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Two dead, 17 wounded



A parent hugs her son Wednesday following an active shooter situation at the Annunciation Church in Minneapolis. An 8-year-old and a 10-year-old were killed before the shooter took his own life. Seventeen others, including 14 children, were wounded.

Attack occurred during children's Mass

By RICHARD CHIN

The Minnesota Star Tribune Tribune News Service

MINNEAPOLIS — The chil-School in south Minneapolis were engaged in the most innocent and peaceful of rituals.

Dressed in their green uniforms, they were praying at the adjacent Annunciation Church at a children's Mass to start the school year.

The Wednesday morning service had barely begun when high velocity rifle fire — as many as 30 to 100 rounds, according to witnesses — started ripping through the windows ing the shooter was felt as far

ing two dead and others wound-

police said, tore through the to mourn the slain students. tight-knit community and far beyond. What Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey referred to as "horrific violence" brought a deadly end to a summer that began with the assassination of a state legislative leader.

The shock and grief from perhaps the worst outbreak of mass violence in Minneapolis since the 2012 Accent Signage killings that left five people dead includ-

Walz and Sen. Amy Klobuchar, The violence, perpetrated by a attended a vigil at the Academy dren of Annunciation Catholic 23-year-old former student, of Holy Angels later Wednesday

Slain as they sat in their pews were an 8- and a 10-year-old. Seventeen others, 14 of them children, were wounded. Seven people, including one adult, remained in critical condition, according to Hennepin Health-

The injured children were between the ages of 6 and 15, according to Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara. The three injured adults were in their 80s.

and striking the children, leav- away as the Vatican. More than All the injured victims are 600 people, including Gov. Tim expected to survive, O'Hara said.

The shooter, armed with a rifle, shotgun and pistol, began firing outside of the church, according to O'Hara.

Identified as 23-year-old Robin Westman, the shooter died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to police.

'This was a deliberate act of violence against innocent children and other people worshipping," O'Hara said.

An Annunciation parent at the 8:15 a.m. Mass said students were packed into their pews when the gunfire began from outside.

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Russian strikes **kill 18** in Kyiv

Ukraine says nearly *600* drones were fired

By OLESIA SAFRANOVA and ALIAKSANDR **KUDRYTSKI**

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

of drone and missile strikes on Kyiv, in defiance of U.S. calls for an end to fighting, as Ukraine and its allies kept up efforts to obtain future security guarantees

Russia unleashed a wave

for the war-torn nation. The Russian attack killed 18 people, including four children, and injured at least 48, Ukrainian authorities said. More bodies are potentially still buried under the rubble, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said

on Telegram. "Russia chooses ballistics instead of the negotiating table," Zelenskyy said in a post on the X platform on Thursday.

Ukrainian air defense said Russia fired nearly 600 drones, two Kinzhal and nine Iskander-M missiles and 20 Kha-101 cruise missiles in strikes across the country overnight. It said 563 drones and 26 of the missiles were shot down.

The assault was the second largest this year, according to Bloomberg calculations based on Ukrainian Air Force data. It came almost two weeks after President Donald Trump abandoned U.S. de mands for Russia to agree to a ceasefire to allow for peace talks at his summit Russian leader with Vladimir Putin in Alaska.

Trump held back from imposing sanctions on Russia after U.S. officials claimed Putin agreed at the summit to accept secuguarantees Ukraine as part of a peace deal, though there has been no sign of progress on an agreement so far.

See Kill page 2

Leaders break silence, petition delivered

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

The Indiana General Assembly's leaders on Wednesday broke their weekslong silence on the push to redraw the state's congressional boundaries, a day after visiting the White House.

But neither House Speaker Todd Huston nor Senate President Pro Tempore Rodric Brav took a position.

Meanwhile, voting rights advocates delivered two thick stacks of signatures opposing the move to their Statehouse

Indiana isn't due to redistrict until after the 2030 census. But President Donald Trump is pushing GOP-held states to add red districts and maintain the party's hold on the U.S. House.

Huston, Bray and several ideas," Huston said. dozen members of their caucuses met with Trump adminis-

Huston and Bray take no position on redistricting push

State Leadership Conference" that included talk of new maps.

Bray and Huston met separately with President Trump, officials confirmed.

In a statement, Huston said he "appreciated the opportunity" to hear from Vice President JD Vance and others about the administration's work.

"It was encouraging to hear how Indiana has been leading the way for many of their initiatives or was the genesis of policy

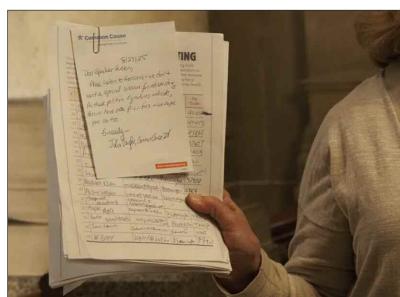
"A wide range of topics were discussed including education, tration officials Tuesday for a energy, immigration, fiscal pre-scheduled "White House responsibility and redistricting,

and members were able to ask questions and share their thoughts," he continued. "We look forward to Indiana continuing to have a strong partnership with the Trump Administra-

Bray also gave no hints as to

his thinking. He described being "grateful" for the opportunity and called the event "extremely produc-tive." Indiana was recognized for "leading the nation" on socalled school choice, election security and Medicaid changes - areas of "strong alignment" with Trump's administration.

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Indiana Capital Chronicle/Leslie Bonilla Muniz

Common Cause Indiana Executive Director Julia Vaughn holds up a stack of 4,139 signatures, collected from opponents of mid-cycle redistricting, before delivering them to office staff of Indiana's Republican legislative caucuses on Wednesday.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 75 degrees Wednesday. The low was 47. Expect a low in the upper 40s

tonight. Skies will be sunny on Saturday with a high in the lower 70s.

Highs are expected to stay in the 70s through at least Wednesday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the parking lot at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Coverage of Fort Recovery's football game at Allen East.

Wednesday — Results from Jay County's football game at New Castle.

Thursday — Details from next week's Portland City Council meeting.



Redistricting

Continued from page 1 "While redistricting did their come up and members were the bulk of our afternoon discussing issues like energy. waste and fraud in government," Bray said.

Gov. Mike Braun has repeat-

tricting depends on the duo and caucuses. He told reporters Wednesday that he able to ask questions, we spent hadn't spoken with the leaders since their White House visit.

"That didn't happen too long immigration and preventing ago, and we'll have plenty of time to do that," Braun said. "And again, it'll be done in a methodical, not rushed way. edly said that whether he'll call We'll get to the point where a special session for early redis- they are going to feel comfort-

able with where they want to go and will act accordingly."

A day after leading an energetic rally outside the Statehouse, opponents called on Huston and Bray to resist changes.

"There has been great presthis issue," Common Cause Indiana Executive Director Julia Vaughn said Wednesday.

that if this decision was left to ments, because people had a lot session for a partisan power grab."

She and another voting rights sure from outside the state on advocate each wielded a stack of 4,139 signatures, gathered over the last week and a half.

"We believe it's pretty obvious included some of the comtures promptly."

the legislative leaders them- of choice words," Vaughn selves, they probably would not added. That would've doubled entertain an idea of a special the number of pages, however, and "I'm an environmentalist at heart."

The group knocked first on the door to the Republican side of Indiana's House, then the Senate. Staffers answered and "I wish that we could have accepted the pages of signa-

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Saturday's forecast shows sunny skies with a low around 47.	Sunny skies on Sunday, when the low may hit around 50 degrees.		Tuesday will be mostly sunny with highs in the upper 70s.	Mostly sunny on Wednesday. There's a slight chance of rain as	

Lotteries

Powerball

9-12-22-41-61 Power Ball: 25 Power Play: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$950 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$277 million

Hoosier

Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 7-1-3 Daily Four: 3-7-3-3 Quick Draw: 1-5-8-10-14-19-21-30-33-40-47-54-55-56-59-63-64-67-76-77 Evening

Daily Three: 0-4-0

Daily Four: 7-7-7-9 Quick Draw: 5-6-17-21-

well.

47-49-51-56-70-77-80 Cash 5: 5-7-11-14-15 Estimated jackpot: \$333,000

22-26-32-36-37-38-39-40-44-

Ohio

Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 9-6-5 Pick 4: 4-4-0-4 Pick 5: 7-6-5-1-9 Evening Pick 3: 0-9-2 Pick 4: 5-4-6-9 Pick 5: 2-9-0-7-5 Rolling Cash: 3-11-13-

Estimated jackpot: \$130,000

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Wheat 4.79

Dead

Continued from page 1 "He just pepper-sprayed through the stained glass windows into the building, 50 to 100 shots," said the parent, who did not want his name used. "This is terrible. This is evil. I don't know how you defend against this."

Neighbor Andy Winchell said the rapid volleys of gunfire "went on for a minute, plus.'

"It was very loud, like a 'bop, bop, bop, bop, bop, bop, bop, bop, bop, "Winchell, 42, said. "We were like, 'What was that?"

The shooting stopped. Then came silence, broken by the sirens of emergency vehicles.

"All of a sudden you hear sirens from everywhere,' Winchell said.

Soon, frantic parents were abandoning their cars on side streets and running to the school, crying for their children.

"The parents were parking on the street by me coming out screaming, asking where their kids are," said Madee Brandt, 24, a nanny who was driving to work near the church when her vehicle was boxed in by police vehicles.

Traumatized children, some crying, some bleed-

Parking accident

ing, began to emerge from Painter got word of the identified the suspected the church.

One little boy walked between his mom and dad, holding a stuffed animal. A Hennepin County sheriff's deputy hugged a despondent parent in the middle of Diamond Lake Road. Another little boy, crying and walking from the scene, was heard saying to his father, "I don't feel safe.'

"Both my kids have blood on them," said Renee Lego, an Annunciation parishioner who has a fifth-grader and eighthgrader at Annunciation Catholic School. She said her older son thought it was fireworks or a gas explosion until he started to see people falling.

"It's just horrific — so cowardly. This person knew this was our first allschool Mass of the year. It was obviously planned. This is the children's Mass, not an advertised Mass for

the public," Lego said. Kristen Painter, business editor for the Minnesota Star Tribune, has a second-grade daughter and a preschool son at the school. Her son was sick and stayed home from school Wednesday. After dropping her daughter off and getting to work,

shooting.

She rushed to the school and was brought into the basement gymnasium with other parents to reunite with their children. Many students were crying, Painter said, while others were silent and looked terrified. Children and teachers had dropped to the floor during the shooting, taking cover under the pews.

Speaking to students, parents and staff, the school principal, Matt DeBoer, said teachers and older children tried to shield the younger students from harm.

"It could have been significantly worse without their heroic action," he said.

Families rushed HCMC where many of the injured were taken. Denise Roberts was among the first.

grandson, Endre Her Gunter Jr., was shot in the stomach. "A girl next to him got hit in the head," Roberts said. "He's groggy, but he's resting.'

She added that her daughter-in-law, Danielle Gunter, was in shock. "I don't know if she will ever let Endre out of her sight again," Roberts said.

Law enforcement later speak," O'Hara said.

She didn't see the 2010 Chevrolet \$2,500 and \$5,000.

A Portland woman backed into a her 2023 Chevrolet Suburban out Joaquin S. John behind her before

Lexie D. Penrod, 39, was backing Camaro driven by 18-year-old

backing into his car.

shooter as Westman, of Richfield.

A video posted Wednesday on a YouTube channel that appears to have belonged to Westman displays four guns, ammunition, a letter to family and friends and clothing the narrator apparently planned to wear "tomor-

The firearms shown are a rifle, a shotgun and two handguns. At times menacing and laughing maniacally, and at other times quietly apologizing to family, the narrator speaks about plans to injure children without remorse.

There are references to a pedophile and a rapist, and hostility toward Christianity, including the image of Jesus on a shooting target and phrases scrawled on the guns such as, "Where's your God now?

Westman The guns allegedly used were lawfully purchased, according to O'Hara.

Police executed four search warrants Wednesday, one for the church and the other three at nearby residences related to the suspected shooter, and "additional firearms (were) recovered from there as we

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Wheat	4.59

grant to Jay County

Public Library's capi-

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In 1997, Reed Hast-

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The company started

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Louisiana,

were arrested Tuesday for maintaining a common nuisance.

Billie J. Steed, 58, both of 914 W. Water St., were preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime, along with a Level 6 felony for possession of Class B misdemeanor for

possession of marijuana and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. were both being held on \$4,500 bond.

Ukraine is seeking the

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der Leyen said she spoke

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Putin is continuing to

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Methamphetamine

Portland man's car at Jay County of a parking space at 2072 W. Indi-

A Portland man was arrested Tuesday for possession of methamphetamine.

Shawn R. Nally, 54, 616 E. High St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, as well as a Class A misdemeanor for visiting a common nuisance and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

He was being held in They Jay County Jail on a

Capsule Reports

High School about 6:50 p.m. Wednes- ana 67, Portland.

Donald E. Stipp, 54, and methamphetamine,

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ute Funeral Homes, 1000 N. Broadway St., Greenville, Ohio. Ford, Nancy: Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian

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Citizen's calendar

In 1995, The Port-running mate.

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Democrat) ended a fili- John McCain picked

buster that had lasted Sarah Palin, governor

Tuesday

24 hours.

City Council, council ter. chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.

5:30 p.m. — Jay Coun-Council budget Board of courthouse, 120 N. hall, 321 N. Meridian Court St., Portland.

7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town Plan

Town Council, School-5:30 p.m. — Portland house Community Cen-

Thursday

5:15 p.m. — Portland Works, auditorium, mayor's office, city St.

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Friend latches onto fiance

DEAR ABBY: I have a female friend, "Kylene," who needs yard work done weekly. My fiance, "Josh," goes over there to do the work for her. He charges \$60. During the last two weeks, she has been popping up at our home uninvited. Kylene knows Josh's work schedule and makes sure she sees him daily at the neighborhood bar around 4 in the afternoon. The other day, I went to the bar with Josh, and lo and behold, she was there waiting for him. I was pretty upset, because I don't see my Josh very much due to his tight work schedule.

Do you think she is stalking my fiance? Kylene hardly talks to me when we are all together. She talks mostly to Josh. I have always believed that you don't mix business with pleasure. I think she's stalking him. Kylene doesn't have any friends, and I think she's jealous of me. What do you think? SUSPICIOUS IN INDIANA

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: I think that rather than stalking Josh, Kylene is "chasing" him. How does Josh feel about it? Is he flattered? Is he attracted to her? Have you discussed the fact that her dropping by your home unannounced is inappropriate? I agree that your "friend" may be jealous of you, but the perfor information. If no job turns retire.

Dear Abby



son who should put a stop to what has been going on is Josh, not you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband was let go from his job due to restructuring. He's understandably upset, and I see him sink further into depression with every rejection letter he receives for the positions he has applied for. How can I help - SUPPORTIVE WIFE IN him? -OHIO

DEAR WIFE: Help your husband by not pressuring him during this difficult time. If he hasn't yet applied for unemployment benefits, remind him he is entitled to them. Suggest that if there are no openings in his field, he should consider using his skills to do something different and perhaps contact a temporary employment agency. Let him know you are a willing listener, but do not pump him up for him in the next six months (and if you are not already employed), consider finding a job to relieve the financial pressure.

DEAR ABBY: I have worked with the same six women and three men for 19 years. Each time one has a birthday, we have a small office party with lunch, cake and ice cream, and a gift in the \$50 range, and the birthday person gets the remainder of the day off. This is done for everyone except

Although it hurts my feelings, I've never said anything about being excluded, and no one seems to have noticed the omission. I did inquire (twice) if anyone had dined at a restaurant my husband will be taking me to for my birthday, but no one picked up my hint that I'm also a part of the staff. Should I politely continue celebrating other people's special days or proclaim, "Hey! I'm here, too!" — INVISIBLE CO-WORKER

DEAR INVISIBLE: As the saying goes, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease." Could you have inadvertently been omitted from a list of employee birthdays? By all means, speak up before it's time for you to

Fairgrounds hosts free farmer panel

Farmers and families are invited to join for an agricultural event at the fairgrounds next week.

Jay County Ag Week Committee will present "Outside the Tractor," a panel with local producers talking about their experiences in agriculture, at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Bubp Building at Jay County Fairgrounds. The event also features a free barbecue chicken dinner, door prizes and inflatables. To reserve a spot, call Jay County Purdue Extension Office at (260) 726-4707.

Those who attend Thursday's event and the Jay County REMC farmer supper on Sept. 11 will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Jay County Chamber of Commerce gift card.

Donation event

Pennville Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual ham and beans dinner from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6.

The all-you-can-eat dinfree will donations, will feature ham and beans, corn- S. Walnut St., Muncie.

Taking Note

bread, desserts and drinks. All donations will go

toward the Hoosier Burn Camp. According to its website, the organization's pro-"help burn surgrams vivors from infancy through young adulthood build self-esteem and realize their highest potential as they overcome the pain and trauma associated (with) severe burn injury." The programs come at no cost to campers or their families.

To become a donor or learn more information, visit hoosierburncamp.org.

Series continues

The Muncie Three Trails Music Series continues this weekend.

A performance by Jennie ner, which will be open for Devoe opens at 7 p.m. Saturday at Canan Commons, 600

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in a.m. at Zion Evangelical mit an item, news@thecr.com.

Today

PAST SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County **Drug Prevention Coalition** office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. To learn more information, please call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

Community Calendar as Lutheran Church, 218 E. space is available. To sub- High St., Portland. For email more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-

GOODYEAR FAMILY RECOVERY REUNION — Will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Greek's Pizzeria, 1607 N. Meridian St., Portland. Please remind other family members.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fel-MOUS — Will meet at 10 lowship Baptist Church,

289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1

p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

each Monday at West Jay Methodist Church.

Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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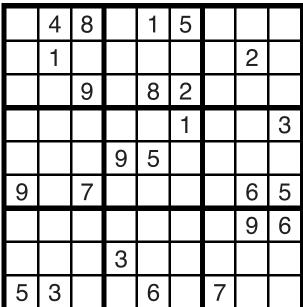
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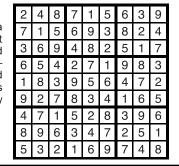
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Educators: Prioritize state's future

By NATE LAMAR

Message to Indiana educators: We won't be protectionist forever. As announced by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education in late June, and as per a new state law, six of Indiana's public universities and colleges are cutting or consolidating more than 400 academic degree programs.

With plenty of profit and loss experience managing budgets in both the public and private sectors, I can understand the need to make tough budget-cutting decisions. My concern is that some decisions behind these cuts are short-sighted and will hurt Indiana industry and agriculture long-term.

According to the New Castle Courier Times of July 23, Ball

Nate LaMar



State University is suspending its bachelor's degree major in international business. In 2010, Ray Montagno invited some members of the Indiana District Export Council to join BSU's International Business Advisory Board. Even after years of speaking pro bono in classes at Ball State's Miller College of Business for various professors, we were not consulted about BSU doing away

program. But not being asked our opinions is not as large an issue as is the short-sighted nature of this particular budget cut.

The current federal administration may be isolationist and is obviously protectionist. But administrations come and go; the next president may be a Democrat. Rather than adjusting to the "flavor of the day," all levels of education should plan for the future. Indeed, as many Republicans still are, the party will one day return to its internationalist/free trade roots.

No level of protectionism can halt capitalism. Countries will continue to trade one way or the other. When Brazil became protectionist in 2002, its people con-

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with its international business tinued to find grey-market ways around new restrictions, in order to buy Indiana-made products made by a former employer. Therefore, we must continue education in international business, along with its accompanying for-eign language and valuable study

abroad programs.
The BSU Teacher's College's elimination of its major to become a German teacher and IU's cuts to many foreign language programs are other shortsighted examples. While English may be a language of international business, businesses cannot count on artificial intelligence or translation services to create effective marketing materials. (I have spent hours editing such imperfect translations for

my current and previous employers.)

It is also disturbing that many Indiana school districts now offer only one foreign language. Too many school districts often find it easy to eliminate a foreign language when a teacher retires. It is unfortunate we don't have more basketball (and football) coaches who just happen to teach a foreign language.

Indeed, we are not preparing for the future.

Indiana educators, please prioritize, and take the long view for our state's manufacturing and agricultural economy.

LaMar, an international director, was Henry County Council president from 2009 to '19.

Major metros have the biggest impact

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Despite what folks in and reporting to the statehouse say, Indiana's economy is not booming, or surging, or overtaking anyone.

First, before we go there, let's get something clear: Indiana's economy doesn't confine itself to the borders of Indiana. Hoosiers depend on the economic activity in the Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs).

Many of us are strongly connected to those big metro economies. We may work, shop, go there for entertainment, school or medical care.

When we add those three economies to the 11 metros based on Indiana cities, we get about 5.5% of the nation's economy in 2023, as measured by Real (inflation adjusted) Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the value of all goods and services produced in this broadly defined region.

Second, how the economy is doing is not something to be diagnosed by the results of one transaction, or a month's activity, or even a year's duration. A decade is a decent period of time to draw conclusions. For the 10 years ending in 2023, these 14 MSAs generated just 4.1% of America's Real GDP growth.

In terms familiar to most fans of athletics, we were not pulling our weight. One way to express that is the change in ranking of each metro area over that period of time.

Elkhart-Goshen MSA led the region with a 59% increase in Real GDP, which was impressive and resulted in climbing 38 steps up the ladder of all MSAs by size of GDP from 194th to 156th place among the 384 MSAs in the nation. This was 16thhighest rate of growth in the nation, but had little impact on the nation's economic advance in the same years.

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Three of them were Hoosier metro areas: Terre Haute (-0.1%) and Kokomo (-0.2%) had negligible declines. Columbus saw a loss of \$113 million (-1.6%), slipping 43 places from being the 258th-largest economy in the nation to 301st.

Metro areas nationally saw their Real GDP grow by 28.5%. Non-metro areas advanced by only 16.8%, contributing just 6.6% of the advance in Indiana's Real GDP. region grew by 18.8%, more like a non-metro

Simply put, the probphant in the room, Chicago's metro area, which includes four Indiana counties, grew by only 15.2%. We'll examine that weakness in the near •••••

Marcus is an economist Only 36 (9.4%) of the formerly at the IU Kelley School of Business. Con-

System needs some work **Orlando Sentinel** Guest **Editorial**

Tribune News Service

There's an officer in the Catholic Church colloquially known as the Devil's Advocate. His duty, according to the Catholic Encyclopedia, is to make "all possible arguments, even at times seemingly slight" against candidates for sainthood. No canonization is legal without his input.

The church's example is worth following by the criminal justice system to prove innocence, not guilt.

Every detective bureau and prosecutor's office should employ someone whose job is to argue in every case: "You've got the wrong guy."

They get it wrong much too often. The National Registry of Exonerations lists 3,724 convicted people who were proved innocent eventually. Some of them had served most of their lives in prison.

Saga of Sidney Holmes

Sidney Holmes of Pompano Beach was exonerated two years ago. Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill July 1 awarding him \$1.7 million for the 34 years he served of a 400-year prison term for a convenience store robbery he did not commit.

He was a new 23-year-old father when he was arrested, and 57 when freed. "I missed 34 years of being a father to my son," Holmes said.

Holmes was a victim of common fault lines in the justice system.

Mistaken witness identification from an improperly suggestive photo lineup convinced investigators and prosecutors that Holmes was the getaway driver in a robbery.

They overlooked a significant discrepancy between Holmes' car and a similar Oldsmobile. The criminals' car trunk had a hole in place of a lock; Holmes' car didn't. The state finessed that by assuming his car was repaired after the robbery.

'Only' 400 years

Once they convinced themselves they had the right suspect, it was whether a trial followed procedural what happened to Sidney Holmes.

over. Holmes wouldn't name accomplices, because he couldn't. The prosecutor asked the judge to give him 800 years but the judge reduced it to 400.

"The identification of Holmes was scientifically unreliable and contrary to modern-day best practices," said Broward State Attorney Harold Pryor, whose office reinvestigated the

Sheriff's deputies who did the original investigation "expressed shock that Holmes was sentenced to and had served so much time in prison,'

There have been 93 exonerees in Florida. Broward and Miami-Dade lead the state with 13 cases each in this dubious category.

Holmes was one of eight who had served 30 years or more. He and four other long-term prisoners were freed because state attorneys whose offices originally convicted them now have conviction review units to hear pleas from convicts who had exhausted their appeals in the courts.

Too few reviews

Only five such units exist in Florida, according to the National Registry of Exonerations — in Broward, Hillsborough, Palm Beach, the Ninth Judicial Circuit (Orange and Osceola counties) and the Fourth (Duval, Nassau and Clay). That leaves 15 circuits with no mechanisms for righting such terrible wrongs. The Innocence Project of Florida, a voluntary group, is the only statewide resource.

After a conviction, the odds are extremely long against a successful appeal. Appellate courts aren't concerned with guilt or innocence, only rules. All of the appellate rules are stacked in the state's favor.

In a notorious case, the state Attorney General opposed DNA testing sought by a prisoner named Wilton Dedge and argued for the sake of "finality" that he should not have it, even if they knew he was innocent.

The test proved him innocent another case in which an eyewitness ID was wrong. Dedge was released after 22 years of a life sentence. The Legislature gave him \$2 million.

The best way to rectify such wrongs is to prevent them from happening.

'A ton of work'

To that end, a 2017 Florida law established "some, but not all" best practices for witness identifications, according to Seth Miller of The Innocence Project, which helped to clear Holmes. But the law still allows photo lineups and leaves enforcement to the discretion of trial judges.

There is still a ton of work to be done to identify such cases and determine whether the suggestive photo lineup contributed to a wrongful con-

viction," Miller said.
Other human factors contribute to wrongful imprisonment, and exculpatory DNA is not present in most cases. People with arrest records, as Holmes had, are typically prime sus-

False confessions were found in 13% of exonerations. Nearly 30% involved false or misleading forensic evidence. Outright perjury or false accusations contributed to more than six of every 10 cases.

When mistakes are made, they tend to cascade. A trait known as confirmation bias can cause detectives and prosecutors to zero in on preferred suspects, ignoring evidence that might clear them.

This is why it's to everyone's advantage to have someone aggressively second-guessing every case before it goes to trial. No one should endure

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Stressful profession

Pressures lead many family farms to shut down

By MARA MELLITS

The Seattle Times Tribune News Service

Don McMoran is a fourth-generation farmer. And his family's farm in Mount Vernon, Washington, might end with him.

McMoran has two 16-year-old daughters. One is "mildly interested" in the family farm, he said, while the other is "a hard

His story is one familiar to many Washington farm families. The stressors placed on farmers, including inflation, weather changes and tariffs, can all take a toll on their mental health, leading them to shut down their farms and leaving the next generation less interested in taking over. Over 3,700 farms shut down in Washington from 2017 to 2022, according to the Census of Agri-

McMoran grew up on his family's farm. He remembers the "good old days" when he'd work hard, but also made enough money to replace equipment or buy new land. "It's fun when you're making

money, but the flip side of that is when you work your tail off and you have to go to your banker and get a loan, that's not fun at all," McMoran said.

"The potential of a generational farm leaving the valley, that's a really hard pill to swallow," he said.

A 2025 report conducted by the Washington State Department of Agriculture found the state's farmer suicide rate far exceeds the national average. Agricultural suicides are nearly 25% higher than the overall state rate, according to the report. Strenuous lifestyle, lower access to mental health providers and the social stigma that comes with seeing a psychologist all contribute to higher suicide rates in these communities, the report

Many farmers also lack benefits such as health insurance, paid leave and retirement plans.

State Rep. Tom Dent, a Republican from Moses Lake, secured funding for the report and was on the committee that oversaw it. He said he understands the stressors firsthand as a farm owner. He's even had his own friends take their lives, he said.

Dent said the report is concerning but also eye-opening. Farmers face several economic stressors as profits fail to cover the increasing cost of labor and seed and chemicals, according to the report. In 2023, labor expenses were 462% higher in Washington than the national average,



Don McMoran pulls out an air hose while his daughters Allie, left, and Abbie carry supplies to vacuum seeds from a seed truck at their family farm on Aug. 20 in Mount Vernon, Washington. One of his daughters is "mildly interested" in the family farm, he said, while the other is "a hard no." Over a five-year period, more than 3,700 farms in Washington shut down.

according to data from the American Farm Bureau Federation. Another labor concern: Farms reliant on immigrant farmworkers have also faced uncertainty as President Donald Trump's administration began its immigration crackdown, though Trump has since curbed enforcement at farms. He's also indicated he may break from his pledge to deport all undocumented immigrants to allow migrant farmworkers to remain in the

Dent said that when working on a farm, there's always something to do. With costs going up and farm products being worth less, it puts a bigger load on farmers. They stop going out for dinner and attending church, and all that's left is the stress of

'When farmers are making money, there's no better job in the world," McMoran said. "But to get up every morning, work your tail off to lose money. That's a really difficult situation to be

It's a 24-hour job'

When McMoran saw how rising prices for fuel, fertilizer, stressed other farmers in his community were, he decided to do something.

hoff, the associate director of the Washington State University psychology clinic, to launch a free therapy voucher program. McMoran had already been serving as director of Washington State University extension in Skagit County and principal investigator of the Western Region Agricultural Stress Assistance Partnership.

The voucher program offers six free sessions with Kirchhoff, a licensed psychologist, to all farmers and farmworkers living in Washington. While she does offer in-person sessions, most take advantage of the virtual option. That way it's completely anonymous: No one can see their pickup and wonder what a farmer may be doing at a doctor's office, McMoran said, noting the stigma of reaching out for help is very apparent.

"From my upbringing, I was taught from a very young age to bite your lip, don't cry, don't complain, jump in, get the job done," McMoran said.

Kirchhoff has observed financial worries are the No. 1 stressor for farmers.

"It's a 24-hour job," Kirchhoff said. "Very often, if it's a farm that has been in a family for several generations, it feels like it's About three years ago, he a personal failure if they have

In addition to the therapy voucher program, McMoran also created Pizza for Producers. The initiative invites agricultural workers to learn how to make pizza and serves as a mental health workshop for farmers and farmworkers, who often work in solitude. The latest Pizza for Producers event was held this

In the 2025 report, many farmers listed the burdens that come with regulations as another stressor. Several said navigating government agricultural and grant programs while also ensuring compliance with new policies can be overwhelming. Farmers said understanding the bureaucratic language takes time and resources.

Dent said it's important for politicians to assess the regulatory load placed on farmers.

"Are we creating a further financial burden by some of the things that we've done through the Legislature, and if so, can we reduce that burden?" Dent said.

Some farmers even said they use specialists to interpret some of the legal jargon.

Farmers found loan repayment requirements to be some of the most confusing, according to the report.

McMoran said the regulations

ton are much higher than in other states.

"When it all comes down to it, farming isn't as much fun as it used to be," McMoran said.

Generational pressure

For some, the biggest stress can come from inside your own

Kids see the stress placed on their parents and don't want to continue with farming. Farmers feel the stress of not letting down the generations that came before McMoran said he doesn't

blame his daughters for not wanting to take over the farm. He knows how hard the work is and how low the returns are. In his role with WSU extension, McMoran talks to many young

people who share his daughters' view and don't want to go into farming. The extension's agriculture and food systems program works with young people to get them excited about farming. There are many farmers who'd

love to pass on their farms to the next generation, McMoran said, but it's hard when there's not a lot His parents told him his prede-

cessors went through difficulties to find the perfect place to farm, just so it'd be his. "You better not screw it up,"

McMoran recalled. "That's a lot of pressure." Laura Siegel, the health com-

munications officer for AgriSafe Network, a national nonprofit that educates health care providers and people working in agriculture, said that even when kids do want to take over, the hand off can be difficult. For longtime farmers, handing

over control feels like they're losing a part of their identity. That can lead to another tension point: when the younger generation has new ideas that older generations may not agree with. Working with family can also

get tough, though Siegel notes carving out time to spend together when no one discusses work or the farm can help. Dent said that when he speaks

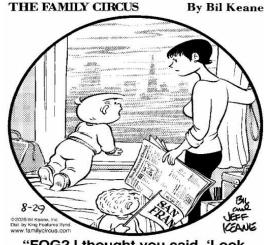
with his constituents, a common sentiment is, "great-grandpa started this ranch, and I'm going to lose it.' For farms that have been in a

family for several generations, it can feel like a personal failure if someone has trouble on the farm, Kirchhoff said.

"We're always looking for solutions," McMoran said. "I'd love to work myself out of farm stress suicide prevention work. This year, it's needed more than ever







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Bidding quiz

You are South in each of the fol-lowing three hands. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?

1. ★ KQ1095 ♥ Q83 ♦ 4 ♣ KJ83

South West Pass ♦ KQ643 ♣ 10 South West South 1 V North East Pass ♦ 96 ¥ KQ52 ♦ A943 ♣ 874 South 1 🗸 North East Pass Pass 2 NT

1. Two spades. The partner of a player who passed originally is not bound by the same rules that gov-ern many other bidding sequences. For example, if South responds with only one spade after passing initially, North is not forced to bid again, since he knows South lacked the values for an opening bid. North may therefore decide that game is impossible and pass.

For this reason, it is best to jump For this reason, it is best to jump-shift to two spades with the given hand to inform partner that there is a good chance for game despite your previous pass. A one-spade response would be correct if part-ner had opened with one diamond, which would diminish the value of your hand, but opposite a one-beart opening, your chances for your hand, but opposite a one-heart opening, your chances for game rise tremendously. The twospade bid, which can be passed if

partner has minimal values, shows five very good spades and implies some heart support, since with poor heart support your hand could not have improved enough for a jump-response. Partner then does whatever his hand calls for.

2. Four notrump. The number of tricks you can make depends solely

on how many aces partner has, so this is an ideal time for Blackwood. on now many aces partner has, so this is an ideal time for Blackwood. If partner bids five hearts, showing two aces, you will pass. If he bids five spades, showing three aces, you'll bid six hearts. And if he happens to bid five clubs, which in this sequence would indicate all four aces, you'll bid a grand slam. Partner's actual point count (or yours, for that matter) is not the critical factor in unbalanced hands. Once he indicates four-card support by jumping to three hearts, the number of aces he has will tell you just how far to go.

3. Three notrump. Partner has 18 or 19 points with balanced distribution, so there is a game in the combined hands. It is not necessary or desirable to show your diamond

combined hands. It is not necessary or desirable to show your diamond support by now bidding three diamonds. You have a notrump type of hand and partner has one also, so the best thing to do is to take the short route to game in notrump. Five diamonds would probably be harder to make than three notrump, and a slam is very unlikely so no and a slam is very unlikely, so no effort in that direction should be made by bidding three diamonds

Tomorrow: Silence is golden. ©2025 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals P

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Avert

Continued from page 8 have increasingly common amid a shift in econom-

Programmers, including Fox, have long counted on distribution fees paid by TV distributors that sell the channel bundles to consumers. But under threat as viewers migrate to Netflix, Disney+ and other streamers — shrinking the pool of pay-TV subscribers.

"Fox is asking for payments that are far higher than what partners with comparable content offerings receive," YouTube said late Monday in a blog post when tensions in second that month ran high. "Our priority is to reach a deal that ence. reflects the value of their content and is fair for both sides without passing on additional costs to our subscribers."

was "proposing a fair, estimated that fast-growcomprehensive deal to ing YouTube TV would continue our relation- reach 10 million subship with YouTube TV." It accused Google of using its leverage to try to extract unfair terms.

YouTube TV has been cast.

gaining subscribers at a Distribution fee dis- time when others are losbecome ing them, giving the tech company increased market muscle. YouTube's popular bundle — it also offers the NFL Sunday Ticket package of out-ofmarket games — has cut into the business of legacy pay-TV providers.

Nielsen ranks that source of revenue is YouTube, including its video service, as the largest television distributor in the U.S. by share of viewership. In a Tuesday report, Nielsen said that YouTube captured 13.4% of all TV viewing in July, the sixth consecutive month the company has claimed the top spot.

Walt Disney Co. came with 9.4% of the audi-

Last year, YouTube generated \$54.2 billion in revenue, second only to Disney, according research firm Moffet-For its part, Fox said it tNathanson. The analysts scribers this year. That slightly trails Charter, which operates the Spectrum service, and Com-



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Following through

Alex Miller follows through on a volley during the Jay County High School boys tennis team's 5-0 sweep of Union City on Monday. Miller patrolled the net, while Kadyn Carpenter controlled the back line as the No. 1 doubles duo beat Gabe Tapps and Cooper Woolston 6-1, 6-0.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Fort Recovery — Football at Allen East - 7

Saturday

Jay County — Cross Country at Taylor University Invite - 9 a.m.; Girls soccer vs. Woodlan - 10 a.m.; Boys tennis at Muncie Central Invite - 10 a.m.; Boys soccer vs. Woodlan - 12 p.m.; Football at New Castle - 1 p.m.; JV boys soccer vs. Woodlan - 10 a.m.; JV girls soccer vs. Woodlan -12 p.m.; Junior high tennis vs. Randolph South-

Fort Recovery — Cross country at Treaty City Invite at Greenville Park – 8:30 a.m.; Volleyball vs. Arcanum - 10 a.m.; JV football vs. Crestview - 10

TV schedule Today

6:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Dutch Grand Prix

11:30 a.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN) 6 p.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN2)

6 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1) 6:40 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)
7 p.m. — College football: Western Michigan

at Michigan State (FS1) 8 p.m. — College football: Auburn at Baylor

(FOX); Georgia Tech at Colorado (ESPN) 10:30 p.m. — College football: Central Michi-

gan at San Jose State (FS1)

Saturday 5:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Dutch Grand Prix

7:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Chelsea at Fulham (USA)

10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Sunder-

land at Brentford (USA)

10:30 a.m. — IndyCar: Music City Grand Prix

11 a.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN2)

12 p.m. — College football: Mississippi State at Southern Miss (ESPN); Texas at Ohio State (FOX); Ball State at Purdue (BTN); Syracuse at

Tennessee (ABC)

NCTS Playoff Race at Darlington (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Leeds

12 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series:

United at Newcastle United (NBC)
2:30 p.m. — College football: Old Dominion at Indiana (FS1)

3:30 p.m. - College football: Marshall at

Georgia (ESPN); Nevada at Penn State (CBS); South Dakota at Iowa State (FOX); Alabama at Florida State (ABC) - College football: Montana State at

Oregon (BTN) 4 p.m. — Horse racing: Nashville Derby (NBC)

6 p.m. — College football: UAlbany at Iowa 6:40 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at

Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)

7 p.m. — College football: UTSA at Texas A&M (ESPN)

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City Royals (FOX) 7:30 p.m. — College football: Missouri State at USC (BTN); New Mexico at Michigan (NBC);

LSU at Clemson (ABC) 9:30 p.m. - College football: Georgia South-

ern at Fresno State (FS1) 10 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Oak

land Roots at Monterey Bay (FOX)

10:30 p.m. — College football: Hawai'i at Arizona (TNT); Cal at Oregon State (ESPN) 11 p.m. — College football: Utah at UCLA

(FOX); Colorado State at Washington (BTN)

Local notes

Outing announced

The Adams Health Network Foundation will host the 12th Annual Golf Classic on Sept. 12 at Wabash Valley Golf Club.

There will be two shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Breakfast, snacks and beverages will be provided, as well as a lunch in between flights.

The event raises funds for healthcare scholarships and local health initiatives in Adams County. The deadline to register is Aug. 22. To register

visit adamshospital.org/foundation. For more information, email kim.tormbley@adamshealthnet-

Chamber to host

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host its golf outing on Sept. 19 at 9 a.m.
Participation costs \$250 per team with lunch included. A \$20 team mulligan golf ball can be purchased as well.

Sponsorships can be purchased as well. A lunch sponsorship will cost \$500, while a gold sponsorship will go for \$450. Hole sponsorships cost \$100 for members and \$150 for non-mem-

The deadline to register is Sept. 12. For more info, call (260) 726-4481 or email amanda@jay countychamber.com.

Next race set

The next race in the Adams County Challenge series is the Adams Memorial/Kekionga Greenway Gallup at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 23. The race begins at the Riverside Center in

Decatur. Registration forms can be found at adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

To have an event listed in "Sports on tap", email details to sports@thecr.com

90 SALE CALENDAR

11:00 a.m. on Sunday for preview. JUDY FULLER Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 Kaden Khayyata AU12400069

PUBLIC AUCTION Located: 1702 W Tyson Road, Portland IN

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 9:30 A.M. REAL ESTATE Tract 1 - 2 story home with approximately 2.048 square feet of living space situated on approximately 1.75 acres. Property also offers a 48í x 56í pole building with front and rear overhead doors. enclosed shop/office area, concrete floor, and

ice. Tract 2 - One acre bare lot located just west of the home on Tyson Road.

100 amp electrical serv-

Tract 3 - Forty-seven +/- acres of bare land located within the city limits of Portland. Tract 4 - Combination of Tracts 1 and 2.

Tract 5 - Entire package which includes house, pole barn and 50 acres HOUSEHOLD GOODS -OLD & COLLECTORS **ITEMS**

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TOOLS (2) M105A2 military trailers; ExMark Radius S Series zero turn mower

with 60î cut and only

76.3 hours; Cub Cadet

garden tractor; Toro snow thrower; Craftsman 2 pc. tool cabinet; cultivator; wood ladder; 2 wheel cart: vise: and many other items not

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listed. Auctioneers Note: This auction offers a nice variety of very clean items. Please note that we will be running 2 rings a portion of the

day. For more information or private showing contact GARY LOY, Auctioneer and (260) 726-5160 or KIM LOY, Real Estate Broker at (260) 726-2700

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PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20th,

2025 TIME 9:00 A.M. LOCATED: 2641 E 1100 S. Montpelier IN. TRACTORS -

CRAWLER 1968 JD 4020 D. w/ Quad-shift, Front weights, 4900 hours. 1967 JD 2510 w/ Front weights, 6800 hours. Case 1030 Tractor w/ 3600 hours. New Holland GT-122A Lawn

Tractor w/ deck and blade.Wheelhorse 14HP Garden Tractor. JD 450-B Crawler Loader. TRUCKS-MOTORCY-CLES-FARM EQUIP-MENT

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Plow. 2021 Harley Davidson 1200 Model 48 w/ 2300 Miles, 2009 Kawasaki KLX 250 S Dirt Bike w/ 708 Miles. JD 55-A 3 Bottom Plow. Oliver 565 4 Bottom Plow. JD 7í Cycle Bar Mower. JD 4 Row Cultivator. New Idea 2 Row

wide Picker. . JD 24T

Square Baler. Kelly 18î

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Backhoe Bucket, 30 Ton Hyd Press. Lincoln 225 Welder. . Merry Mac Shredder Chipper. Rab-

bit Cages. TOYS-ANTIQUES JD, Oliver, Massey Ferguson, AC, Massey Harris Toy Tractors. . (2) 110 Ib Anvils w/ Stands. Corn Sheller. Misc Slate. (4) Steel Wheels. Radio

Flyer Wagon. OWNEŔ: James M Robbins. Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.

SHAWVER AUCTION-EERING AND REAL **ESTATE** AC31800004 **AUCTIONEERS 7ane Shawver** Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver

260-726-5587 **PUBLIC AUCTION** THURSDAY SEPTEM-BER 4th, 2025 TIME 4:30 P.M. LOCATED: 506 N George St. Ridgeville, IN

Lic. #AU19700040

GUN-GUN SUPPLIES-AMMO Taurus 357 Mag 6 Shot Revolver (3 Screw). 45 Cal ACP Pistol. H & R

Sportsman 22 Cal 9 Shot Revolver, Ammo Reloader. Tumbler. Reloading Supplies.

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boro Sign. Marlboro Top Ornate Sofa Table w/ End Tables and Coffee Tables.Laser Printer, 2 and 4 Drawer Filing Cabinets. Large Lot of Hardware. **OWNER: Friends**

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FOR ADOPTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

PLAN FOR RICHLAND TWP. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE TAX PAYERS OF RICHLAND TWP. JAY COUNTY, INDIANA THAT

THE BOARD OF RICHLAND

TOWNSHIP WILL MEET ON

SEPTEMBER 17,2025 AT 109 W. COMMERCE ST. TOWNSHIP OFFICE AT 9 A.M. TO CONSIDER ADOPTIGN OF TOWNSHIP

CAPITAL IMPROIVEMENT

PLAN TAXPAYERS APPEARING AT MEETING SHALL HAVE RIGHT TO COMMENT. ADOPTED PLAN SHALL BE REFERED TO DEPT. OF LOCAL FINANCE (DLGF)

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE CR 8-29-2025-HSPAXLP

DAVID CHAMP

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Jay County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of Jay County Council at the Jay County 2025 will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

`Amount Approved CUM BRIDGE 1135.26300.00000.0000 Road Signs \$15,000.00 BACKHOE REPAIR & REPLACEMENT \$37,000.00 4903.25500.00000.0000 Backhoe Parts & Service \$5,000.00 Surveyor Equipment Repair\$2,000.00 4903.31601.00000.0000 Excavator 4903.47700.00000.0000 \$30,000.00 INFRASTRUCTURE \$177,000.00 4908.31450.00000.0000 Courthouse Project \$177,000.00 ARP-2021 CLERE \$8,800.00

Professional

Services- Ritter Strategic \$237,800,00 Total Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriation as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15)

\$8,800.00

days of receipt of a certified copy of the action time. Emily Franks

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Jay County Auditor CR 8-29-2025-HSPAXLP

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that the Jay County Commissioners 'Commissioners") will accept sealed proposals at the office of the Jay County Auditor, located at 120 N. Court Street, Portland, Indiana, up to the hour of 4:00 p.m. (local time) on September 19, 2025. Notice is further given that a public meeting of the Commissioners will be held on September 22, 2025, at [9:00 a.m.] (local time), at the Jay County Courthouse, located at 120 N. Court Street, Portland, Indiana, at which time and place the Commission shall open and consider each proposal pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-14-22, for the purchase of certain real property located at 67 Highway, Portland, IN (commonly known as the 68 Acre Project), being made available for development purposes in the City of Portland Economic Development Area, said property including 68 acres, more or less

The Offering Sheet, containing a detailed description of and the minimum offering price for the property described above and terms upon which the sale shall be awarded, as well as certain limitations on the use to be made of the property described above, is available for review at the office of the Commission, located at Jay County Auditor, located at 120 N. Court Street, Portland, Indiana,

Each proposal shall be executed in the manner provided for in the Offering Sheet and must be submitted in an envelope marked "Proposal for 68 Acre Project." Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-14-22, any proposal submitted by a trust (as defined in Indiana Code 30-4-1-1(a)) must identify each (i) beneficiary of the trust and (ii) settlor empowered to revoke or modify the

The Commissioners reserves the right to reject all proposals, or, in its sole discretion, to continue discussions with one or more persons or entities that have submitted a proposal or any other interested parties

Dated this 22 day of August, 2025. JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CR 8-29,9-5-2025-HSPAXLP

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Chinese Taipei wins LLWS

By JEFF WOLLARD

Las Vegas Review-Journal Tribune News Service

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Summerlin South's magical season ended with a loss Sunday in the championship game of the Little League World Series.

Summerlin South (Nev.) was limited to one hit by Chinese Taipei ace pitcher Lin Chin-Tse in five innings in a 7-0 loss at Lamade Stadium in front of an ABC national audi-

The Las Vegas team finished with three hits.

Summerlin South, which won the U.S. championship with an 8-2 victory over Fairfield, Conn., LLWS on Saturday, finished the game.

Nevada fell 7-0 in five innings in championship

postseason with a 15-2 in the LLWS.

pion, was the first Nevada team to reach the championship

Garrett Gallegos got record. The team went 5-2 Summerlin South's first hit, a single in the fifth Summerlin South, the inning. Luke D'Ambrosio Mountain Region cham- and Cutter Ricafort singled in the sixth for the team's only other hits.

his five-inning stint, and 2017.

Gallegos was the only base runner against him. His pitches have been clocked as high as 82 mph, the equivalent of 107 mph in Major League Baseball.

Lin broke the game open with a bases-loaded triple in the bottom of the fifth. Taipei scored five runs in the inning.

Taipei scored one run in the second and third innings against Summerlin South starter D'Ambrosio, who battled his control throughout his four-inning stint.

Four of Taipei's five wins in the tournament were by shutout.

The LLWS title is the first for an International Lin struck out four in team since Japan won in





Jay County Patriots

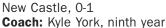
Portland, 1-0

Coach: Eddie Fields, first year (fifth overall Conference: Allen County

Last week vs. Blackford: The Patriots got off to a slow start, but got the ball rolling in the second quarter with a 46-yard touchdown on their first play. The Patriots scored six touchdowns on passes or carries that went 35 yards or more. The defense only had one slip up allowing a 65yard touchdown in the 56-6 victory over the Bruins. JCHS had 382 yards of offense to 122 for

Season leaders: Passing — Nick Laux - 9-of-19 for 203 yards and three touchdowns. Rushing Leighton Brown – five carries for 118 yards and two touchdowns. Receiving — Brady Jetmore - six catches for 165 yards and two touchdowns. Defense — Caleb Sibray – 10 tackles and one sack.

at **New Castle Trojans**



Conference: Hoosier Heritage

Last week vs. Franklin County: Carson Bell and a platoon of receivers had no trouble moving down the field, but they only found the end zone twice in the 27-13 loss. Passing made up 72.6%of the Trojans' 307 yards of offense. The defense couldn't hold the line either as Franklin County's Wyatt Bowling rushed for 290 yards and

Season leaders: Passing — Carson Bell – 18of-38 for 223 yards and two touchdowns. Rushing — Luke Sherrell – 13 carries for 67 yards. Receiving — Tylin Thrine – nine catches for 81 yards and one touchdown. Defense — Malachi Hernandez – 10 tackles and one interception.

Last season: The Patriots allowed the ball to roll to their 1-yard line off the opening kickoff, giving New Castle great field position to strike first in the 20-0 loss. JCHS gave up a couple of big plays to the Trojans in the second quarter to fall behind three scores before a lightning storm halted the game. Jay County ended up forfeiting after it was determined that the game would otherwise be delayed until Saturday with 2:31 left on the clock in the third quarter.

Game notes: This is just the third meeting between Jay County and New Castle, with the series tied at 1-1 ... Last season was the first matchup between the Trojans and JCHS during the regular season as the first matchup came during the 2007 sectional ... Jay County's 63.8 Sagarin rating ranks 148th overall and 28th in Class 3A, while New Castle's 62.82 is 161st overall and 38th in Class 4A ... John Harrell projects the Patriots to lose 31-24.



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Tall girl, light tap

Mya Kunkler of the Jay County High School volleyball team reaches up to tap a ball over the block of Winchester's Molly Barker (4) and Lilyana Mayberry (8). Kunkler finished the match with five kills as JCHS beat the Golden Falcons 25-21, 18-25, 25-12, 25-19.

YouTube TV, Fox avert blackout for now, extend talks

By MEG JAMES

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — Millions of YouTube TV customers were spared an interruption of Fox News, Fox sports and local coverage after the two entertainment companies reached an 11th-hour truce following weeks of negotiations.

The two sides agreed Wednesday to continue talks to resolve their differences over distribution deal terms, pausing the threat of a channel blackout days before the start of the college football and NFL seasons.

announcement The came minutes before the 2 p.m. Pacific deadline. Neither company wanted to let a contract squabble disrupt some of their viewers' favorite shows.

Fox News has a popular lineup with "The Five," "Special Report with Bret Baier" and "Hannity." Without a deal, sports fans could have missed out on Friday night's Auburn-Baylor football game, Saturday's high-profile contest between Texas and Ohio State and three regional Major League Baseball games airing on

In addition, Fox's NFL

season kicks off on Sept. 7. giving the two sides added motivation to find a resolu-

"We have reached a short-term extension with Fox to prevent disruption YouTube TV subscribers as we continue to work on a new agreement," YouTube said in a Wednesday afternoon blog post. "We are committed to advocating on behalf of our subscribers as we work toward a fair deal and will keep you updated on our progress.'

YouTube has about 10 million customers for its television service, making it the third largest pay-TV distributor in the U.S.

The dispute hinged on programming YouTube TV pays for Fox News, the Fox broadcast network, Fox-owned stations, including KTTV Channel 11 in Los Angeles, Fox Business, FS1 and the Big 10 Network.

Rupert Murdoch's company relies heavily on the strength of Fox News which ranked as the nation's top-rated linear network in July — and its broadcast network that boasts big-name sports to maintain its programming fees.

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