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## Snowy scene

Light snow fell on and off in Jay County beginning early Wednesday afternoon and continuing through the evening, leaving a light dusting across the landscape. Pictured is the view looking northwest from alongside the 12th fairway at Portland Golf Club.



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## Freeze to move forward

### Elimination of salary ordinance will go to vote

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

County officials are considering a hiring freeze.

Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council agreed Wednesday to move forward with an elimination of salary ordinance during a joint session.

Discussion about a hiring freeze began at the end of the county's budgeting process. Council agreed to give various raises across the board to county employees. They also learned the county will be pulling from reserves with the current budget. (Consulting firm Baker Tilly will be creating a comprehensive plan for the county next year to determine what its next steps should be.)

The proposed freeze requires county department heads to alert personnel committee as soon as they are notified of a full-time employee's departure. Jay County Personnel Committee would then review the vacated position within five business days, schedule a conference with the department head and commissioners president, alert council about the position, the proposed ordinance reads. If council does not OK the department head to fill the position, the dollars allocated for that position would be eliminated from the budget 60 days after the date of termination.

Commissioner president Chad Aker noted Wednesday their recommendation to remove all exceptions to the rule. (Previously emergency responders and highway personnel were suggested to be exempt from the hiring freeze.)

Council president Jeanne Houchins and Aker addressed comments from a few elected officials at past meetings.

"A hiring freeze sounds bad, but it can work to our advantage," said Houchins. "I agree with you, it sounded like we were try-

ing to micromanage. We're not. That's not what we want to do because we don't know your departments like you know your departments."

She noted a goal with the hiring freeze is to learn why employees are leaving their positions. Answering a question from commissioner Rex Journay, she confirmed plans are to also implement exit interviews. (There are exit forms available but they are not used frequently.)

County attorney Bill Hinkle pointed out the ordinance would allow for council to learn more about positions in its department.

"Don't get so hung up on the label of a hiring freeze, it's more the opportunity when a position is available, I think, for an exchange of information between the council and the office holder if there has been any change in the department ... so you can better evaluate that at budget (time)," he said.

Commissioners Brian McGalliard, Journay and Aker and council members Harold Towell, Matt Minnich, Faron Parr, Ray Newton, Houchins and Cindy Bracy — she has been elected to the District 4 seat formerly held by Mike Rockwell — and absent Ted Champ, agreed to move forward with drafting the elimination of salary ordinance.

Also Wednesday, council and commissioners reviewed the strategic investment plan created for the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program. Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards explained the plan has been submitted for review and will need to adopt the final plan in coming months.

Pathway committees met during the last few months to create a strategic investment plan for how to use incoming American Rescue Plan Act funds. The county has about \$4 million to use, as well as an additional \$1 million from the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program for being a designated community. In order to secure an additional \$1 million, county officials will need to allot about a third of the funds toward projects included in the plan.

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## Rural areas need investment

(Editor's note: This story from Indiana Capital Chronicle is being broken into three parts and will run today, Friday and Saturday.)

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Rural Hoosiers "desperately" need state leaders and lawmakers to make greater investments in Indiana's lesser-populated regions, especially as the younger and more educated workforce moves to more urban areas of the state.

### Report indicates help is 'desperately' needed

That's according to a new report released Wednesday by the Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute, an Indianapolis-based advocacy group that seeks to prevent and end poverty in the state.

The 38-page report is based on surveys of more than 1,000 Hoosiers, including business leaders, elected officials, economic developers and financially vulnerable residents. Rural

researchers were also interviewed. In-depth data analyses and policy reports specific to 40 rural Indiana counties helped inform the briefing, too.

At the heart of the report is a message to policymakers and other stakeholders that — in order to boost the rural Hoosier economy and make rural businesses profitable — "rural people need to thrive."

That isn't the case currently, however.

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## Republicans win control of House

By MELANIE MASON

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

Republicans secured the majority in the U.S. House on Wednesday, boosting the party's ability to stymie President Joe Biden's agenda even though the midterm results stop well short of a mandate from the electorate.

It took more than a week for The Associated Press to determine the GOP had won the 218 seats necessary to control the chamber. The belated milestone underscored Republicans' underwhelming performance in

an election cycle when economic conditions, historical precedent and a sour national mood had been expected to work to their advantage.

The GOP's gains mean Biden will contend with a divided government as he enters the latter half of his term. Democrats have cemented their control of the Senate with 50 seats, and could bolster their ranks further if Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock wins reelection in Georgia's runoff race next month.

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## Orion is off

NASA's Artemis 1 lifts off early Wednesday from launch pad 39-B at Kennedy Space Center, Florida, carrying the Orion spacecraft on a mission to orbit the moon. The Orion capsule is scheduled to splashdown in the Pacific Ocean on Dec. 11 after 25 days in space.



Tribune News Service/Orlando Sentinel/Joe Burbank

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 36 degrees Wednesday with light snow on and off through the afternoon and evening. The low was 30. There is a chance of flurries

tonight with possible snow showers to follow with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour and a low of 21.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

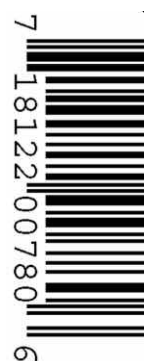
After opening Friday, Winterfest activities will continue Saturday with a Kids Breakfast and Carnival from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at East Jay Elementary School.

The Parade of Lights is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Saturday on Meridian Street in Portland.

### Coming up

**Friday** — Results from tonight's JCHS girls wrestling match against Columbia City.

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.



# Freeze ...

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Projects listed in a summary of the plan are: broadband expansion, child care services, housing, recovery and reintegration, blight elimination, manufacturing, marketing, youth engagement, mixed-use spaces, crisis intervention, improving sidewalks or trails, assessing utilization of downtown buildings in relation to landlord challenges, in-patient mental health and pop-up restaurants. (The projects were listed in order of prioritization by the core team, which consisted of The Portland Foundation director Doug Inman, Jay School Corporation assistant superintendent Trent Paxson, former Jay County Community Development director Christy Shau-

ver, Aker, Houchins and Richards.)  
Richards asked county officials Wednesday to let him know if they think there is anything missing from the plan or anything that should not be included in the plan. Commissioners and council agreed to review the plan and meet with Richards to discuss any potential edits.  
During its meeting following the joint session, council agreed to use \$6,375 from the Economic Development Income Tax fund for a water and wastewater analysis on land just inside the western limits of the City of Portland. Jay County Commissioners agreed Monday to pay for the analysis on about 68 acres owned by Christopher and Tracy Muhlenkamp just north of Indiana 67.

“I just see this as kind of like an insurance policy,” said McGalliard, noting it will determine if the land will need costly additional upgrades to utilities and play a part in whether the county should consider purchasing it. “This is the very first baby step in that process.”  
In other business, council:  
•Approved a contract with consulting firm Baker Tilly. The company will be providing a comprehensive for the county’s budget moving forward — Baker Tilly will be paid hourly and is not to exceed \$30,000 — as well as help and training with financial software for Jay County Treasurer’s Office for an estimated cost of about \$17,000.  
•Adopted a resolution to be involved with Indiana Bond

Bank’s fuel budget program, which should act as insurance for the county in relation to rising and unpredictable fuel prices, according to the program’s website. The group has not yet set its rates, noted Aker, and once it does commissioners will review the figures and determine if they want to adopt the resolution. (The deadline is Dec. 1.)  
•Were reminded Jay County Personnel Committee meets at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday to discuss pay for Jay County Highway Department employees as well as look into updating the personnel policy handbook, which has not been reviewed since 2019.  
•Made several additional appropriations, including: \$50,000 in allocated economic development wind farm funds to

Redkey; \$50,000 to Jay County Development Corporation for MakeMyMove, a recruitment program aimed to bring 18 new residents to the community; \$39,790 for installing fiber internet access to Jay County Highway Department and Jay County Country Living (Houchins said there was no extra charge to extend the service to the residential center); \$35,000 to West Jay Community Center for new furnaces; and \$20,666.30 for the highway department’s new salt barn.  
•Approved several transfers, including \$30,000 from Jay County Jail’s repair equipment fund to its medical and hospital fund and \$10,000 from Jay County Sheriff Department’s equipment repair fund to its gas, lube and oil fund.

## CR almanac

Friday 11/18	Saturday 11/19	Sunday 11/20	Monday 11/21	Tuesday 11/22
<b>29/16</b> There’s a chance of snow flurries early. Otherwise windy, with a low of 16 degrees at night.	<b>32/12</b> Mostly sunny skies, with wind gusts reaching up to 25 mph. The low at night may hit the low teens.	<b>28/20</b> Sunday looks to be sunny, with temperatures sticking in the 20s throughout the day.	<b>43/26</b> Monday’s weather looks like sunny skies with highs in the low 40s.	<b>48/31</b> Sunny skies are on the horizon for Tuesday with highs jumping to the upper 40s.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$93 million	Quick Draw: 2-3-6-10-16-17-19-22-26-36-47-51-52-53-55-61-65-66-75-78 Cash 5: 1-6-7-15-18
<b>Mega Millions</b> 6-19-28-46-61 Mega Ball: 18 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$238 million	Estimated jackpot: \$178,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 9-4-5 Daily Four: 3-0-0-9 Quick Draw: 7-9-12-15-22-25-26-27-34-37-42-43-47-52-56-60-65-69-71-77 Evening Daily Three: 5-8-2 Daily Four: 6-8-7-7	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 5-6-4 Pick 4: 8-0-8-7 Pick 5: 7-1-8-0-8 Evening Pick 3: 7-2-5 Pick 4: 5-1-2-2 Pick 5: 3-2-1-6-9 Rolling Cash: 5-7-10-21-39 Estimated jackpot: \$219,000

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.79 Dec. corn.....6.76 Wheat.....6.49	Wheat.....7.58 Dec. wheat.....7.58
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.79 Dec. corn.....6.74 Jan. corn.....6.68	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.50 Late Nov. corn.....6.50 Beans.....13.98 Late Nov. beans.....13.98 Wheat.....8.06
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.50 Dec. corn.....6.55 Beans.....13.83 Dec. beans.....14.03	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.19 Dec. corn.....6.29 Beans.....13.78 Dec. beans.....13.83 Wheat.....7.59

## Today in history

**In 1800**, Congress held its first session in Washington, D.C. It had met in New York City’s Federal Hall and Philadelphia’s Congress Hall prior to making the move to the newly constructed Capitol.  
**In 1972**, the Portland High School boys basketball team won its season opener 68-62 over the Redkey Wolves. Dave Rowland’s 19 points led the Panthers while Bob Turpen had a game-high 21 for Redkey.  
**In 1973**, President Richard Nixon held a press conference in which he declared “I am not a crook” during the Watergate scandal. He would resign the presidency in the midst of the scandal the next year.  
**In 2021**, Hannah Knapke of Fort Recovery was sentenced to 17.5 years in prison, with 7.5 years suspended, after pleading guilty to manslaughter in connection with the 2020 shooting death of Shea Briar. —The CR

## Citizen’s calendar

<b>Today</b> 5:30 p.m. — Redkey Town Council special meeting, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St., Redkey. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St., Redkey.	Council executive session, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, Fort Recovery High School, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
<b>Friday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor’s office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland.	
<b>Monday</b> 5 p.m. — Portland City	

# Leaders see nothing intentional

By NATALIA DROZDIAK, WOJCIECH MOSKWA and ALBERTO NARDELLI  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

NATO and Poland’s leaders said there is no indication that a missile that struck Polish territory late Tuesday was an intentional Russian attack as governments in the military alliance moved to defuse the incident.  
“Our preliminary analysis suggests that the incident was likely caused by a Ukrainian air defense missile fired to defend Ukrainian territory against Russian cruise missile attacks,” Jens Stoltenberg, the secre-

tary general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, told reporters after a meeting in Brussels.  
Polish President Andrzej Duda said his country is unlikely to invoke Article 4 of the NATO charter, which would trigger consultations on a military response.  
The assessment matched that of President Joe Biden, who told allies on the sidelines of a Group of 20 summit in Indonesia that the explosion near the Ukrainian border was caused by Kyiv’s air defenses, according to two officials familiar with the matter. The American leader still said the strike was ulti-

mately sparked by the Russian missile barrage on Ukraine.  
The findings defuse what looked to be a significant escalation in the conflict, with U.S. and European leaders grappling with a potential response if Russia’s nine-month invasion of Ukraine were to spill over to the 30-member military alliance. Ukraine was hit by the biggest barrage of missile attacks since the invasion began in February on Tuesday, knocking out power to a broad swathe of the country, including the capital Kyiv.  
“Most likely, this was an unfortunate accident,”

Duda told reporters in Warsaw on Wednesday. Still, “practically the entire territory of Ukraine was under bombardment, in particular the areas near the border.”  
“That’s why the Russian side is definitely to blame for what happened yesterday,” he said.  
The explosion killed two people at the Polish village of Przewodow, about 4 miles from the Ukrainian border. The incident sparked a flurry of diplomatic consultations from Warsaw to Bali overnight and an emergency meeting of NATO ambassadors in Brussels on Wednesday.

# Need ...

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Rural Indiana’s economy is increasingly vulnerable to job loss, population decline, and shrinking prosperity, as educated young people leave for more opportunities in urban areas and low-paying service jobs replace good-paying manufacturing jobs, according to the report.  
According to a Kelley School of Business report, census data shows the 44 Indiana counties that are part of a metropolitan statistical area combined to grow by 6.3% over the past decade. Meanwhile, the state’s 48 non-metro counties as a group declined by 0.9% over the same period.  
As the rural economy struggles, business vulnerability is also rising — automation, offshoring and low educational attainment in the workforce threaten business competitiveness. That challenge is heightened by a lack of critical industrial infrastructure, including broadband and insufficient quality housing stock to attract workers of all incomes.  
The Hoosiers who rely on those struggling employers for their financial well-being are also increasingly vulnerable, the report

notes. It’s becoming harder to find good jobs that pay enough to support their families. Even when those jobs are available, a lack of affordable child care and unreliable transportation make it even harder to commute to work and stay employed.  
“Tragically, hard work just isn’t enough to get ahead anymore for too many struggling Hoosiers in rural communities,” the report said.  
The 40 counties classified in the report as “rural” each have a total population of less than 40,000 and density that is below 100 people per square mile. The largest city in each county additionally has a population that is less than 10,000 residents.  
Collectively, the counties are home to nearly 900,000 Hoosiers, accounting for 13% of the state’s residents.  
By most high-level economic measures, “rural Indiana performs quite well,” according to the policy institute. In rural Indiana counties: •Median household income (\$52,237) is only slightly lower than in urban/non-rural Indiana (\$56,491)  
•The unemployment rate (2.3%)

is slightly lower than in the state as a whole (2.5%), as of May 2022.  
•A rural poverty rate for Black, Indigenous and other non-white families is lower than in urban areas — although the poverty rate is still twice as high as the poverty rate for white families in rural Indiana.  
The report attributes much of this success to the abundant assets in rural Hoosier communities — like natural resources, a strong base of experienced manufacturing workers, and “a great quality of life,” emphasizing that “rural Hoosiers love their communities.”  
Moreover, rural Hoosiers interviewed for the report expressed a strong satisfaction for the “quality of place” in their communities. More than two thirds of financially well-off rural Hoosiers reported being satisfied with the safety, schools and overall quality of their neighborhoods. More than half of financially vulnerable Hoosiers said they feel the same, according to survey results.  
“This reinforces the message we heard over and over again — rural Hoosiers love their communities and want to stay there,” the report’s authors wrote.

# Control ...

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Republicans had projected confidence of a “red wave” that would yield at least a dozen House seats. But Democrats’ surprising strength, powered largely by voter outrage over the Supreme Court’s reversal of federal abortion protections, blunted the GOP’s edge to single digits.  
The GOP clinched its majority with a victory by Rep. Mike Garcia, who defeated Democrat Christy Smith in a northern Los Angeles County district that Biden won by 12 points two years ago. The race was called by the AP, although official results will take longer.  
“Republicans have officially flipped the People’s House! Americans are ready for a new direction, and House Republicans are ready to deliver,” House GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy said on Twitter soon after the news was official.  
Biden congratulated McCarthy and pledged a willingness to collaborate with the other party, reiterating his call to move past “political warfare.”  
“The American people want us to get things done for them,” he said. “They want us to focus on the issues that matter to them and on making their lives better. And I will work with anyone — Republi-

can or Democrat — willing to work with me to deliver results for them.”  
A Republican House is widely expected to clash with Biden on policy, including potential stand-offs over raising the debt limit and providing more aid to Ukraine. GOP members have also threatened impeachment proceedings against the president or his Cabinet members and have vowed to launch multiple investigations, particularly into allegations against Hunter Biden, the president’s son.  
The smaller size of the GOP conference, though, heightens its ideological fissures. Many of the incoming members from deep-red districts hail

from the far right wing of the party loyal to former President Donald Trump, even as party figures grow increasingly vocal about Trump’s drag on the party. A bare-bones majority means that a single or a small handful of defectors can have an outsized impact on the GOP’s agenda.  
McCarthy, who has doggedly pursued the speakership, has played down disappointment that his party’s pickups weren’t greater.  
“Remember, in the House, they don’t give gavels out by ‘small,’ ‘medium’ and ‘large.’ They just give you the gavel,” McCarthy told Fox News’ Jesse Watters,

referring to the symbol of House control. “And we’re going to be able to govern.”  
The narrow margin leaves McCarthy little room for error as the Californian seeks the votes to become the next speaker. While McCarthy had assiduously worked to strengthen alliances with the party’s most conservative flank, he nevertheless faced open hostilities from the right after he led the party to a lackluster midterm showing.

### SERVICES

**Friday**

**Brunson**, Rebecca: 11 a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.  
**Miller**, Max: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Saturday**

**Study**, Jon: 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 215 S. Center Ave., Gaylord, Michigan.

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### The Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County, a Christian, pro-life ministry is seeking an Executive Director.

Strong communication, leadership, and people skills is a must. Candidate should be comfortable working with women regarding reproductive issues, also dealing with crisis and personal situations that may include domestic violence. Duties include managing volunteer and paid staff, overseeing budget, fund raising and public relations. It is preferred that candidates should possess 3-year management/supervisory experience.

The Pregnancy Care Center is a 501 (c)3non-profit. Application packets are available for pick up Monday - Friday between the hours of 1-5pm. Applications and Resume should be returned by December 12th. Stop by the Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County located in downtown Portland Indiana at 216 South Meridian Street.

**Questions - phone 260-726-8636**

# Abused widow finds happiness

DEAR ABBY: I have been a widow for six months. My late husband was a physically and verbally abusive alcoholic. I spent numerous nights in the ER waiting to be seen and nursed many black eyes throughout the years. During all those years of abuse, which was witnessed by numerous friends and family, I remained faithful and dedicated to him and our marriage, but due to the toxicity of our relationship I was severely depressed and needed antidepressants. I tried many times to get him help and had family interventions, only to end up being threatened with getting all my teeth knocked out.

My dilemma is that one of our friends has become more than just a friend. This man is a kind, caring individual and has done more for me this last couple of weeks than my husband did my entire marriage. I have been so happy recently, but I feel guilty for feeling this way and wonder if I should be ashamed for not grieving longer. I feel maybe I'm doing

Dear Abby



something wrong by being happy and not having to deal with the abuse. What do you think? — SURVIVOR IN VIRGINIA

**DEAR SURVIVOR:** What I think is that you should be grateful you are free of your abusive late husband. I see no reason why you should feel guilty for not grieving the death of that disturbed individual.

That said, it's very important you take your time before getting into another exclusive relationship. You are extremely vulnerable now. You need to heal from the years of abuse you experienced, and possibly receive counseling to ensure you don't drift toward the "familiar" or overlook warning signs of another potential abuser.



## FFA convention

Eighteen Fort Recovery FFA members attended the national convention from Oct. 25 to Oct. 28 in Indianapolis. Four students from Fort Recovery received their American FFA degree, the highest degree a member can receive. (Only 117 students have received the award in chapter history.) Pictured left are American FFA degree recipients AJ Romer and Kendra Metzger. Not pictured are Connor Gower and Clark Knapke.

Pictured below are members who attended the weeklong trip. From left, front row, are Alayna Laux, Miranda Metzger, Elizabeth Alig, Allison Knapke, Lindsey Wendel, Megan Metzger, Ella Westgerdes, Liz Hartings and Holli Fortman, and in the back row are Gabe Acheson, Evan Keller, Ethan Evers, Matthew Romer, Alex Dues, Lillie Heitkamp, Tyler Wendel, Lane Ward and Liberty Pohlman.



## Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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

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

## Community Calendar

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

### Today

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

**EN AVANT CLUB** — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

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

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

**NATIONAL SOCIETY**

**OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER** — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at Jay County Historical Museum. Jim Waechter of Museum of the Solider will be the speaker. Any woman 18 or older who can prove lineage to a Revolutionary War patriot may join. For more information, call Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

**PORTLAND LIONS CLUB** — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

**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.

**FORGET-ME-NOT** — A support group for parents, friends and relatives

who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

### Friday

**DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

**CINCINNATUS LEAGUE** — Will meet at noon Friday, Nov. 18, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

### 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.

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**MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER** — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is [museumofthesoldier.com](http://museumofthesoldier.com).

### 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.

**Find Local Businesses & Services**

This local business listing runs 4 times a month with packages of either \$25, or \$50. Give us a call at 260-726-8141 to be included

<p><b>Fortkamp Foam</b> 3216 Wabash Road Fort Recovery, OH 45846 419-852-1390 <a href="http://Fortkampfoam.com">Fortkampfoam.com</a></p>	<p><b>Hopkins Repair, LLC</b> Auto &amp; light truck repair Mon-Fri. • 7am-4pm Call Scott Hopkins 260-251-0459</p>	<p><b>Adair Processing</b> 190 N. Union St. Pennville, IN 260-731-3221</p>
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# Hoosiers don't know where we are

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Officially there are 838,000 Hoosiers (13% of the population) below the federal poverty level. But that's not close to the full story. It's the poverty of opportunity and the poverty of thought in our state that also deserves attention.

Poor quality of education, matched with poor expectations, results in a poverty of opportunity. The poverty of thought in our state administration and legislature, conjoined with the same in many of our local governments, is the seed corn for the poverty of opportunity.

To escape these depressing aspects of reality in Indiana, we do have thoughtful and inspiring work done by a number of

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institutions and organizations statewide. To highlight one is not to deny the others.

Traces magazine is published quarterly by the Indiana Historical Society. The summer 2022 issue featured a biography by Wes Gehring (Ball State University) of Sydney Pollack, Hoosier born and raised, film director.

If you love movies, you recall "Three Days of the Condor," "Tootsie," "The Way We Were"

and "The Electric Horseman," all directed by Pollack. All were movies with a message delivered without a sermon.

Pollack was born in Lafayette and grew up in South Bend. He escaped at 17 to New York City. Most of his brilliant work focused on characters oppressed by their social environment.

Ray Boomhower, editor of Traces, opens the issue with a polite damning of Hoosier indifference to reality. He reminds readers that John Bartlow Martin's "Indiana: An Interpretation" (1947) is still pertinent reading.

Martin, born in Ohio, was educated in Indiana and, upon graduation from DePauw University and his first successful freelance work, left the state.

The past is the present in Indiana.

If Indiana is to become more than the wastewater of the nation, it must educate its residents. Yes, residents. It's no longer an issue to be brushed off as a failure of our public schools. Hoosier adults, by-and-large, are ignorant perpetrators of discredited political and economic thoughts.

Indiana will not attract the workforce it seeks with the beliefs of the bully boys from the boonies who populate our General Assembly. Even worse are the thousands of "community leaders" who will not oppose one-party rule at the local, county and state level. Fair redistricting is not a 1950s Communist plot.

There are voices of reason in this state. There are thousands of people with good morals who understand that the rewards in life should result from what we do for others, not to others.

Our immediate need is to understand Indiana today. We play at strategic planning, but often we forecast a tomorrow like yesterday.

As Pollack quotes Isak Dinesen in *Out of Africa*, "the Earth was made round so that we would not see too far down the road."

Many Hoosiers don't even know where we are on that road.

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# Finally, we get a bit of a break

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

On the day before the election, a meme began circulating on social media with a girl dressed as Little Orphan Annie belting out a song.

"Tomorrow, tomorrow, the commercials end tomorrow," the caption read. "It's only a day away."

Voters everywhere were singing a similar tune.

A reporter for Minnesota Public Radio interviewed a voter named Lee Miller outside an early voting location in Stillwater, Minnesota.

"I'm so sick of seeing them," Miller said. "It's just ... how much hate people can have towards each other? On both sides."

From television ads to mailings, the mudslinging seemed relentless.

"I mean, it's one ad against one of them," Miller said, "and another ad against the other one."

In the same parking lot, a voter named Kelly Findlay expressed a similar sentiment.

"I think that they're much more divisive," she said, "and I feel like there's way too many of them and way too much money spent on them."

Miller is already bracing for what comes next.

"I sort of fear what's going to happen in the next year or two, depending on what these elections are across all the states and in the federal government," he said. "So it's just going to be worse, more of the same against each other, at each other's throats."

Minnesota is not unique. Ads across the country seemed particularly nasty this year, and the meanness seemed to grow as Election Day drew closer.

None of this should be surprising. Political campaigns are often messy, and the ads they generate frequently distort the truth. Perhaps more troubling is that many of these ads are sponsored by political action committees who aren't directly linked to the individual candidates.

Why do politicians insist on spreading these ugly messages? The reason is simple. Because they work.

"It triggers a stronger reaction," David Schweidel, a professor of mar-

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Research indicates that negative advertising actually drives down voter participation.

keting at Emory University, told Atlanta's WXIA Channel 11 for a report during the 2020 election. "I might want to get you to like the ad, but that's not my primary objective. My primary objective is to get you to vote."

Or not to vote. Research indicates that negative advertising actually drives down voter participation.

Days before that Little Orphan Annie post made its appearance on social media, a somewhat different message was making the rounds.

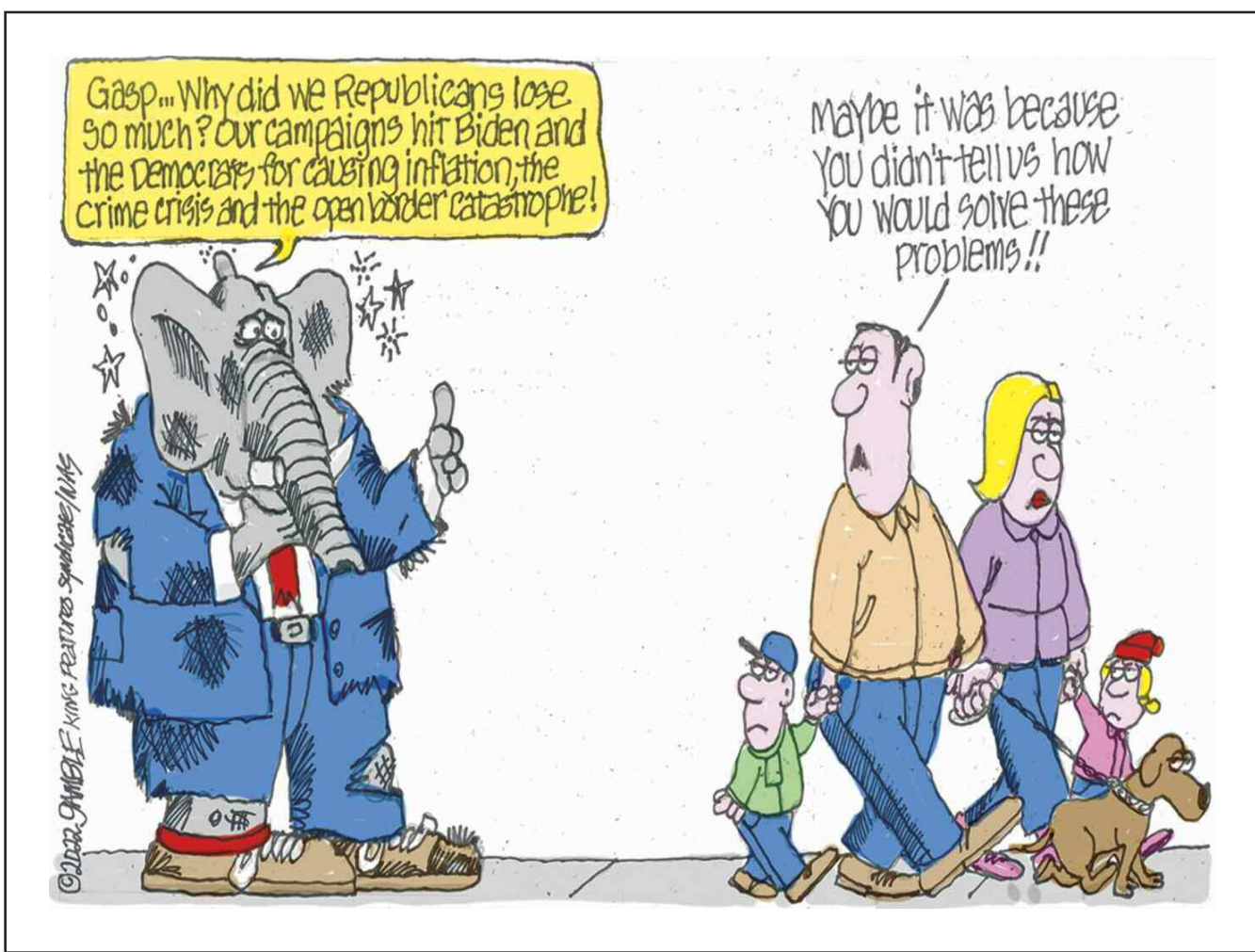
"Jesus, please watch over our election," it said. "May good prevail over evil."

That, in just a few words, sums up what is wrong with today's politics. Too many people on both sides of the divide see an election as a fight between good and evil.

It doesn't have to be this way. Political opponents don't have to hate each other. We can, in the words of the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, "disagree without being disagreeable."

Ginsburg lived her life that way. She and the late Antonin Scalia were steadfast in their friendship even though they rarely came down on the same side of a decision.

We would all do well to follow that example.



# DeSantis, Abbott showed the way

By NICOLE RUSSELL

Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
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FORT WORTH, Texas — Though the House and Senate are still hanging in the balance, it's clear Republicans did not sweep the nation with the "red wave" of conservative wins like they hoped. If anything, it was more of a red trickle.

Semantics aside, one thing is clear: Gov. Ron DeSantis swept Florida by nearly 20%, an incredible margin by anyone's standards. Texas' own Gov. Greg Abbott bested Beto O'Rourke, the left's most popular gubernatorial challenger, by 11%. Conservatives should look to DeSantis and Abbott for an explanation and direction forward.

Unlike many conservative candidates who narrowly won or even lost, neither DeSantis nor Abbott tiptoed around their core beliefs. Both also focused on governing competency. DeSantis and Abbott went hard on what some people call 2022's version of the culture wars: Lockdowns, mandates, education, "woke" corporations.

Really, this is all just liberty. DeSantis and Abbott went all-in on competence and freedom, which turned out to be a winning combination.

In his rousing victory speech, DeSantis said: "We saw freedom and our very way of life, in so many other jurisdictions in this country, wither on the vine. Florida held the line. We chose facts over fear, we chose education over indoctrination, we chose law and order over rioting and disorder. Florida was a refuge of sanity when the world went mad. We stood as a citadel of freedom for people across this country and across the world."

## Nicole Russell



DeSantis couldn't be more right. A politician with an authoritarian bent believes he or she knows what is best for everyone. A leader who values competence and liberty equally knows that letting people have freedom of choice while offering a solid framework of boundaries, laws and consequences for those choices is how people really thrive.

The pandemic provided an apt example. During the pandemic, Abbott and DeSantis issued brief quarantine orders, but after analyzing the data on COVID-19 and its spread, they decided to reopen Texas and Florida. Ultimately, mask mandates were lifted after a short time, people were allowed to reopen their businesses, and children were allowed to learn in-person at school.

Compared to other parts of the country, some of which remained in strict lockdown for almost two years, this was a breath of fresh air, an indictment of government overreach, and most importantly, a boon for liberty. Both governors had the competence to see the right thing and follow through with it, even though they were in the minority and scolded for it.

Their courage has paid off. People are leaving states that locked down for years, like California and New York, and flocking to Florida and Texas in droves. Liberty coupled with competence is magnetic.

In his victory speech, Abbott said he ran for office again for "parents who just want to be able to choose the school that's best for their child." In the last few years, DeSantis has supported parents' advocating for their kids' and the content they consume in school. As governor, he listened to them when they disagreed with progressive ideas in schools.

Letting parents help determine what their children learn, shunning liberal indoctrination in schools, refusing to give in to "woke" ideas, laying down boundaries, facts, and data and choosing to honor those, refusing to implement income taxes — these are things that the electorate clearly wants.

DeSantis and Abbott share another commonality: Both men were careful not to lean too much on former President Donald Trump in their re-election campaigns or obsess about the integrity of the 2020 election results. This paid off. Other staunch Trump allies, like Rep. Lauren Boebert of Colorado, Senate candidate Mehmet Oz in Pennsylvania and Michigan governor candidate Tudor Dixon — likely in part due to their vocal alignment with the former president, who refuses to acknowledge the 2020 election results.

Abbott and DeSantis focused on the best ways to make two of the largest states operate effectively, championing low taxes, listening to what the people want, and letting them make their own choices within a reasonable framework of laws. This strategy increased their competence and marked them as leaders who love liberty. It's the path forward for the GOP.

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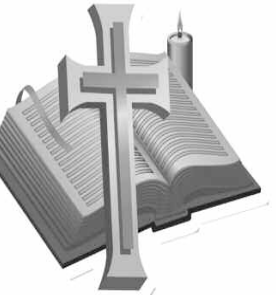


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fccfcrecovery.org

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Everett Bilbrey Jr.  
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**Fort Recovery United Methodist**  
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(419) 678-2071  
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**Geneva First United Methodist**  
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Barry McCune  
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**Geneva Nazarene**  
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.  
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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**St. Peter Catholic**  
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Rev. Alexander Witt  
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Scott McClain  
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Sunday school: 10:30 a.m.  
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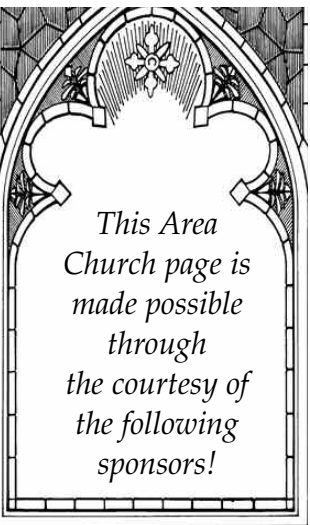
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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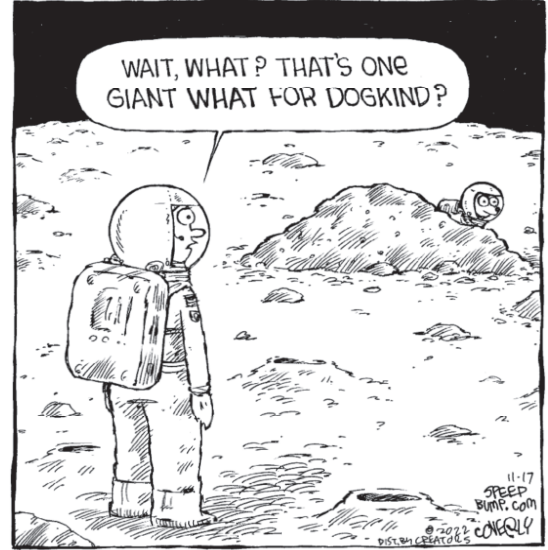
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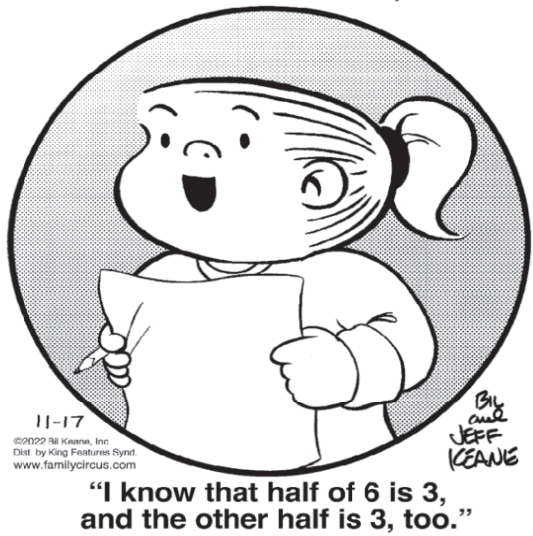
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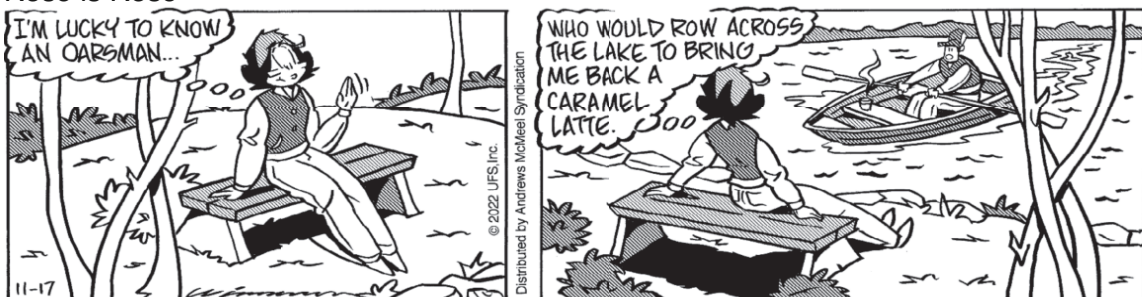
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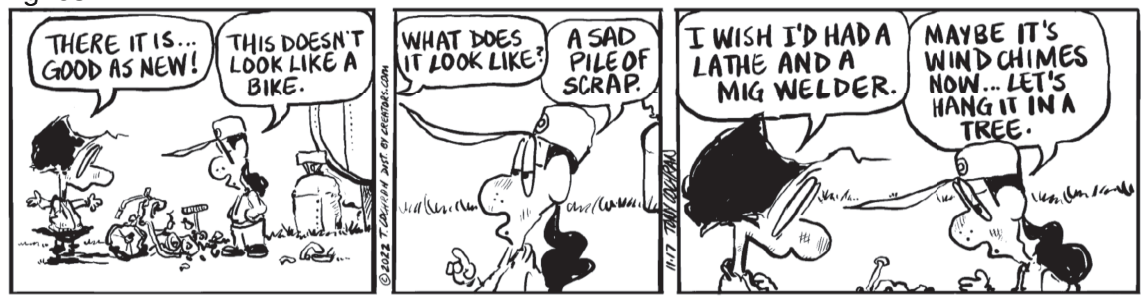
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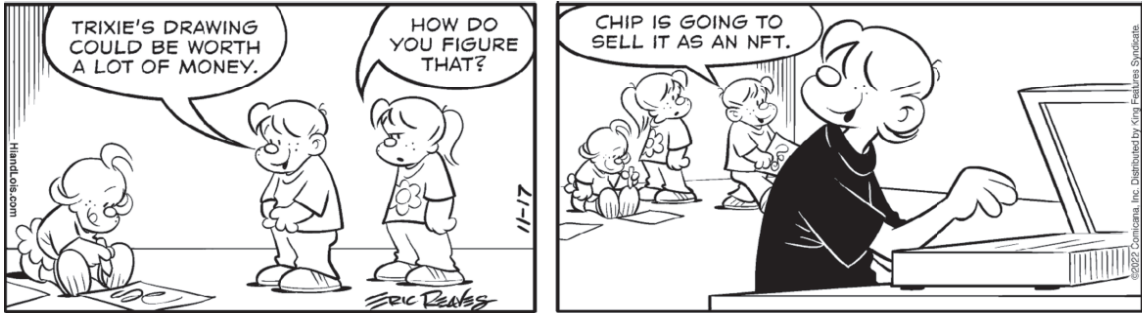
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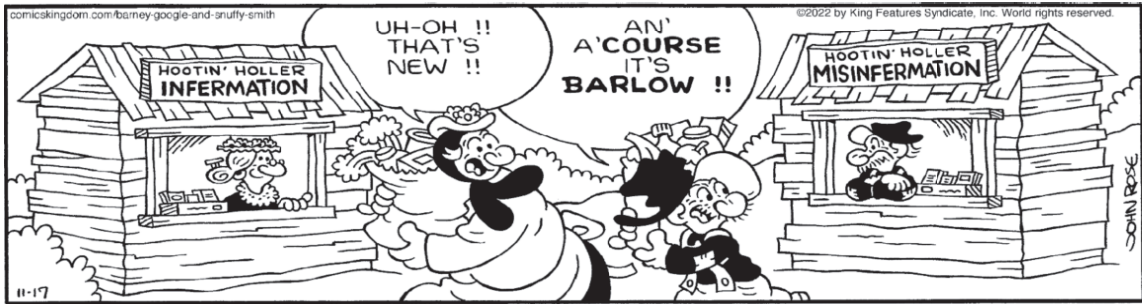
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# Process ...

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“So we just passed and cut and screened away. And then when we felt good, we got a good lane, we attacked. ... It feels different. Our offense moves a lot differently.”  
Using a motion offense means the team will be somewhat position-less, with most players able to step out and shoot or attack inside.  
“I think this is a team that’s going to surprise some people,” said Gann, “because ... we don’t have one person that (opposing teams) need to worry about. They need to worry about five of us. ... I feel like we’re very

spread across. These girls really work hard and work well together.”  
On defense, Gann plans to implement circumstantial pressure. Some defenders will be in the face of the ball handler, others will give more of a cushion.  
The Indians are hoping to be able to improve on last year’s 7-17 record. With such a young group, they also have a lot of room for growth.  
“We’ve got to win some games,” said Gann. “But more importantly for these guys, it’s continuing to grow the ability and the want to compete. We’ve got to get them

hungry. I think through that hard work and determination, you become hungrier to win.  
“And so the end result is obviously winning. But sometimes building and teaching how to compete and how to want to win is the journey, it’s the process. If winning was easy, everybody could do it. It’s the process that becomes hard part.”  
She said she believes she’s got a group of players with the desire and chemistry to go through that process.  
“It’s fun to be around,” Gann added. “It reminds me of all the reasons why I coach.”

## 2022-23 schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Saturday, Nov. 17	Arcanum	6 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 28	Mississinawa Valley	6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 1	New Bremen	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Dec. 3</b>	<b>Jay County</b>	<b>noon</b>
<b>Thursday, Dec. 8</b>	<b>Parkway</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Tuesday, Dec. 13	St. Marys	6 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Dec. 15</b>	<b>Versailles</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Tuesday, Dec. 20	Wapakoneta	6 p.m.
<b>Friday, Dec. 23</b>	<b>Tri-Village</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Thursday, Jan. 5	St. John’s	7 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Jan. 12</b>	<b>Coldwater</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Jan. 14	Ansonia	noon
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 17</b>	<b>South Adams</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Thursday, Jan. 19	Marion Local	6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 21	Franklin Monroe	noon
<b>Monday, Jan. 23</b>	<b>Indian Lake</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, Jan. 26</b>	<b>St. Henry</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, Jan. 28</b>	<b>Troy Christian</b>	<b>noon</b>
<b>Thursday, Feb. 2</b>	<b>Minster</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Tuesday, Feb. 7	Celina	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 9	New Knoxville	6 p.m.
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# Astros’ ace wins 3rd Cy Young

By MICHAEL SHAPIRO  
Houston Chronicle  
Tribune News Service  
Justin Verlander continues to add to his Hall of Fame credentials after his age-39 season.  
The Houston Astros ace captured his third career Cy Young award in unanimous fashion Wednesday night as he earned every first-place vote. Verlander’s teammate and World Series hero Framber Valdez finished fifth in the voting.  
According to MLB Network’s Jon Morosi, Verlander is the first pitcher to win the award after not throwing an MLB inning in the previous season.  
Verlander is now one of 11 pitchers in baseball history to win a trio of Cy Young awards, and his 2022 campaign was arguably the best of his 15 full seasons in the majors. Verlander led the American League with a 1.75 ERA, and he posted his lowest single-season walk total en route to the league lead in WHIP. The advanced metrics paint an even brighter picture of Verlander’s brilliance, as his 220 ERA+ is the fourth-best mark of all single seasons since 2000.  
The future Hall of Famer limped out of the gate in the 2022 postseason, but he quickly rebounded with an 11-strikeout masterpiece against the Yankees in Game 1 of the ALCS. The Fall Classic brought Verlander a moment of catharsis. He held the Phillies to one run over five grinding innings in Game 5, and he earned his first victory in a World Series game after eight previous winless starts.  
The Astros secured the title two nights later, giving Verlander his second career championship.  
Verlander is one of five pitchers in baseball history with five or more seasons of 250-plus strikeouts. Only four pitchers in the modern era have a better career ERA+. He is the lone active pitcher with 3,000 career innings and 3,000 career strikeouts.

# Ryan speech was inspiration

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

INDIANAPOLIS — It was the day after the devastating loss in New England, and Indianapolis Colts general manager Chris Ballard was addressing the team about the decision to fire head coach Frank Reich.  
The meeting was about to adjourn and the reeling players would head their separate ways. But Matt Ryan had something to say.  
Despite losing his starting job two weeks earlier, the veteran quarterback delivered a passionate speech to his teammates about the importance of sticking together and not allowing the season to spiral out of control.  
It was a prime example of the rare leadership Ryan possesses, and it set the tone for a wild week capped by a 25-20 victory Sunday against the Las Vegas Raiders.



Tribune News Service/Las Vegas Review-Journal/Erik Verduzco

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Matt Ryan (2) gets ready to snap the ball for a play Sunday against the Raiders in the second half at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas.

“He’s such a vocal leader, and he’s just a good leader in general,” safety Julian Blackmon said Wednesday at the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center. “He fires his guys on offense up. Last week, they were really turned up in practice, and it kind of excited all of us on defense because we already play with an edge on defense. So to see the offense willing to step up to the challenge and play the way that they did, it was really good to see.”  
A week after scoring just three points against the Patriots and going 0-for-14 on third down, the Colts (4-5-1) put together their most complete offensive performance of the season.  
They rushed for a season-high 208 yards while averaging 6.9 yards per carry and surrendered just a single sack.  
Ryan kept things balanced by going 21-of-28 for 222 yards and a touchdown without an interception, but his words early in the

week might have been just as impactful as his performance on game day.  
He’d been through this just two years ago when the Atlanta Falcons fired head coach Dan Quinn after an 0-5 start, and he wanted to make sure his teammates’ minds were in the right place — even if he still was unsure when, or if, he’d be able to rejoin them on the field.  
“It was just kind of letting the guys know I had been through a similar type situation to this in Atlanta with the length of the season still remaining ... and that it’s just going to be about this group — the guys in this locker room coming together and playing for each other and playing for themselves,” Ryan said. “I think that there’s gonna be a lot

of changes that are going on here, regardless of how the rest of the season shakes out. And these guys have a lot of career in front of them, and so what they do and how they do it and how they come back to work that Wednesday matters.  
“Regardless of your feelings on how everything has shaken out, how we go out there and how we perform and how we work is the standard we have for ourselves in this room. And it was just kind of hammering home that message.”  
The message meshed well interim head coach Jeff Saturday’s decision to empower the leaders in the locker room to take control of the season.  
Ryan’s words reminded his teammates they control their

performance regardless of the head coach.  
“He’s one of the greatest leaders I’ve met,” defensive tackle DeForest Buckner said. “With all the experience that he’s had in this league leading men, just telling the guys we’re really gonna be the ones to turn things around and guys gotta wake up. And I feel like the guys took it obviously to heart.  
“It doesn’t matter if it’s a new coach, same coach, old coach, the way we’ve been playing was unacceptable, and just what you put on tape, that’s your resume. Guys really took it to heart, and I feel like a lot of guys woke up. And obviously with Jeff coming in as well, the energy he’s brought and the type of accountability he’s brought in with himself as well, it’s been great.”

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# Sports

## It's a process

**The Indian girls have a small, inexperienced roster, but Gann believes work ethic, chemistry can carry them**

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

The Indians are short on experience.

They're also short on numbers.

What coach Holly Gann is banking on is that their team chemistry, work ethic and heart will be able to overcome those limitations.

The Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team has just one senior and two of its top six players returning from last season as it prepares to open its season Saturday at Arcanum.

"Our goal every day is to be able to learn and grow," said Gann, a 2007 FRHS graduate who is in her fourth year coaching the Indians. "Every day we've got to get better and learn something new. And so far I've been so impressed with how well they've been working together and doing that."

The Tribe was originally scheduled to open Friday against Crestview, but that game was moved after the Knights advanced to the volleyball state finals.

Junior Cali Wendel and sophomore Kennedy Muhlenkamp return as the only players who saw more than 15 minutes of playing time per game last season.

Wendel, who will be a wing, is the top returning scorer at 4.9 points per game. She hit 14 3-pointers as a sophomore while



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Pictured is the 2022-23 Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team. Front row from left are Elena Matsuda, Maria Bumlai, Ella Westgerdes, Kiana Matsuda, Madison Heitkamp, Lily Schwieterman and Cali Wendel. Back row are coach Holly Gann, Kelsey Gaerke, Saige Leuthold, Karlie Niekamp, Kennedy Muhlenkamp, Maddie Guggenbiller, Eva Kahlig and assistant coach Jeff Vaughn.

dishing out 69 assists, second-most on the team.

Muhlenkamp, who will run the point, averaged 4.5 points per game while grabbing 98 rebounds and adding 24 assists. She shot 78% from the free-throw line, by far the best for the Indians in 2021-22.

"(Cali) got good, quality

minutes for us last year," said Gann. "We expect that same thing out of her. Shooting the ball is a strong suit for her."

"(Kennedy) just moves so well with the ball," she added. "She can shoot. She's tall. She's just one of those athletes that can kind of do it all."

Also returning after getting some varsity minutes last season are sophomore Karlie Niekamp, Madison Guggenbiller — she is the only senior on the team — and Saige Leuthold.

(Kelsey Gaerke, a junior, will be cheering on her team from the bench after suf-

fering an ACL tear during volleyball.)

Gann said she also expects sophomore Eva Kahlig to see varsity playing time this year.

With the smaller crew and no proven high-level scorer, the Indians are going to implement a new offensive philosophy. It will be predi-

cated on moving the ball, limiting possessions and getting high-quality shots.

"We had eight turnovers in our scrimmage, scored 41 points and we were really disciplined," said Gann as she discussed the way she wants her team to play. "We just didn't dribble."

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## Vaughn hits career high

After a pair of off games offensively, Alli Vaughn was ready for a breakout.

Vaughn, a 2021 Fort Recovery High school graduate, poured in a career-high 18 points Friday as the Huntington University women's basketball team came up just short in a 69-67 loss to Indiana University - Southeast.

The sophomore, who had been limited to just six points combined in the previous two games, shot 8-of-13 from the field for her new scoring high. Her previous high was 15 on Nov. 23, 2021, against Bethel.

She also hit a pair of free throws while grabbing five rebounds, dishing out three assists and snagging one steal.

Vaughn followed up that effort with another 16 points Saturday as Huntington (3-4) bounced back to beat IU - East 67-61. She was even better from the field, finishing 8-of-10, while adding five rebounds, three steals, two assists and a block.

She is averaging 10.6 points per game this season, second for the Foresters behind Emily Seboe (11.9). Her 4.1 rebounds per game are third-most on the team and she also averages 2 assists.

### Collegiate Check-up

**Lizzy Dollar Jay County – 2022**

Went 3-2 for the Indiana Tech women's wrestling team Saturday as it placed second at the Adrian College Women's Invitational.

Dollar scored pins in her first two matches at the tournament, defeating Natalie Gonzalez of Aurora in 32 seconds and Alexis Hart-Butcher of the host Bulldogs in 4 minutes, 1 second. She then lost by pin in the quarterfinal to her Indiana Tech teammate, Emma Jones.

The freshman bounced back to defeat Trine's Riley Morrison by pin in the consolation bracket before dropping the fifth-place match by technical fall to another teammate, Isabelle Silva.

**Vivienne Kunkler Jay County – 2019**

Turned in a third-place finish for the Bethel College women's swim team Saturday as it lost to host NAIA No. 5 Olivet Nazarene and No. 9 Indi-

ana Wesleyan in a three-team meet.

Kunkler's best race of the day was the 100-yard breaststroke in which she finished third in 1 minute, 7.03 seconds. She also placed nine in 26.29 in the 50 freestyle.

The senior joined Paula Ronda Bou, Kayla Logeais and Emma McClelland for fourth in the 200 medley relay.

**Eliza Bader Jay County – 2021**

Took fifth place in both of her individual events in the Ball State University in Friday's 189.5-109.5 victory over IUPUI

Bader finished in the No. 5 spot in the 50-yard freestyle in 25.02 seconds. She was also fifth with a time of 1:00.18 in the 100 butterfly.

She joined Makayla Miller, Sophia Kuehn and Jenn Gillen to place fourth in the 400 medley relay and teamed with Lilia Newkirk, Emma Horton and Shelby Crist for fourth in the 400 freestyle relay.

**Olivia Patch FRHS – 2021**

Played for the Hillsdale College women's basketball team Sunday in its 66-55 victory over Quincy.

Patch grabbed one rebound in her less than a minute on the court.

## Sports on tap

**Local schedule**

**Today**  
Jay County — Boys basketball scrimmage vs. Yorktown — 6 p.m.; Girls wrestling and JV boys wrestling vs. Columbia City — 6 p.m.

**Friday**  
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Bellmont — 6 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Jay County — Girls wrestling at Northview — TBA; Girls swimming at Westfield Invitational — 10 a.m.; Girls basketball vs. Winchester — 6 p.m.; JV wrestling at Adams Central — 9 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Arcanum — 6 p.m.; Boys basketball scrimmage vs. Kaide — 10 a.m.

**TV sports**  
**Today**  
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Nebraska at St. John's (FS1)

6:30 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Minnesota at Michigan (BTN)

**Friday**  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Houston Rockets (Bally Indiana)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: New York Knicks at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

**Saturday**  
11 a.m. — College football: Navy at Central Florida (ESPN2)  
Noon — College football: Louisiana at Florida State (Bally Indiana); Illinois at Michigan (ABC); Wisconsin at Nebraska (ESPN); TCU at Baylor; Northwestern at Purdue (FS1); Indiana at Northwigan State (BTN)  
2:15 p.m. — College football: Oregon State at Arizona State (ESPN2)

boys and girls basketball are available now.

Tickets can be purchased from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays in the high school office. They are \$55 for adults and \$35 for students.

All-sport passes are also available for \$150 for adults and \$50 for students. Senior citizen passes are \$30, junior high adult passes are \$25 and junior high student passes are \$10.

**Wrestling registration set**  
A sign-up session is scheduled for kindergarten through second graders who would like to be part of Jay County Wrestling Club.

The club's Little Patriots Program is for those in kindergarten through second grade and focuses on wrestling basics. The registration fee is \$80.

Sign ups will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and 6 p.m. Nov. 29.

**Local notes**

**FR tickets available**  
Season tickets for Fort Recovery

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