debt will owe an additional \$150 in county income tax, on top of the \$323 extra they'll pay in state income tax.

In Porter County, the income tax rate is 1.25%. It's 0.95% in LaPorte County, 1% in Newton County and 2.864% in Jasper County.

The obligation to pay state and county income tax on earnings not subject to federal tax is relatively unusual since Indiana generally conforms its tax statutes to match federal law for simplicity, among other reasons.

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## Agency calls for safe zone

By ALBERT OTTI  
and ANDREAS STEIN  
dpa  
Tribune News Service

VIENNA — The head of the United Nations' nuclear agency called for urgent measures to prevent an accident at Ukraine's Zaporizhzhya plant, including the establishment of a "safety and security" zone.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is "gravely concerned" about the "untenable" situation at the Russian-occupied complex in southern Ukraine, Director General Rafael Grossi wrote in a report.

There is an urgent need to not only stop the shelling of Europe's biggest nuclear power plant but to also establish a "safety and security protection zone" around it, he continued, arguing it would alleviate the risk of a radioactive

leak and further damage to the sprawling site.

A 14-member IAEA team led by Grossi traveled to Zaporizhzhya last week after months of negotiations in order to analyze the security situation and establish a long-term presence there. Two IAEA experts are now permanently at the site, which houses six nuclear reactors.

Grossi's report said, among other things, that Russian armored vehicles were stationed in turbine halls, which could pose a safety threat if they are not withdrawn.

Repeated artillery fire, for which Kyiv and Moscow blame each other, had damaged roofs of storage facilities for radioactive material. In addition, part of the radiation measurement system is currently not functioning.

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## Celebrating a win

Ayden Bozarth, left, shouts in excitement after Breaker Jutte wins his team's heat of a race during Indian Way Day festivities at Fort Recovery Middle School. The two boys faced off in the final race.

### Deaths

Jeffrey Bowen, 68, Portland

Richard Newton, 87, rural Dunkirk

Weldon Hoover, 95, Ridgeville

Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 78 degrees Tuesday. The low was 63.

Tonight's low will be in the low 50s. Thursday's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high of 79.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

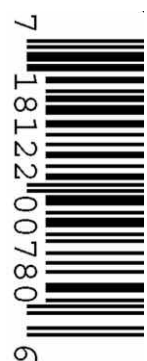
### In review

An accident was reported inaccurately in Thursday's edition. Randy Nichols of Bryant attempted to pass Portland resident Ralph Guinrich's tractor as he was turning into his driveway along county road 100 North on Aug. 31. Nichols' vehicle struck the mower attachment on Guinrich's tractor.

### Coming up

Thursday — Preview of Friday's JCHS football game at Adams Central.

Saturday — Pennville to celebrate renovated library next week.





# CR almanac

Thursday 9/8	Friday 9/9	Saturday 9/10	Sunday 9/11	Monday 9/12
<b>79/55</b>	<b>81/61</b>	<b>80/61</b>	<b>77/59</b>	<b>71/54</b>
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Thursday, with a high in the upper 70s. Clear at night.	More sun is expected Friday, with a calm 5 mph wind. The high may reach 81 degrees during the day.	There's a chance of rain and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Otherwise, partly sunny.	Rain is likely Sunday with a 60% chance of showers and a thunderstorm.	Monday has a 50% chance of precipitation under mostly cloudy skies. High of 71.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$170 million	Quick Draw: 3-7-9-10-12-16-17-22-25-35-39-42-44-46-47-48-51-57-73-76 Cash 5: 1-3-15-20-44 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> 6-17-46-59-68 Mega Ball: 2 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$210 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 9-9-9 Pick 4: 1-5-1-1 Pick 5: 3-4-7-2-4 Evening Pick 3: 9-7-8 Pick 4: 3-2-1-4 Pick 5: 0-2-8-5-6 Rolling Cash: 1-11-12-25-26 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 7-1-1 Daily Four: 4-8-9-0 Quick Draw: 5-8-9-12-21-27-36-38-41-45-53-54-58-60-61-67-75-78-79 Evening Daily Three: 5-8-1 Daily Four: 8-5-7-3	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.95 Oct. corn .....6.85 Wheat .....7.00	Wheat ..... 7.98 Nov. wheat.....8.68
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.50 Late Sept. corn .....7.30 Oct. corn .....6.80	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.26 Late Sept. corn .....6.71 Beans .....14.75 Late Sept. beans .....13.90 Wheat .....8.28
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....7.03 Late Sept. corn .....6.88 Beans .....14.45 Late Sept. beans .....13.90	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.92 Sept. corn .....6.52 Beans .....14.42 Sept. beans .....13.72 Wheat .....8.24

## Today in history

**In 1191**, at the Battle of Arsuf, the Muslim army of Saladin attacked the Crusaders of Richard I, delaying his march to Jerusalem.

**In 1533**, Queen Elizabeth I was born in Greenwich near London. She served as queen from 1558 to 1603.

**In 1630**, Trimountaine, Massachusetts, was renamed Boston.

**In 1901**, the Boxer Rebellion, an attempt to drive all foreigners out of China, came to an end.

**In 1936**, musician Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas. Holly, who was famous for songs such as "Peggy Sue" and died in a plane crash along with fellow musicians Ritchie Valens and J.P. Richardson in 1959, was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986.

**In 1963**, the Pro Football Hall of Fame opened in Canton, Ohio. Its first inductees included Jim Thorpe and George Halas.

**In 1972**, Jay School Board established policies regarding student rights, discipline and expulsion. Among the rules were a prohibition of student smoking "during and immediately before or immediately after school hours."

**In 1977**, the Panama Canal Treaty and Neutrality Treaty was signed by President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian Chief of Government Omar Torrijos. The treaty set a framework for the U.S. to give up control over the canal and turn it over to the Panama Canal Authority on Dec. 31, 1999.

**In 1979**, cable sports network ESPN debuted.

**In 1980**, the Emmy Awards were held without all but one of the nominated performers who boycotted the event because of a Screen Actors Guild strike.

**In 1996**, rapper Tupac Shakur was shot. He died six days later.

**In 2005**, Hosni Mubarak won Egypt's first multi-candidate presidential election.

**In 2021**, Portland City Council heard no comments during its public hearing on its 2022 budget that was proposed at \$8.3 million. It marked a 25.2% increase from the previous year, with the bulk of that jump coming from the future purchase of a new ladder truck for the fire department. —The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay School Board collective bargaining public hearing, General Shanks, 414 Floral Ave., Portland.
<b>Thursday</b> 2 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St.,	<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

# Obituaries

## Jeffrey Bowen

Aug. 27, 1954-Sept. 2, 2022  
Jeffrey K. Bowen, 68, owner of the Portland Clock Doc shop, died Sept. 2, 2022, at Lutheran Hospital, where he was being treated for cancer.

He opened the clock repair business in 2015 after spending decades working in local factories, often as a supervisor.

His employers included Bailey Seed Farms, Alphabet and Accelerated Curing Inc.

Jeff devoted many hours to the Portland Breakfast Optimist Club's activities, especially the Miss Jay County Fair Queen Contest and its food fundraisers after joining. He was named the Rookie of the Year and then became the club president a few years later. Always enjoying humor, Jeff opened each meeting with a joke or funny story during his two terms as president.

He was also a member of the Portland I.O.O.F. Lodge 281 Omega and active in several Alcoholics Anonymous groups and Al-Anon in addition to serving as a board member of the Jay County Historical Society for many years.

He was born Aug. 27, 1954, in Portland to Roger and Luetta Bowen, the third of six children.

After graduating from Portland High School in 1972, Jeff started his college years at Vincennes University, then transferred to Ball State University. However, he dropped out when he couldn't decide on a career path.

He found clock repair to be an option and graduated from Gem City College of Horology in Quincy, Illinois, in 1977. He worked in clock shops in Fort Wayne and Zionsville, Indiana, but wanted something more.

Surprising everyone, he joined the Peace Corps and spent two years in rural Dominican Republic.

Afterward, he returned to college and graduated from Purdue University in 1984 with a degree in international agriculture.

Jeff is survived by his two children, Thomas of Portland and Laura of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and his mother, Luetta Bowen, also of Portland. His siblings are Pamela Burks of Fishers; Kathy Stolz of Franklin; Douglas of Greeley, Colorado; Mark of Falls Church, Virginia; and Todd of Evanston, Illinois. Also surviving is Teresa Ely Bowen, his former wife, and six nieces and nephews.

His father died in 2020.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, at 3 p.m., at the Williamson, Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Visitation will be 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

We would like to acknowledge his memory not with gifts but with memories. If you would like to make a donation, please make it in his memory to the Jay County Historical Society.

Condolences may be sent to williamsonspencer.com.



Bowen

## Richard Newton

April 14, 1935-Sept. 3, 2022  
Richard "Dick" Newton, age 87, a resident of rural Dunkirk, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022, at Albany Health and Rehab in Albany, Indiana.

Dick was born on April 14, 1935, in Portland, Indiana, the son of John Newton Sr. and Lulu (Lawhorn) Newton. He married Mary Mae (Moore) Watkins on April 14, 1993.

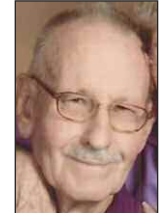
Dick was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland. Other memberships include Retreads, GWWRA and Friends on Wheels. Dick loved getting on his Goldwing and going for rides in and out of the state. He also enjoyed going to auctions.

Dick worked for NAAS Foods, Spur Station, Indiana Glass and Colony Printing.

Survivors include:  
His wife — Mary Newton, rural Dunkirk, Indiana  
His children — Richard Newton (wife: Nila), Salamonia, Indiana, and Nyoka Smith, Portland, Indiana, Judy Eglan, Portland, Indiana, Sandra Newton, Portland, Indiana, and Shannon Newton, Anderson, Indiana  
Two stepchildren — George Watkins, Winchester, Indiana, and Jeff Watkins (wife: Virginia), Lonedell, Missouri  
Siblings — Lillian Crump, Portland, Indiana, Patty Willover, Pennsylvania, Robert Newton, Eaton, Indiana, and Timmy Newton, Salamonia, Indiana  
Thirteen grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren

He was preceded in death by four siblings, George, Mary, Rex and John.

Visitation will be held on Friday



Newton

## Weldon Hoover

Dec. 26, 1926-Sept. 4, 2022  
Weldon Hoover, 95, Ridgeville, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022, at his residence.

He was born Dec. 26, 1926, the son of William and Cora (VanSkyock) Hoover. Weldon was married to Gladys P. (Gibson) Hoover for 64 years.

Weldon and Gladys farmed in the Jay and Randolph county area, retiring after 55 years.

Weldon was an avid hunter and was a lifetime member of the NRA. He liked to fish, tend to his garden, mow his yard, do repairs in his garage and sit on his porch enjoying the sunshine with his dog "Millie." He loved to tell family and friends stories of what he did and loved in his lifetime.

Weldon is survived by sons Jon Hoover (Dianne) and Randy Hoover (Connie); 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren; along with his faithful dog, "Millie."

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys; daughter, Debb; son, Stan; grandson, Bradley; infant daughter, Brenda; brother; and two sisters; along with his parents.

There will be no services or visitation.

Burial will take place at Center Cemetery of Portland at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Everheart Hospice or Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department first responders.

The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at meeksmortuary.com.



Hoover

# City court

## Judge Donald Gillespie Fined and sentenced

Daniel Meadows, Dunkirk, junk vehicle ordinance violation, \$160.50; Olman S. Bonilla, Portland, driving without a valid license, \$160.50, and driving without insurance, \$25; Austin D. Derringer, Portland, operating a vehicle with transferred plate, \$160.50, and driving without insurance, \$25; Patricia A. Ingram, Portland, driving with a suspended license, \$160.50

## Default

Emir I. DeLille, Ashland, Virginia, off the truck route in Dunkirk; Aaron B. Shoemaker, Eff-

ingham, Illinois, restricting truck traffic in Redkey ordinance violation; Balraj Singh, Norwalk, California, restricting truck traffic in Redkey ordinance violation; Daniel G. Valdez, Hialeah, Florida, restricting truck traffic in Redkey ordinance violation; Amanda S. Barker, Auburn, disregarding stop sign; Kaylee E. Kirby, Redkey, speeding 67 mph in a 55 mph zone; Robert T. Marcum, Hamilton, Ohio, speeding 78 mph in a 55 mph zone; Joshua T. Silva, Decatur, driving with a suspended license; Shawn T. Spano, Fort Wayne, speeding 65 mph in a 55 mph zone

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**BLACKWOOD BROTHERS**  
**IN CONCERT**  
**September 9, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
Fellowship Baptist Church - Portland  
Free Will Offering - No Tickets

## SERVICES

<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Lowe</b> , Inez: 1 p.m., First American Baptist Church, 427 S. Main St., Dunkirk.
<b>Friday</b> <b>Newton</b> , Richard: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Huntsman</b> , Susan: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland. <b>Bowen</b> , Jeffrey: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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## 50th anniversary

### Terry and Theresa Linn



Theresa and Terry Linn - 1972

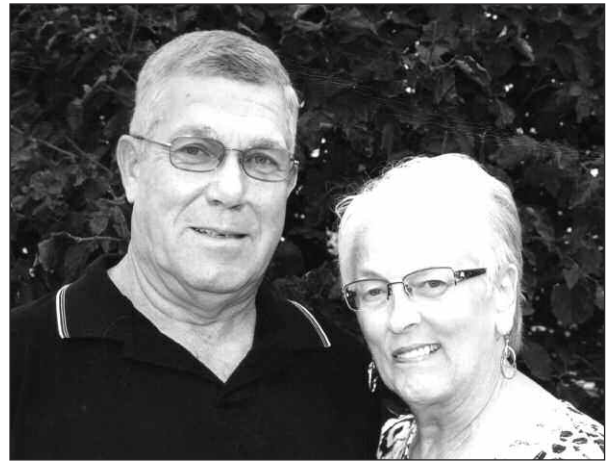
Theresa and Terry Linn of Celina, Ohio, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Terry Linn and Theresa Welsch were married Oct. 7, 1972, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Bryant.

They have three children, Ron (Amy) Linn of Celina, Ohio, Dave (Dee) Linn of Celina, Ohio, and Krista (Troy) Muhlenkamp of Portland, and nine grandchildren.

Terry retired from farming, and Theresa is a retired teacher of Jay Schools.

They will be celebrating with an open house from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Ron and Amy Linn's house, 767 Doner Road, Celina, Ohio.



Terry and Theresa Linn - 2022

## Childhood fun can be dangerous

By KWAME DAWES

In Heather Cahoon's poem, "Shelter," she manages, with simplicity and the use of deftly selected detail, to capture the mood of childhood delights that, in the manner of such things, always seem on the edge of danger.

One is transported to the invention of children who seem to find a certain pleasure in the complex combination of being lost and being hidden at the same time.

### Shelter

We wove hip-high field grass into tunnels

knocking the tops of bunched handfuls the drooping heads tied together.

My seven siblings and I sheltered ourselves

inside these labyrinths in a galaxy of grasses.

*American Life in Poetry* by Heather Cahoon, "Shelter" from "Horsefly Dress" (University of Arizona Press, 2020.) Poem reprinted by permission of the author and publisher. Introduction copyright ©2022 by The Poetry Foundation.

### American Life in Poetry

Cahoon published her book, "Horsefly Dress," in 2020. A resident of Missoula, Montana, she works as an assistant professor of Native American studies at the University of Montana.

## Woman is concerned about nephew's care

DEAR ABBY: My younger sister, "Fern," gave birth to a son three months ago. Since she returned to work, it seems like all she does is dump her baby, "Ricky," on others so she can sleep with her special someone. I watched Ricky a couple of times while they ran errands, even though they have someone living with them to keep an eye on the baby.

Fern works nights and her S.O. works days, but all I hear is that Ricky is getting watched by someone else. She's always in the parking lot at work 30 minutes

### Dear Abby



before we open although she lives nearby. She also volunteers for extra work as often as she can. She has struggled with mental health and alcohol abuse, so I'm worried she may have postpartum depression.

I want Ricky to be safe, and I'd love for them to have a healthy bond. From the things she says, I'm worried they don't. I know for some moms it takes time, but she wasn't excited about her pregnancy or about giving birth. She's a first-time mom, so maybe I'm not giving her a chance. Am I just a nosy aunt, or is this normal? — AUNT IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR AUNT IN THE SOUTH:** While Fern's parenting style isn't the same as yours, from what you have written, she and her signifi-

cant other are making sure Ricky is cared for in their absence. This is why I think the answer to your question is yes, you ARE being a nosy aunt.

DEAR ABBY: I have caught my boyfriend looking at his mom's rear end more than once. She sometimes walks around the house in tight-fitting booty shorts that are so short you can see part of her butt. Sometimes he actually stares, which I find extremely disturbing. I'm not sure what to do. I have even

thought about breaking up with him. We usually hang out at my house, but whenever we spend time at his house and his mom wears short shorts, I catch him. Please advise me on this. — CAN'T UNSEE THIS

**DEAR CAN'T UNSEE:** Have you talked with your boyfriend about your observation? If you haven't, you should.

If you are seriously worried that he's lusting after his mother, you should absolutely end the romance. No ifs, ands or butts.

## Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@thecr.com.

### Today

**SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP** — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group meets at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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

more information, call (260) 726-8229.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

**PENNVILLE FAIR BOARD** — Will meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Pennville Community Center.

**STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS** — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

**Thursday PIKE FRIENDS AND**

**NEIGHBORS** — Will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at Pizza Hut, 1502 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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

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

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

**A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock

Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

**JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB** — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

### 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

**REDISCOVERING JOY** — A group for widows and widowers will hold its next meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12. The group meets on the second Monday of every month at the R & R Fabrications meeting room, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry. The speaker will be Cara Muhlenkamp of Mercer County Fair Board. For more information, contact Judy at (419) 733-5629 or Mary at (419) 678-8830.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday's Solution

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

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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# Rain couldn't dampen the holiday

*(Editor's note: This column is being re-printed from Sept. 3, 2003. It followed a rainy Labor Day weekend, similar to the one we just experienced. But even the rain couldn't keep Jack away from the grill.)*

**By JACK RONALD**  
The Commercial Review

"You feel like cooking out this weekend?" my wife asked.

Sure, I thought. It's Labor Day after all. What better time for a cookout?

That was Saturday morning, and the rain which had persisted throughout Friday night's football game was a distant memory. I figured I'd fire up the Weber and cook some burgers that night for dinner. I even cleaned the grill that afternoon.

## Back in the Saddle



But my wife had other dinner plans in mind. "I'm making moussaka tonight," she said and for a moment I tried to figure out how she was going to keep it from slipping through the grill into the charcoal. Obviously, she was going to cook inside Saturday night.

It was okay with me. We were having good friends over for dinner, and besides the weekend

was young. Plenty of time to cook-out on Sunday or — better yet — on Labor Day.

Sunday slipped away, with far too much of it spent at the office trying to write a newspaper management handbook for Central Asia, a little side project I've taken on that is turning into an extra thing on my plate I don't have time for.

And Monday. Well, we all suffered through Monday, watching steady, unending, disheartening, wearying, grouch-inducing rain fall from morning on.

Starting out at it about noon, I tried to console myself that at least we weren't trapped inside with a bunch of irritable school children unhappy about hav-

ing their holiday ruined. There were just the irritable three of us unhappy about having our holiday ruined.

But by mid-afternoon, I'd come to the conclusion that the rain was best ignored. Come on, I told myself, it's Labor Day. Just do it, as the commercials say. Just do it.

"Let's cook out," I said. "If the rain doesn't get any harder than it is right now, I'm game."

My wife looked at me as if cabin fever had taken over. But she'd bought some salmon on Saturday and knew it would taste its best if I grilled it over some coals.

The drizzle slowed to a drip, then to a sprinkle, then

ratcheted back up to drizzle level as I monitored things from the kitchen window.

Finally, about 6 p.m., we committed. I pulled on a windbreaker with a generous hood and headed to the garage to find some charcoal. While Connie prepped the salmon with some light seasoning and olive oil, I got the fire going.

Darkness had settled in by then, and the drizzle wouldn't ever completely let up. But it wasn't enough to dampen the fire, and soon enough the coals were perfect for cooking.

The salmon was perfect too, some of the best I've ever grilled. Almost good enough to salvage a Labor Day with rotten weather.

# End shortage by paying teachers

The Philadelphia Inquirer  
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Oprah Winfrey said her fourth-grade teacher created a "spark for learning" and is why she had a talk show. Lin Manuel-Miranda said arts education "saved his life" and cited his sixth-grade music teacher. John Legend said his English teacher pushed him to apply for a scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania, which led to his becoming a successful songwriter.

Teachers have long played an important role in civil society. They shape, inspire, and change students' lives. More broadly, America's educated workforce separates it from other countries, leads to innovation, and fuels the economy. But as students head back to school, many districts can't find enough teachers to fill the classrooms.

The Philadelphia School District started the school year with more than 200 teacher vacancies. And that is after hiring 700 new teachers. In Pennsylvania, the number of new teachers entering the workforce has dropped over the last decade from about 20,000 to 6,000. New Jersey is struggling to hire enough math and science teachers.

School districts have fought for several years to find teachers, but the crisis worsened this year. Many cite stress from the pandemic, teacher burnout, low pay, and a decrease in college students entering the field. The Republican-led culture wars over what can be taught in classrooms — not to mention the persistent threat of school shootings — are other factors contributing to the exodus.

More troubling, the teacher shortage impacts poor urban and rural school districts the most. Further exacerbating the crisis is the lack of diversity among teachers. Philadelphia has fewer Black teachers now than it did 20 years ago, according to a recent report.

Last year, researchers at Penn State's College of Education found a lack of diversity among teachers across the state. More than one-fifth of Pennsylvania's 500 school districts haven't had a teacher of color in at least seven years, according to a recent analysis.

A diverse teaching force benefits all students. It is more reflective of the real world, and makes white students and teachers more aware of cultural differences. Research also shows that Black students

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who have at least one teacher of color during their academic careers are more likely to graduate from high school and enroll in college.

State and federal officials have taken steps to address the teacher shortage and increase diversity. The Pennsylvania Department of Education launched a three-year program to recruit and retain more teachers, including those of color. The Biden administration is providing \$65 million through the U.S. Department of Education to support evidence-based practices to increase the number of teachers.

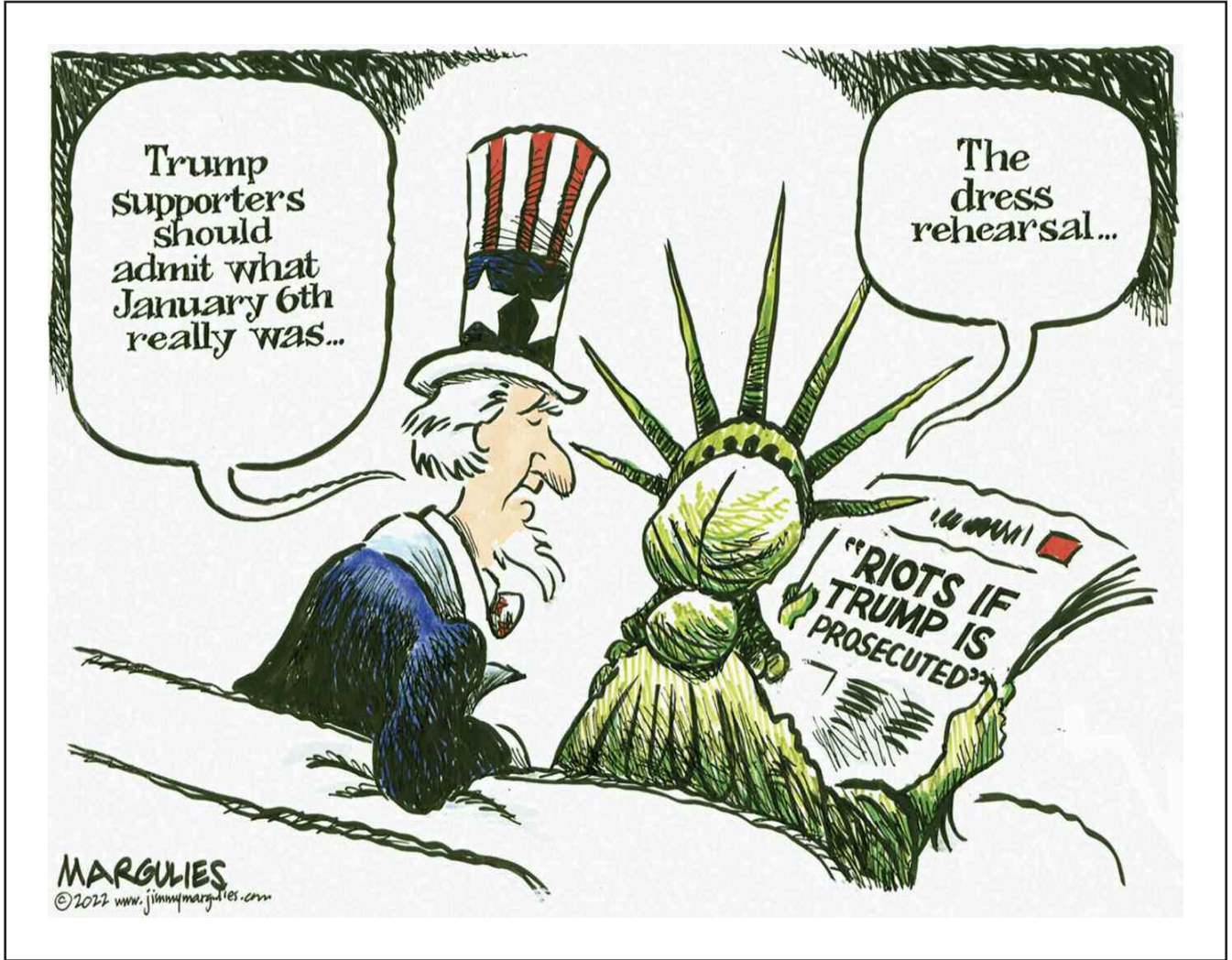
Meanwhile, some local districts have taken creative steps. Delaware County is paying for high school students to attend classes at the local community college. In Philadelphia, the Center for Black Educator Development is working with the Freedom Schools Literacy Academies to recruit Black high school and college students to become teachers.

Other states, including Texas, Missouri, and Oklahoma, have moved to a four-day school week as a way to attract more teachers, though the educational benefits appear mixed. Not all approaches are equally successful: Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, whose state's own culture skirmishes are driving teachers to quit in droves, added to the problem by allowing veterans without college degrees to teach. The teachers union there rightly said hiring unqualified teachers is a bad idea.

Here's a better solution: Pay teachers more for the important work they do. New Mexico recently increased teacher salaries by 20%. Teachers in Mississippi received an average salary increase of \$5,100. In Georgia, lawmakers awarded teachers a \$2,000 bonus as a way to increase retention.

The American Federation of Teachers has suggested other steps to recruit and retain quality teachers, including decreasing class size, ensuring school safety, and creating a culture where parents are more respectful of educators.

Given their impact, teachers deserve at least that much.



# Election system is broken

By LYNN SCHMIDT  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
Tribune News Service

If an employee was completely unresponsive to her or his employer, the employee would likely not have a job for very long.

Unfortunately, this is not the case in politics. Americans' approval rating of the job Congress is doing has fallen to 18%, yet in the 2020 general election, 93% of incumbents nationwide won their reelection bids. Our political system is so broken that elected officials are not motivated to be responsive or accountable.

With a single question I wanted to ask Missouri's congressional delegation, I called or emailed the offices of Sens. Roy Blunt and Josh Hawley, Democratic Reps. Cori Bush and Emanuel Cleaver II, and Republicans Ann Wagner, Blaine Luetkemeyer, Vicki Hartzler, Sam Graves, Billy Long, and Jason Smith. No one responded for comment. Zero. The failure to respond was sweeping and bipartisan.

The disappointing reality is that none of them had any incentive to reply to me.

Let's take abortion. A St. Louis University/YouGov poll conducted in August showed wide majorities disagreed with a lack of exceptions for rape and incest or when the life of the mother is at risk, with 75% of respondents, including 60% of Republicans, supporting legal abortions in the case of rape.

The percentage was even higher, with 79% of those surveyed supporting legal abortions in cases of incest. Under Missouri's trigger law, which passed in 2019, abortions will only be permitted in cases of a medical emergency. There are no exceptions for rape or incest.

Defunding the police is widely unpopular. According to an Ipsos/USA Today poll, only 18% of

Lynn Schmidt



respondents supported the movement to defund the police, and 58% said they opposed it. In February, Bush doubled down on her use of the defund slogan despite members of her party asking her not to.

A poll by Morning Consult/Politico found that 68% of voters support stricter gun laws, up from 64% in a previous poll. When the bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022, a firearm regulation and mental health bill, came up for a vote in June, all Democrats in the House voted yes along with 14 Republicans — none from Missouri. Blunt voted yes in the Senate. Hawley voted no.

A functional government operates with a give-and-take structure between elected officials and the public. Citizens should know where their representatives stand on pressing issues, and lawmakers should understand the needs and desires of their constituents. Only then can voters determine whether their views are aligned with a candidate. At least in theory, that's how it's supposed to work.

The combination of gerrymandering, noncompetitive districts, hyperpolarization, dark money and the lack of accountability has created a stew of political dysfunction. Competitive congressional districts have been steadily declining for decades and are only getting worse. The Cook Political Report estimates that less than 8% of congressional districts will be competitive come November. I suspect the lack of competitive dis-

tricts leaves an overwhelming majority of Americans feeling that their votes don't matter, while parties and candidates feel they don't need to work to earn anybody's votes.

Republicans living in St. Louis, where Biden won by 60 points, or Democrats living in Dunklin County, where Trump won in 2020 by 55 points, probably don't think their votes will make a bit of difference. The truth is, unless it's a statewide race or a ballot initiative, it doesn't.

Effective governing in America requires compromise. When more than 90% of congressional districts lean toward one of the two major parties, most representatives probably have little incentive to compromise. Elected officials increasingly face strong pressures to be hyper-partisan, which has made governing very difficult.

Back in 2018, Missourians passed the Clean Missouri Amendment with 62% of the vote. The amendment required lawmakers to wait two years before they could turn around and lobby their colleagues. It aimed to eliminate almost all lobbyist gifts worth more than \$5. It aimed to eliminate partisan gerrymandering. It also aimed to tighten candidate-contribution caps.

Missourians rolled back the Clean Missouri Amendment just two years later. The difference was 59,145 votes. Although Clean Missouri wasn't perfect, it made progress in fixing what ails us.

Thus far, the attempts to change the incentives and mend the system have failed. There should be no expectation that we will have a more responsive or functional lawmaking structure soon. Because when it comes down to it, we get what we vote for.

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## Calls ...

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Zaporizhzhya's Ukrainian employees — who have been working under the control of local Russian military commanders since March 4 — were enduring unsafe and stressful conditions, the agency director warned.

"This is not sustainable and could lead to increased human error with implications for nuclear safety," he wrote. Grossi's report listed several examples of staffing shortages. For example, the plant fire brigade now comprises only 80 staff, instead of the normal 150.

Grossi wrote that the Ukrainian operating staff is sometimes prevented by Russian forces from entering areas of the plant, like water intake areas.

The Vienna-based IAEA also expressed concern about interruptions in the plant's off-site power supply, which has been lost "fully or partially" on several occasions. The electricity line to the plant are used to keep critical functions, like the cooling systems, operating.

"Off-site power is essential for the continued safe operation of the plant," the director's report said, recommending that a backup power supply line be put in place.

Hours before the IAEA report came out, renewed artillery fire led to a power outage in Enerhodar, the closest town to the plant.

Both the Russian-appointed occupation authorities and the mayor, Dmytro Orlov, who fled the city, confirmed the incident.

According to the occupation representative Vladimir Rogov, there are said to have been seven impacts in the area of the power plant training center. Nevertheless, one reactor is to continue supplying 150 megawatts for the cooling systems' own needs, he said.

On Monday, the Ukrainian power plant operator Enerhoatom had first announced that there had been an emergency shutdown at the sixth and last unit still in operation.

Later, however, Kyiv informed the IAEA that the power plant's electricity needs would continue to be met by an operating reactor after a forced disconnection from the Ukrainian grid.

Russia's Defense Ministry on Tuesday accused Ukraine of shelling Zaporizhzhya with artillery 15 times in the past 24 hours.

## Portland City Court

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### Trials scheduled

Devin M. Kline, Rockford, Ohio, driving with expired plate and without insurance, pretrial Nov. 2; Kenisha L. Lehman, Portland, operating a vehicle with fictitious plates, pretrial Nov. 2; Robert P. Miller, Portland, driving with a suspended license, pretrial Nov. 2

### Paid by waiver

Kelsey E. Voss, Indianapolis, speeding 40 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$145.50; Sukhjinder Singh, Stockton, California, restricting truck traffic in Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Bhupinder Singh, Bellmore, New York, off the truck route in Dunkirk, \$160.50; Harman Dhindsa, Richmond Hill, New York, restricting truck traffic in Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Tejinder Singh, Bakersfield, California, restricting truck traffic in Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Michael E. Lennartz, Portland, speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$150.50; Ihor Hasheniuk, Chicago, Illinois, restricting truck traffic in Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Kazuki Heiser, Hartford City, speeding 34 mph in a 30 mph zone in Redkey, \$149.50; Frank A. Reinhard, Fort Recovery, Ohio, disregarding stop sign, \$160.50; Joshua L. Schatzle, Eaton, Ohio, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$149.50; Baldev Singh, Noblesville, restricting truck traffic in Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Kelsie Dean, Portland, driving with expired plates, \$160.50; Singleton Thomas, Las Vegas, Nevada, off the truck route in Dunkirk, \$160.50; Harpal Sran, Avon, restricting truck traffic in Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Quindalen Groce, Anniston, Alabama, restricting truck traffic in Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Eric Kress, Bluffton, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Reginald L. Sims, Cincinnati, Ohio, restricting truck traffic in Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Juan M. Cervantesanaya, El Monte, Cali-

## Council ...

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Council members also unanimously approved the salary ordinance, which provides employees with a 5% raise. The ordinance had passed on a 4-3 vote with Goldsworthy, Brewster and Aker dissenting — they had pushed for 5% plus longevity pay, as proposed by Portland Mayor John Boggs — during a contentious meeting Aug. 15. (City employees attended to push for the mayor's proposal and left in frustration following the vote.) There were no comments from the public or council on the ordinance Monday.

Portland resident and former mayor Randy Geesaman addressed council regarding the city's golf cart ordinance that was passed in May. He said he spoke on behalf of visitors to the Tri-State Antique Tractor and Engine

Show, saying many are upset about the new golf cart registration fee and see it as a "money grab." Citing the economic impact of the event on the community, he suggested repealing the fee.

Mayor John Boggs would say later that more than 1,100 golf carts have been registered. He said while there were some complaints, many said they had no issue with the fee and that some other municipalities charge more.

In other business, council:

- Heard a presentation

## Trick-or-treat hours set for 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Halloween

from Justin Littman of the Indiana Department of Child Services about an effort to create a family resource center in the county. The resource center, which would be independent from DCS, would serve as a hub to help connect those in need with various services that are available in the county. A meeting to discuss the idea is planned for noon Sept. 14 at General Shanks.

- Answering a question from Powers, Boggs said he is getting estimates on the cost for demolition and debris removal for the

Bailey Building at the southwest corner of Main and Commerce streets. He will then ask council for the necessary funding. That will start a process, he said, of working with owners of the adjacent The Greazy Pickle on an agreement to tear down the Bailey Building while preserving the restaurant and bar.

• Heard from Boggs that Portland Board of Works opened three bids last week for the Sheller-Globe south property. He noted that once the board of works makes a choice regarding the sale, the issue will come to city council for its approval.

• Answering a question from Golden, Boggs said a pre-construction meeting for the Meridian Street storm sewer project is scheduled for next week.

• Learned from Boggs that a ribbon-cutting

ceremony for the Portland Municipal Airport runway extension is scheduled for noon Sept. 16.

• Set residential trick-or-treat house for 5:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31. Jay County Chamber of Commerce's merchant trick-or-treat event in the downtown area will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 31.

• Approved street closures for Main Street between Meridian and Harrison streets from noon to 11 p.m. Oct. 1 for a fall festival that will be a partnership between Bizzy Dips, Arts Place, Portland Main Street Connect, and for Harrison Street between Arch and Race streets from 3 to 7 p.m. Oct. 30 for Asbury United Methodist Church's trunk-or-treat event.

• Learned fall clean-up day — residents can bring large trash items to the street department at no charge — will be Oct. 29.

## Tax ...

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In this case, a paragraph tucked into page 118 of the 234-page, two-year state budget, signed into law April 29, 2021, by Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb, decoupled Indiana from the tax exemption for forgiven federal student loan debt included in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) enacted by Biden March 11, 2021.

Ironically, even though Statehouse Democrats almost uniformly vote against the budgets proposed by the Republican-controlled House and Senate, nearly every Hoosier lawmaker supported House Enrolled Act 1001, including the provision requiring state taxation of forgiven student loan debt, because the bud-

get included billions of dollars in extra spending for schools and other state needs made possible by ARPA.

State Rep. Greg Porter, D-Indianapolis, the top Democrat on the budget-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said Tuesday he now is planning, when the General Assembly convenes in early January, to propose retroactively eliminating the collection of state and county income tax on forgiven student loan debt.

Porter said that with Indiana boasting a \$6.1 billion budget reserve it would be "unfair and needlessly counterproductive" to count Hoosiers' forgiven debt as earned income and compel them to pay income tax on the amount.

"I can't say I'm surprised Indiana has chosen to take a punitive stance on a policy meant to give working-class Americans relief, but there's still time to change this," Porter said.

"Many student borrowers have paid back their original loan amount and then some, but interest rates have kept them from paying off their debt and allocating that money toward buying a house, saving for retirement or starting a family. The federal government and the vast majority of other states have correctly chosen not to tax student debt forgiveness," he added.

The U.S. Department of Education is expected to put out its debt forgiveness application in October. Porter said approxi-

mately 900,000 Hoosiers earning less than \$125,000 a year, or \$250,000 for a married couple, will be eligible to have some or all of their federal student loan debt forgiven.

However, a coalition of Republican state attorneys general, likely including Indiana's Todd Rokita, is expected to file a federal lawsuit in the weeks ahead trying to stop the loan forgiveness program from going through.

U.S. Sen. Todd Young, R-Ind.; U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, R-Ind.; and Jennifer-Ruth Green, the Republican candidate seeking to represent Northwest Indiana in the U.S. House, also oppose Biden's student loan forgiveness program.

## Felony arrests

### Failed to appear

Two Jay County residents were arrested today for failing to appear in court.

Mindy J. Weaver, 21, 4337 N. U.S. 27, Portland, failed to appear Tuesday for a Jay Superior Court case. She's charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of a narcotic drug, both Level 6 felonies.

Weaver is being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

Clint A. Evans, 36, 5322 W. 950 S., Geneva, failed to appear May 31 in Jay Superior Court. He's charged with two Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and possession of a narcotic drug. Evans is being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

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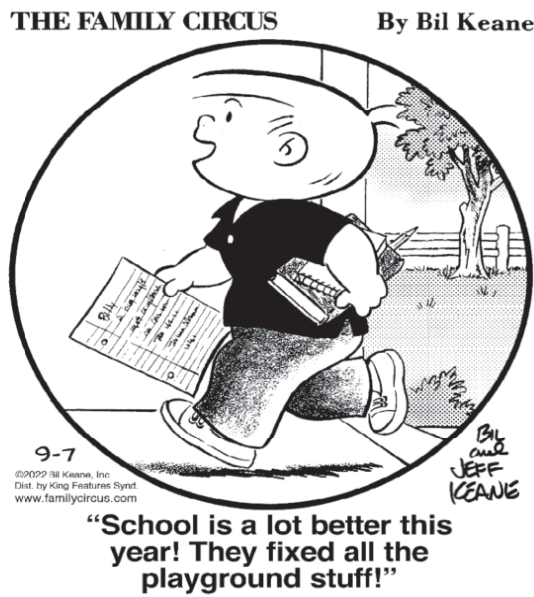
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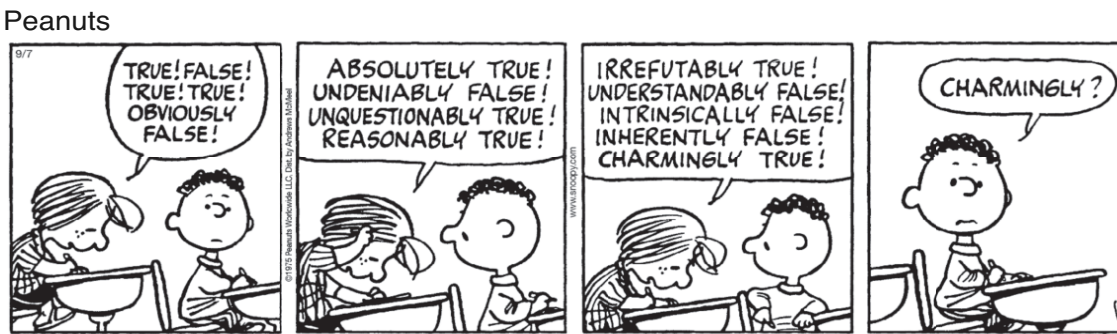
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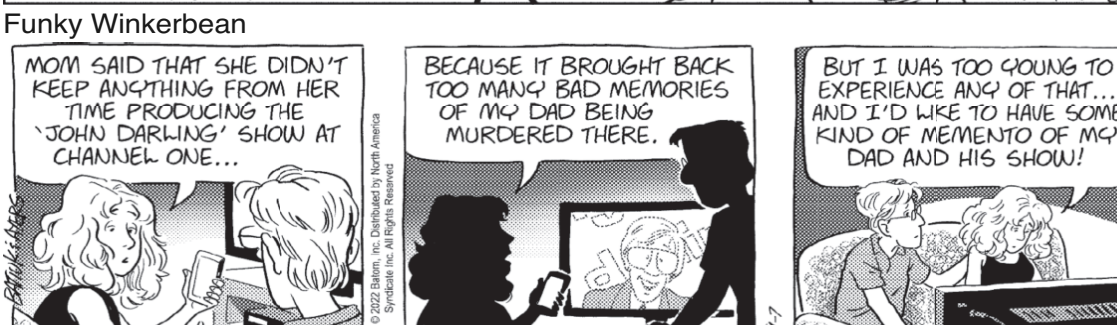
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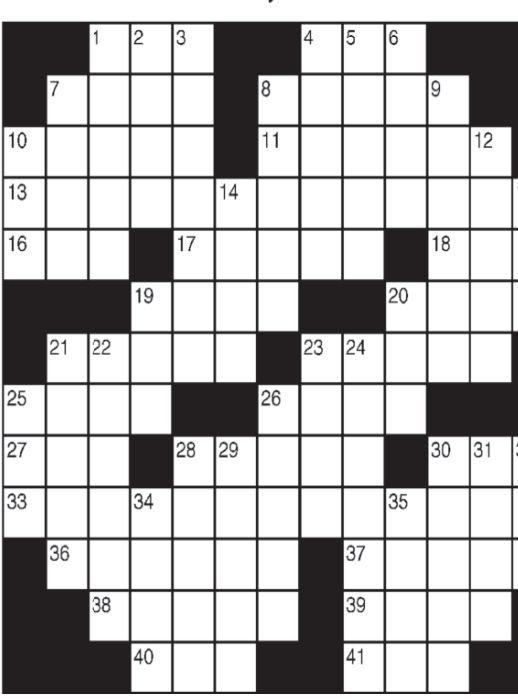
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The eight goals for the Patriots were twice as many as Wapahani had allowed in its first six games combined. (Its only loss prior to Tuesday was 2-0 to Centerville on Aug. 29, and it had wins over Muncie Central, Anderson, Lapel, Tri-Central and Union County.)

Jay County's defense recorded its second shutout of the year, limiting the Raiders to just four shots on goal that all resulted in Angel Clairday saves.

The Raiders entered the day averaging 2.8 goals per game and had scored three or more times.

"Ellie Wendel and Alizabeth Stotler have always been staples in our back D," said Muhlenkamp in complimenting her defense. "Paige Mumbower, she's really stepped up her game. She's a person that knows her job, knows how to communicate with her defensive line."

Myra Lopez played a key role off the bench with an assist on Bader's second goal. And Muhlenkamp was also able to get some solid reserve minutes for Peyton Shannon, Audrey Muhlenkamp, Emma Hatzell and Aubrey Millsbaugh.

While mixing players into the lineup, Muhlenkamp also wanted to use the game to prepare. The Patriots travel to Oak Hill on Thursday before



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Raylah Newton of Jay County sends the ball up the field from the defensive end as Wapahani senior Hailey Patterson tries to chase her down during the second half Tuesday.

hosting a strong Belmont squad a week later and then taking on sectional rivals Centerville, Delta and Yorktown in a three-day span. (MaxPreps ratings have Jay County 42nd in Class 2A with Centerville 35th, Delta 37th, Yorktown 45th and Oak Hill

48th. Belmont was ninth in Class 2A in the most recent coaches poll.)

"Oak Hill will be a tough game," Muhlenkamp said. "We were really wanting to use that second half — I wanted to keep the starters in — just to find a better rhythm on our pass-

es and better ways we can score ... just to open up our space.

"We're all wanting to migrate to the ball, to the activity ... Against a team like Oak Hill, if we don't get our spacing right, it's not going to turn out the way we want it to."

# Bears unveil stadium plan

By ROBERT MCCOPPIN and GREGORY PRATT

Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — For the first time, the Chicago Bears confirmed Tuesday that the stadium the team is considering building in Arlington Heights would be domed — but the team also called for taxpayer funding of a portion of the project, and noted the plan was still tentative.

The Bears released illustrations of the proposed project and a statement on its proposal to buy Arlington International Racecourse. It said the stadium would be a "best-in-class enclosed stadium, providing Chicagoland with a new home worthy of hosting global events such as the Super Bowl, College Football Playoffs, and Final Four."

The 326-acre development would also include restaurants, offices, a hotel, fitness center and parks.

The team estimated that construction of the proposed project would create 48,000 jobs, a \$9.4 billion economic impact for Chicagoland, and \$1.4 billion in annual economic impact. The team would not seek taxpayer help to build the stadium, but given the economic impact, would seek public funding for the rest of the project.

"We remain under contract to purchase the prop-

erty, but there are conditions that must be met in order to be in a position to close," the team wrote in the statement. "If we do close on the property, it does not guarantee we will develop it."

The illustrations released Tuesday show a map that indicates that the stadium would be along Route 53 and the Metra commuter tracks. A mixed-use district would be southeast of the stadium.

Two other illustrations show aerial images of the complex, which would include several buildings along with the stadium. The team has played at Soldier Field in Chicago for half a century, and pays about \$6.5 million a year in rent. Its lease runs through 2033, but the team could break the lease for \$84 million as of 2026. In July, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot proposed options to build a dome over Soldier Field for \$2.2 billion.

In September of 2021, the Bears signed a preliminary agreement to buy the Arlington site from track owner Churchill Downs Inc.

"We remain under contract to purchase the property, but there are conditions that must be met if we are to be in a position to close," the Bears stated, but did not specify those conditions.

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Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 30th day of August, 2022. HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMENAUR 121 W. HIGH STREET Portland, IN 47371 Attorney Jon Eads Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana CR 9-1-7-2022-HSPAXLP

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# Sports

## Opportunity seized

*Jay takes advantage of chances vs. Raiders*

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Tuesday was an opportunity:  
•To work on scoring situations  
•To get some playing for the reserves  
•To prepare for upcoming opponents

Jay County High School's girls soccer team took advantage of all of those opportunities as it dominated the visiting Wapahani Raiders 8-0.

"I felt like tonight was a stepping stone in the right direction," said JCHS coach Kendra Muhlenkamp. "We're still working on our chemistry, where to fit people for us to be successful, how to highlight our leaders out there. ..."

"We have a tendency to want to play at another team's level ... So (we're) finding a balance in how we can work well together as (a) team ..."

The Patriots (4-2), who were coming off a 3-2 loss Thursday at Norwell, played at their own level against Wapahani (5-2), needing less than four minutes to get on the board. To no one's surprise, it was Mara Bader who got them there. ...

The senior scored the first goal of the game — her team-high 13th of the season — off an assist from freshman Aixa Lopez at the 36:08 mark. She would add three more — one an own goal that was credited to



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School freshman Finley Hatzell prepares to take a shot in front of Emilee Thompson, a Wapahani junior, during the second half of the Patriots' 8-0 victory Tuesday. The eight JCHS goals, including four from senior Mara Bader, were twice as many as the visiting Raiders had allowed in their first six games combined.

her — giving her 16 of Jay County's 28 goals this season.

Lopez came up big in the scoring department as well, netting a goal with 2:43 left in the first half for a 3-0 Patriot

lead. She added a score about 10 minutes into the first half and then connected off a Bader assist with 22:35 left in the game to complete her first career hat trick.

"Aixa Lopez I felt really stepped up in this game," said Muhlenkamp.

Senior Gabi Bilbrey, who assisted on Bader's fourth goal, capped the scoring with

just over 16 minutes remaining. She took a pass from Lopez, went directly down the middle and beat goalie Amya Thompson.

See **Opportunity** page 7

## JC spikers win ACAC opener

BLUFFTON — The Patriots started slowly. But they bounced back to win their conference opener.

The Jay County High School volleyball team rallied from a first-set loss Tuesday to knock off the Allen County Athletic Conference rival Bluffton Tigers 20-25, 25-20, 25-17, 25-22.

The victory improved the Patriots to 2-5, with their other win coming against Winchester.

Junior middle hitter Bella Denton led the JCHS attack with a dozen kills. She also had a pair of blocks.

Maggie Dillon and Joske Herndon each recorded four aces, with the former totaling 15 service points and also finishing second on the team with 13 digs. Brenna Haines racked up 30 digs, and Sophie Saxman notched 15 assists.

Bluffton (3-7) got eight kills apiece from Lauren Reiff and Maryn Schreiber.

The JCHS junior varsity team cruised to a 25-12, 25-13 victory behind five kills from Mya Kunkler and four from Elizabeth Barnett. Kayla Jetmore had seven digs and 11 service points.

### Back to .500

LYNN — Jay County's boys tennis team evened its record on the season as it rolled to a 5-0 victory Tuesday over the host Randolph Southern Rebels.

The sweep included a win for Patriot No. 1 doubles duo Sam Myers and Gage Sims. They knocked off Hagan Gambrel and Vance Taylor, who were

### Local roundup

regional qualifiers last year, by a 6-2, 7-6 (9-7) score.

Austin Dirksen and Isaac Miller won 6-4, 6-3 over Noah Allen and Braden Austin at No. 2 doubles.

JCHS, which opened the season 1-5 but has now won four in a row, gave up just six games in singles action. That included a shutout by Eli Dirksen over Wyatt Brown at the No. 3 spot. Abraham Dirksen won 6-1, 6-1 over Jaxson Latello at No. 1, and Simon Dirksen defeated Ian Vance 6-3, 6-1 at No. 2.

The Patriots also swept the junior varsity matches with wins from Gabe Pinkerton, Dylan Chalfant and Blake Kahlig.

### FR spikers fall

The Fort Recovery volleyball team came out strong Tuesday but couldn't keep the momentum in a 19-25, 25-19, 25-16, 25-16 loss to the visiting Celina Bulldogs.

The loss dropped the Indians to 3-5.

Teigen Fortkamp paced FRHS with nine kills and three assists. She also had a pair of blocks.

Allysen Fullenkamp racked up 10 blocks while Audra Bubp had 11 digs and Kennedy Muhlenkamp recorded 10 assists. Mara Pearson finished with nine digs, six kills and two blocks, and

Grace Klingshirm also had six kills and two blocks.

### Two top JC girls golf

The Jay County girls golf team finished last in a three-team event Monday at Portland Golf Club. The Patriots totaled 248 to finish behind Yorktown (187) and Wes-Del (210).

Sophomore Maddy Snow was the only JCHS golfer to break 60. She had two bogeys in her round of 55.

Yorktown's Kayleigh Agugliaro was the match medalist with a 42. Lauren Cox led Wes-Del at 45.

Exchange student Stacy Fomina of Ukraine and senior Rosealynne Smith followed Snow as they each shot 64. Fomina had a bogey on the 113-yard, par-3 second hole while Smith bogeyed the 119-yard, par-3 eighth.

Ellie Klarer shot 65 to round out the team score for JCHS (1-11). Meah Devoe came in with a 66.

### JCHS splits

BLUFFTON — Jay County's junior high volleyball teams split with Bluffton on Tuesday, with the seventh graders winning 25-14, 25-24.

The eighth graders lost 25-16, 11-25, 15-7.

Amelia Heath's four kills led the attack for the Patriot seventh graders and Ralyin Hummer followed with three kills. Amelia Heath had a team-high 10 service points and Emalyn Homan put up three assists.

Isabelle Vasquez totaled 10 service points to pace the JCHS eighth grade team. Trinity Glassford had two kills and Ella Rigby recorded two assists.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

Thursday  
Jay County — Girls golf vs. Delta — 5 p.m.; Boys tennis vs. Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Boys soccer vs. Yorktown — 5 p.m.; Girls soccer at Oak Hill — 6 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Junior high volleyball at R.J. Baskett — 6 p.m.; Junior high cross country four-team event at Adams Central — 5 p.m.  
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