

Alexander, Loy plan to run

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

With election filing still more than a month away, two candidates have announced their plans to run for Jay County Commissioner.

The incumbent has not decided if he will seek another term.

Republicans Bryan Alexander and Aaron Loy announced their candidacies for Jay County Commissioner – Middle District with news releases Sunday and Monday, respectively.

Election filing for the 2026 primaries will begin Wednesday,

Incumbent Chad Aker holds off on decision for now

Jan. 7. Offices up for election in 2026 include the middle district commissioner seat, as well as four Jay County Council seats, sheriff, auditor, recorder and assessor.

With two candidates announcing their intentions, The Commercial Review reached out to incumbent middle district commissioner Chad Aker about whether he plans to run for a third term.

“I’m going to hold off on that

decision right now,” said Aker, also a Republican.

Alexander is a 1986 Jay County High School graduate who went on to earn a bachelor’s degree from the University of Tampa. He is currently serving on Jay County Council and previously served two terms on Jay School Board.

During a conversation Monday morning, Alexander said he felt the time was right to run for commissioner. (He also ran in the 2022 primary.)

“I just see that there’s gonna be a lot of challenges in the next few years,” he said. “I just thought

that given that the experience and my relationships with the county officials that it was the time to run.”

Loy graduated from Jay County High School in 2012 and then earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Ball State University.

“A lot of the decisions affecting the county are ones that are going to affect my two girls and everyone’s children,” said Loy. “So I just feel like we need a fresh, young face involved to help make those decisions.”

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A message of hope



JCCT will present ‘Annie’ beginning on Thursday night

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

The sun’ll come out this weekend.

Jay County Civic Theatre’s production of “Annie” is set to light up the stage Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and Dec. 12, 13 and 14.

Based on Harold Gray’s 1920s comic strip “Little Orphan Annie,” the original Broadway theatrical production in 1977 ran for six years and won seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Original Score and Choreography. Its success led to a film adaptation in 1982, with subsequent returns to Broadway in 1997 and 2012, and other movie remakes.

“Annie” follows the story of a child who believes her parents left her in the orphanage by mistake. She’s taken in by the billionaire Oliver Warbucks, who chooses to bring an orphan into his home to promote his image. With Annie still on the search for her parents,

Warbucks announces a reward to find them.

“Annie is a heartwarming, family-friendly show about finding family and

finding kind of who you are,” said co-director Rachel Tebbe.

Tebbe explained Annie learns to stay true to herself over the course of the show. She also learns that family doesn’t have to be blood-related.

“Might be a little unconventional, but the love you feel for other people is what truly makes a family,” said Tebbe, who also directed Jay County Civic Theatre’s production of “Frosty the Snow Man” and in June served as assistant director in “Freaky Friday.”

The show features a few new faces to Jay County Civic Theatre, including Fort Recovery residents Kate Ratliff as Miss Hannigan and Helena Roessner as Annie.

Ratliff described Miss Hannigan as a terrible, mean and sloppy individual.

“She is the one that nobody wants to meet in a dark hallway,” Ratliff said. “She runs the orphanage, and she bosses all the kids around. She’s clearly unhappy with where she’s landed in life.”

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Oliver Warbucks (played by Reid Knuth) and Annie (Helena Roessner) hug during last week’s rehearsal for the Jay County Civic Theatre production of the musical “Annie.” The show will open with a performance at 7 p.m. Thursday. Additional shows are scheduled for Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14. Tickets are available at bit.ly/JCCTAnnie, by calling (260) 726-4809 or at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.



Snowy scenes

Several inches of snow fell Saturday in Jay County. Pictured at right, Wolfe Mendez, 12, shouts while sledding down the hill at Hudson Family Park on Sunday afternoon in Portland. At left, snow falls gently Saturday evening at the Meridian Street arch bridge over the Salamonie River in Portland.



Deaths

Regina Lanning, 82, Portland
Danny Caupp, 75, Fort Recovery
Robert Myers, 87, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 38 degrees Sunday. The low was 26.
After a winter weather advisory Monday night, the county is expected to have a low of 17 tonight. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday with a high in the lower 30s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Second Harvest Food Bank will host tailgate food distributions:
•Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E. Votaw St., Portland
•Thursday, Dec. 4, at Blackford County Fairgrounds, 409 E. Park Ave., Hartford City
All tailgates are scheduled for 10 a.m.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of next week’s Portland City Council meetings.

Thursday — Details from the season opener for the JCHS swim teams.

Friday — Coverage of this week’s joint county commissioners and council meeting.

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Obituaries

Regina Lanning
July 12, 1943-Nov. 29, 2025
Regina Lanning, age 82, a resident of Portland, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025, at her home in Portland.

Regina was born July 12, 1943, in Union City, Indiana, the daughter of Henry Lee and Lois Minerva Lanning (Matchett) Lynch. She worked for Tyson Foods in Portland for several years.

Regina married Oscar Lanning on Feb. 10, 1978.

Survivors include:
Her husband — Oscar Lanning, Portland, Indiana
Her children — Wayne Lan-



ning, Portland, Indiana, Carol Lipp (husband: David), Hollansburg, Ohio, Verle Sullenbarger (wife: Amy), Greenville, Ohio, and Connie Eley, Greenville, Ohio

Son-in-law — Ed Nestor, Union City, Ohio

Her siblings — Walter Lynch, Arlington, Texas, Judy Russell, Granbury, Texas, and Robert Lynch, Greenville, Ohio

Ten grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Gary Lynch; a daughter, Beverly Nestor; and a grandson, Dustin Brickler.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are entrusted to

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Danny Caupp
Jan. 12, 1950-Nov. 30, 2025
Danny K. Caupp, age 75, of Fort Recovery, Ohio, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025, at Mercer Health in Coldwater.

He was born on Jan. 12, 1950, in Union City, Indiana, to the late Dale and Juanita (Baxter) Caupp.

Danny is survived by his wife, Shirley Ann (Fellers) Caupp; his children, Jeff Caupp of Saratoga, Indiana,



Darla Chalfant of Parker, Indiana, and Kim Green of Lynn, Indiana; his grandchildren, Kaila Caupp, Therin Springer, Lavin Caupp and Amanda Hart; his three great-grandchildren; and his sister, Nettie (Michael) Buckingham of Union City, Indiana.

Danny was a member of the Fort Recovery VFW, Rockford Eagles, Celina Moose and the Celina American Legion, where he enjoyed many conversations and good times with those around him. At home, he could be found in his man cave, relaxing while watching a NASCAR race or cheering on the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Per Danny's wishes, there will be no services.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude's Children's

Hospital or the Mercer County Humane Society.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockmanboeckmanfh.com.

Robert "Bob" Myers, Portland, May 28, 1938-Nov. 29, 2025. Services were at 7 p.m. Monday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Wednesday 12/3	Thursday 12/4	Friday 12/5	Saturday 12/6	Sunday 12/7
33/21 Cloudy skies are in the forecast for Wednesday when the low may hit 21.	24/12 Thursday's forecast shows cloudy skies with the low at night dipping to 12.	29/23 Friday's weather looks like mostly sunny skies with a high around 29.	31/22 Cloudy on Saturday, when the high will reach around 31 degrees.	26/15 Sunday's weather looks to be cloudy with the low dipping to the mid teens.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$740 million	15-16-18-19-21-25-27-35-38-40-59-69-71-74-78-79 Cash 5: 3-5-10-11-19 Estimated jackpot: \$125,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$90 million	
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 9-0-8 Daily Four: 0-8-3-7 Quick Draw: 1-2-5-7-10-12-16-17-20-23-29-30-41-43-47-64-67-69-72-73 Evening Daily Three: 6-4-1 Daily Four: 7-0-8-3 Quick Draw: 3-4-5-10-	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 8-3-6 Pick 4: 6-2-6-4 Pick 5: 3-3-4-5-5 Evening Pick 3: 5-5-6 Pick 4: 8-1-8-1 Pick 5: 2-3-4-9-6 Rolling Cash 5: 1-10-11-13-32 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.62 Jan. corn4.54 Oct. corn4.56	Jan. beans11.23 Wheat4.90
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.59 Jan. corn4.49 Feb. corn4.49	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.40 Jan. corn4.40 Beans11.19 Jan. beans11.22 Wheat5.19
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.44 Jan. corn4.36 Beans11.20	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.50 Jan. corn4.50 Beans10.90 Jan. beans10.95 Wheat4.74

Today in history

In 1763, the oldest synagogue — Touro Synagogue — in the United States was dedicated in Newport, Rhode Island. It was designed by English architect Peter Harrison.

In 1793, the first state road in Indiana Territory — known as the “Buffalo Trace” — was formally ordered improved by territorial officials to support migration and trade between Vincennes and Louisville.

In 1914, the Ford Motor Company announced it would replace its six-day work-week with a five-day, 40-hour schedule, a move that influenced labor standards across the country.

In 1972, Jay Circuit

Court Judge Keith Fraser announced the appointment of Bob Bowers as acting probation officer for the county, effective Jan. 1.

In 2021, the Jay County High School girls wrestling team won its first home dual meet 36-12 over Brebeuf Jesuit. Senior Lizzie Dollar needed just 41 seconds to pick up a victory over Nia Stewart in the 113-pound match.

In 2022, Blake Bogen-schutz scored a game-high 18 points to lead the Jay County High School boys basketball team as it overcame a 13-point deficit for a 56-51 victory over the Woodlan Warriors.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St., Portland. 7 p.m. — Pennville	Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, School-house Community Center. Thursday 5:15 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.
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Loy identified infrastructure, public safety, housing and developing better working relationships with the county's municipalities as the key issues facing the county in the coming years. Alexander focused on finances, noting uncertainty following the passage of Senate Enrolled Act 1, which makes various tax policy changes, and having a vision to sustain the county's population.

Both have been involved in Republican leadership in the county, with Alexander as a previous party chair and Loy as a previous vice chair.

Loy works for Ascension Medical Group and Loy Real Estate & Auction, is president of Jay County Fair Board, is a member of Portland Lions Club and serves on Portland Board of Zoning Appeals.

“It will take collaboration, buy-in, and a shared commitment for all levels to move forward,” said Loy. “I believe in working together, and not in silos, will deliver real results for Jay County.

“Above all, I believe it's time for more young people in my generation to get involved and take an active role in shaping the future of our community. If we want Jay County to grow and be a place where families can thrive, we must be willing to step forward.”

Alexander works for Capital Cities investment consulting firm of Indianapolis, serves on the Jay County Development Corporation board of directors and is involved with Portland Elks Lodge.

“I just think the key to any position is somebody that's two things — willing to put the time in and somebody who has built trusted relationships with the other stakeholders that will allow us to make progress,” he said. “And I think the other thing is being able to have some vision around talking to the constituents, assessing where we are and being creative in how to get through challenges and how to grow.”

Aker first won election in 2018. He defeated incumbent Barry Hudson and Caleb Lutes in a three-way race — 1,113-987-671 — and went on to edge his cousin Brian Aker by 163 votes in the general election.

He fended off a challenge from Alexander in the 2022 Republican primary, taking nearly two-thirds of the vote. He went on to beat Joel Bowers by a massive margin — 4,109-1,219 — in the general election.

Alexander is completing his first year on Jay County Council after winning election in November 2024.

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Former Redkey principal’s death hit hard

By JAMES FULKS
The Commercial Review

So it came to pass. The evening before Thanksgiving. On a night that was always a fun evening in Redkey for years. Back when The Key Palace Theatre was a bopping venue for raucous blues acts from all over the country, the Thanksgiving Eve show was always Dr. Duke Tumatoe and The Power Trio for several years.

Fulksy Mayhem



It was always a packed house and a very good time. I virtually never missed that Thanksgiving Eve show. Afterward we would

stop by Val’s Bar and Grill and catch up with friends who were coming home for the holiday weekend. This year, the Key Palace was dark. We stopped by Val’s and saw a few old friends, but the evening-before-Thanksgiving crowd was certainly a lot smaller than in past years. I wasn’t there five minutes until someone asked, “Did you hear about Bob?” Now, for perspective, once upon a time I would-

n’t have dared to call him Bob. He was Mr. Anderson, and he earned my respect. Alas, at the age of 97, Mr. Anderson passed on the afternoon before Thanksgiving. About a year ago, this column mentioned him with warmth and respect, and I still have the voice-mail saved where he personally called to thank me for remembering him and writing it. Virtually everyone who

went through Redkey High School, Redkey Elementary School or Jay County High School for a career that spanned from 1960 on knew him. In my adult years, I was very fortunate to have been able to call him Bob — and a friend. I never once lost a bit of respect for him, and deep inside I still really thought of him as Mr. Anderson. But he actually preferred even the kids he visited in Redkey to “just call me

Bob now,” when he would stop by Redkey Elementary for his routine visits. A stalwart beacon of integrity, character, decency and respect from Redkey has passed on to his eternal reward. Losing our heroes as we age is certainly inevitable, but that sure doesn’t make it hurt any less. I’m sure Bob is needed to corral those youths beyond the pearly gates. They’ll never find a better role model.

Grandparents’ early arrival ignites silent feud

DEAR ABBY: Our adult daughter has children we adore. She asked if we could help out by watching them for a few hours occasionally, and we jumped at that. We had done this regularly before the delivery of the newest addition (three months ago), and the kids would occasionally spend the night. With the new addition, she wanted us to come to her house to watch them, and that was OK as well — anything to ease her anxiety about leaving the baby. On our first visit, she asked that we not come early, to allow her time to get ready. The second time, we showed up about 10 minutes early. I didn’t realize we were early. I habitually run slightly late. When she opened the door (hand never leaving the door), she said, “I thought I asked you not to come early.” I

Dear Abby



handed her the food we had brought for the older children, along with some of her things, and started to head back out, because she announced she would just call their father to get off work early. I kissed her cheek, said “I love you,” and told the children I loved them. Her hand never left the door. We’ve talked about it since, but she says she did nothing wrong. Now she’s gaslighting me, saying I seemed “off” and asking if I was going through

anything. While I was early, I really don’t see how it was such a big deal. She hasn’t asked us to watch them since, and when I’ve invited them over, she says they have plans. Advice, please? — PUNISHED IN NORTH CAROLINA
DEAR PUNISHED: It is interesting that your daughter is asking whether you were “going through something,” because the opposite may be true. Your daughter may be dealing with emotional problems, a hormone imbalance or having problems coping now that there is a new baby in the mix. If you need an interpreter to give you some insight about the abrupt change in routine, I suggest asking your son-in-law.

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DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my husband and I were invited to the wedding of a close friend’s daughter. We stayed two nights at the destination and gave a \$300 cash gift to the newlyweds. The evening of the wedding, when I went to put my gift into the box for cards and gifts, the big wooden box was gone. The bartender said the couple had already taken it to their room, but he would take the envelope and make sure they got it. I gave it to him. After six months, I hadn’t received a thank-you note, so I asked my friend if the couple had gotten my gift. I told her I was concerned because it was cash and I had given it to the bartender. She asked her daughter, who told her to tell me, “We got it.” Since then, my

friendship with this friend seems to have become very distant. Tell me, was I wrong? — MYSTIFIED IN NEW YORK
DEAR MYSTIFIED: You weren’t wrong. Considering the odd circumstances, you did exactly the right thing by asking if the cash had been received. Your friend, however, may have interpreted your question as criticism of her daughter because, after six months, you hadn’t received an acknowledgment of your generous gift.
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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday
COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.
A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Wednesday
WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.
PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.
PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.
SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who’s lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.
COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpa-

tient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.
AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.
A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.
Thursday
CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.
SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.
JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Jay County Cancer Society’s office, 227 N. Meridian St., Portland. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.
PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.
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.

Friday
PAST RECOVERY 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, call (260) 251-3259.
SOFT SHOULDERS — A

support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.
Saturday
ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland.
ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland.



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Level: Beginner

Saturday’s Solution

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

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.

Redistricting indicates out of touch

To the editor:
Together, the people writing this represent six decades of Democratic political service in Indiana. We have served our state and country in a number of different roles — as members of Congress, U.S. Senator, governor, ambassador, state party chair, and co-chair of the 9/11 Commission.
We have always worked to advocate for American ideals and values, sometimes in partnership with Republicans when it made sense for Indiana, and sometimes in competition with Republicans when we disagreed on a policy issue or an approach.
Targeting Congressmen André Carson and Frank Mrvan to gerrymander their districts before a mid-term election is

Letters to the Editor

dangerous, wrong and beyond the common sense Hoosiers traditionally show. These members, duly elected to represent their districts, work hard each day to listen to the needs of their constituents, solve problems and deliver for the families, workers, students, and seniors in their communities. They won their elections fair and square – and in the case of Congressman Mrvan – against well-funded opponents financed by the national donors.

Everywhere you go in this state, Hoosiers will tell you their biggest concern is the soaring cost of groceries, utility bills and healthcare. Indiana governors have the ability to call the General Assembly in for special legislative sessions for emergencies. The fact that the legislature is coming in early to redistrict instead of addressing real problems like Indiana’s affordability crisis, shows just how out of touch the GOP supermajority is with everyday Hoosiers.
Even former two-term Republican Governor Mitch Daniels has denounced this idea. Republicans should take heed of his statement that districts should make geographic sense, particularly if they attempt to split Marion County, which is

represented by the dean of Indiana’s congressional delegation, Congressman Carson.
Competition is good for democracy, and it’s good for our country and state. It starts with healthy debates and leads to more balanced outcomes for all people. Hoosiers deserve a congressional map where every district is competitive and voters choose their representatives, not the other way around.
But the political insiders in D.C. don’t want competition. They want to predetermine the results of the next election before the first vote is even cast.
We have all won elections. We have all lost elections. We have always accepted the outcome because we knew that at the end of the campaign it was the

choices of Hoosiers that bestowed political power on us – not the parties that granted it before the votes were even counted. Hoosiers deserve a better government, and that starts with a politics that is fair and not rigged by people outside this great state.
We urge our fellow Hoosiers of all political viewpoints to recognize this blatant power grab to rig the 2026 midterm elections. Indiana’s legislature should not waste Hoosier taxpayer dollars on a purely political activity. Hoosiers need to make their voices heard now.
Joe Donnelly, Evan Bayh, Lee Hamilton, Baron Hill, Brad Ellsworth, Karen Tallian, Mike Schmul, Kip Tew, Robin Winston, Joe Andrew, Ann DeLaney and John Livengood

RFK Jr. nixes facts, panders to the fringe

By LARRY WILSON
Pasadena Star-News (California)
Tribune News Service

Just in time for that neighbor kid down the block to contract a nasty case of the measles, Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. earlier this month changed the long-time Centers for Disease Control’s recognition, in line with the evidence and science-backed beliefs of almost every physician on Earth, that vaccines do not cause autism.
That truth had long been on the CDC website because: vaccines do not cause autism.
But since a couple of conspiracy theorists think they do, and because one of those people, who has no scientific or medical training and yet is in charge of health in our sadly anti-intellectual nation, has the power to go wherever his eccentricities takes him, the website has been changed, apparently in order to scare moms and dads looking for informed vaccine advice for their newborns.

Here’s what happened: The CDC webpage formerly said that studies had shown “no link between receiving vaccines and developing autism spectrum disorder.” The evidence it cited was from a 2012 National Academy of Medicine review of scientific papers and a separate CDC study done the next year.

Earlier this month, the page was changed to read: “The claim ‘vaccines do not cause autism’ is not an evidence-based claim because studies have not ruled out the possibility that infant vaccines cause autism.”

Except that they have. The only way the convoluted logic of the new sentence could possibly be found to hold water is in the sense that anything could be related to anything else.

As New York Times medical policy reporter Sheryl Gay Stolberg writes, “Experts say Mr. Kennedy is correct, in a narrow sense, in saying that certain studies have not yet been done. But they say he is also asking for a level of proof that is difficult to achieve. As Dr. Arthur Caplan, who directs the medical ethics division at New York University, once wryly noted, ‘You can’t prove that Coca-Cola doesn’t cause autism either.’”

So things were already bad enough under the

Larry Wilson



unhealthy Kennedy regime. We now live in a nation ruled by people who don’t believe what the evidence shows, but believe what they like to believe.

In the 51 years since the World Health Organization began its global vaccination program, the actual evidence shows that vaccines have stopped 154 million deaths worldwide, with 146 million of those being children under the age of 5. The old, evidence-based CDC from the normal times listed vaccines as one of the 10 greatest public health achievements of the 20th century.

Anyway, things just got worse. Last week, quietly, with no press release, Kennedy installed as the No. 2 man at the CDC Dr. Ralph Abraham from Louisiana who when he directed public health in that state stopped its mass vaccination campaigns for children.

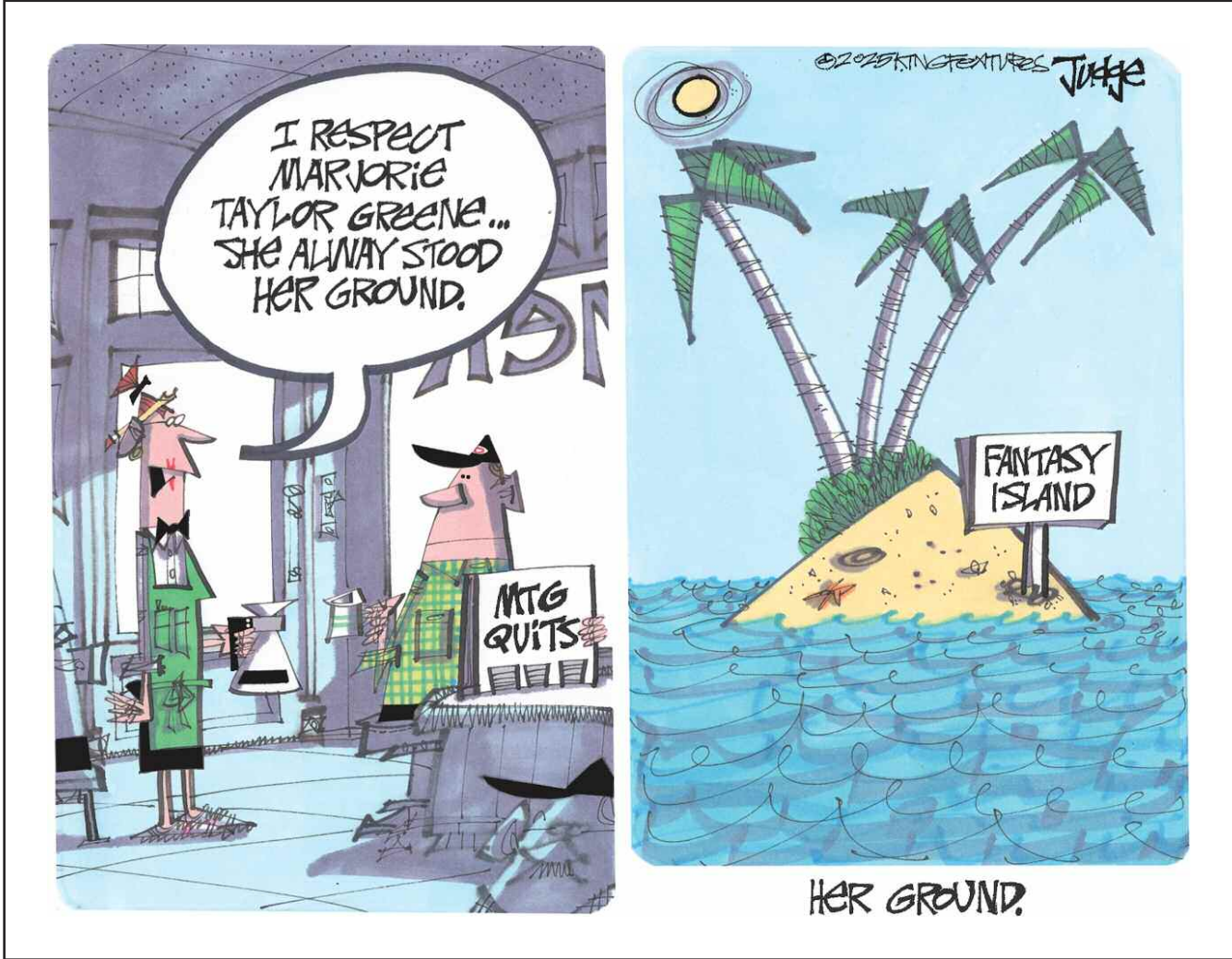
You might remember this Dr. Abraham from the COVID era, because he was one of those who promoted selling ivermectin, the anti-parasite drug, over the counter, although studies showed it was ineffective against the deadly disease. Turns out the good doc is a veterinarian as well as a physician, so there may be the problem.

When he was surgeon general of Louisiana, his health department waited two months to tell residents about a deadly whooping cough, or pertussis, outbreak in the state. Other public health departments on learning of such a development usually instantly set up statewide vaccination campaigns. Abraham did not.

Dr. Nirav Shah, who was in Abraham’s post as principal deputy director of the CDC before resigning earlier this year, says that Abraham is “unqualified” for the job.

“A large part of the principal deputy’s portfolio is emergency response,” Shah said. “Delayed notifying of the public of at least two pertussis deaths is not just unacceptable, it’s shameful.”

RFK Jr. says he wants to make America healthy again. The evidence suggests otherwise.



Tax ‘reform’ just shifts burden

By THOMAS SUDDER
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Other than the knuckle-draggers among them, Ohio General Assembly members know that headlines — not the stories that run under them — are what voters remember.

So, House Speaker Matt Huffman, a Lima Republican, had to have been delighted by recent reports telling homeowners that the legislature, some Democrats included, is hammering down, or at least slowing, increases, in property taxes.

What legislators actually did was pass the buck, as usual, to voters to raise more local money for schools by passing more property tax levies – or to butcher local schools’ budgets. Which, given voters’ rage over property taxes, is likelier?

Moreover, the school-tax legislation Statehouse Republicans are ballyhooing will (a) likely require more levy attempts and (b) make them harder to pass because, hey, didn’t the legislature’s carnival barkers just claim school taxes would fall, not climb?

The General Assembly’s purported tax reforms will have the effect of even further cutting the state’s share of public school budgets.

Howard Fleeter, the respected school-finance scholar, said in Statehouse testimony that, in fiscal year 1999 – the first after Ohio’s Supreme Court ruled that the General Assembly was unconstitutionally underfunding public schools – the state’s share of local public school costs was 45.7%.

In contrast, Fleeter estimated that the state treasury’s projected share of public school costs for the fiscal year that began last July 1 is 35%. That means that, over the last quarter-century, two things happened in Ohio’s

Thomas Sudder



600-plus school districts: slashed programs, and more levies.

To their credit, many Ohio homeowners, with and without children, invest in Ohio’s future by approving levies. Trouble is, the cost of living keeps rising and, especially for older homeowners, more levies are unaffordable.

Yet the bottom line of the General Assembly’s nifty-difty stunt is to further burden local school boards. So it’ll be school boards, not feckless legislators, that will draw heat from homeowners.

Attention, honorable General Assembly members: You took an oath the day you were sworn in to uphold the Ohio Constitution. And among other things, it says, “the General Assembly” – not the South Soybean school board – “shall make such provisions, by taxation, or otherwise, ... [to] ... secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state.”

Meanwhile, the legislature has (unconstitutionally) sluiced oceans of cash to subsidize the tuition of pupils attending nonpublic, often religious, K-12 schools. (And, oh yes, our 132 statespersons are also handing \$600 million in cash to the NFL’s klutzes, the Cleveland Browns, for a new stadium in Brook Park, amid a spaghetti bowl of highway ramps clotted with passenger traffic to and from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.)

Limiting schools’ avenues for seeking levies will also limit a board’s options. Politically, General Assembly members, except when it comes to defying Ohio voters’ clear commitment to abortion choice and marijuana legalization, and some legislators’ trashing of LGBTQ Ohioans, didn’t say much about that snag.

Homeowners have every right to be angry about a property-tax “system” that’s impossible to understand unless a homeowner is a CPA. That “system” also makes public investment in public schools grossly unequal, with pupils in well-off neighborhoods receiving far more public support than, say, K-12 pupils in Appalachian Ohio. That’s not only unconstitutional; it’s also flat-out wrong.

An Ohioan is an Ohioan in the eyes of the state constitution — or should be. But a school funding setup that hinges on real estate values undermines that pupil-to-pupil parity.

For example, in Greater Cleveland’s Beachwood district, 1 mill of property tax yields \$650 per pupil. But in Pike County’s Eastern Local district, which includes parts of Jackson and Scioto counties – just one example from Appalachian Ohio – 1 mill of property tax yields \$150 per pupil, making levies a huge struggle. Yet pupils in suburban Cleveland, and in the hills south of Columbus, are all Ohioans, constitutionally guaranteed a thorough and efficient public education.

Are pupils in both districts getting the equal opportunities Ohio promises all its children? No. And the quartet of purported property-tax-cuts the General Assembly just passed can only worsen those inequities.

Legislators sang the “Hallelujah” chorus. Ohioans who know better heard a dirge.

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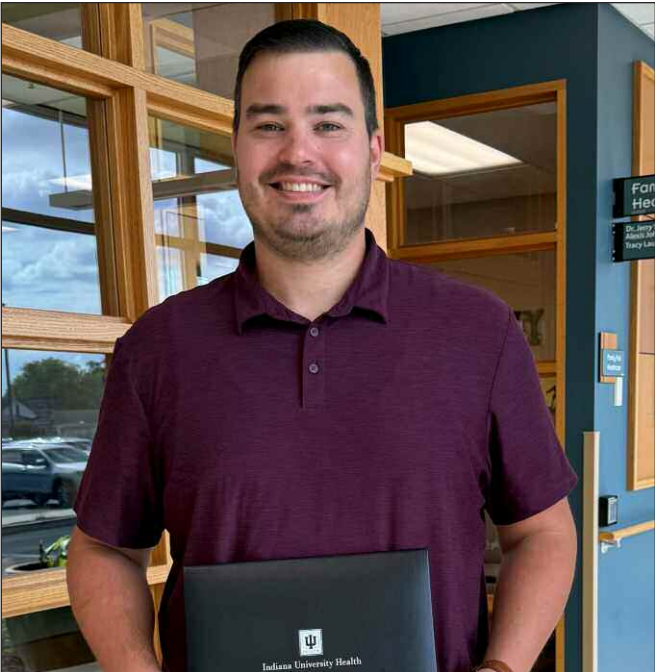
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—Thomas Jefferson

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The Indiana University Health Jay Behavioral Health Team (left) and nurse Parker May (right) recently received IU Health Values Leadership Awards. The team was recognized for its patient-centered approach and innovative programs and May was honored for his efforts to educate, mentor and foster growth.



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May, behavioral team earn honors

Local health care providers have been honored by their employer. IU Health Jay’s Behavioral Health Team and nurse Parker May received IU Health Values Leadership Awards. May serves as the nursing professional development practitioner. Members of the IU Health Jay Behavioral Health Team include Jennifer VanSky-ock, Cassie Alexander, Johnna Badger, Lisa Blansett, Carey Brunswick, Tellissa Colglazier, Grace Felger, Monica Grayson, Tracy Heath and Michelle Wagner. May was nominated because he supports teams clinically and “actively takes the opportunity to educate, mentor and foster our team’s professional growth. ... He sees the potential in others and helps create pathways for them to develop and advance.” The behavioral health team earned the President’s Values Leadership Team Award. It was recog-

Business roundup

nized for its “patient-centered approach ensures even the most vulnerable individuals receive care with dignity, respect and hope. ... Their innovative programs, such as free support groups and educational initiatives, empower patients and foster community healing.” **Earns honor** QSR Magazine named Scooter’s Coffee as one of its Best Brands to Work For in 2025. The magazine recognized 18 companies for “their dedication to providing employees with benefits, recognition programs, career pathways, and community efforts to drive employee engagement and retention.” Others named to the list this

year included Chick-Fil-A, Penn Station and Donatos Pizza. “At Scooter’s Coffee, we foster a culture of growth and care for our employees because it’s the amazing people that truly set us apart from any other QSR brand,” Mikala Friedrich, chief human resource and systems officer at Scooter’s Coffee, said in a news release. “When employees take pride in where they work and feel supported by their employer, ultimately, this trickles down to the customer experience and helps ensure that we create an amazing experience with every visit.” **Training offered** John Jay Center for Learning in Portland will host a free QuickBooks workshop from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 3 and 4. The in-person training will feature interactive and hands-on learning about the financial software. It is being offered in partnership with the Indi-

ana Small Business Development Center. Advance registration is required by visiting isbdc.eccenterdirect.com/events/17247. **Ribbon cutting set** Jay County Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Encompass Behavioral Health. The ribbon-cutting is set for noon on Friday, Dec. 5. Encompass, a mental health counseling, therapy and wellness services firm, is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. **Named director** Ball State University has named Bette Smith as director of its Center for Innovation and Collaboration. Smith has more than two decades of experience in higher education and has served as principal of Destra Consulting Group since 2013. She will begin her new role in January. “As we continue to build out the Center’s structure

and programming, Bette’s experience creating and leading collaborative environments will be vital,” said Dr. Anand R. Marri, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at Ball State, in a news release. “The Center for Innovation and Collaboration reflects Ball State’s commitment to connecting learning and discovery with real-world impact. Under Bette’s leadership, the Center will accelerate opportunities for students and faculty while advancing innovation throughout our city, region, and state.” **Paying for breach** The Federal Communications Commission said last week that Comcast will pay a \$1.5 million fine after a breach led to personal data from more than 225,000 customers being exposed. The FCC said Financial Business and Consumer Solutions, a debt collector that Comcast used, had a 2024 data breach that

exposed the information of Comcast internet, TV and home security customers. Financial Business and Consumer Solutions filed for bankruptcy before the data breach was exposed, Reuters reported. Comcast issued a statement saying it “was not responsible for and has not conceded any wrongdoing in connection with this incident.” **Firm awarded** The British Glass Focus Awards recognized Mark McColl of Ardagh Glass Packaging – Europe with a Rising Star Award. McColl is the maintenance team leader for Ardagh’s Irvine facility in Scotland. He was recognized for his “outstanding technical expertise, strong leadership, and commitment to continuous improvement.” *Does your business have news to share? Email us at news@thecr.com to be included in our weekly business roundup.*

More newspapers sue for stolen content

By PAT MAIO
The Orange County Register
Tribune News Service
ANAHEIM, Calif. — Nine newspapers owned or managed by MediaNews Group filed a civil lawsuit Wednesday, Nov. 26, against OpenAI and Microsoft, accusing the tech giants of violating copyright law by stealing the news publishers’ content to build and operate the large language models that power their artificial intelligence applications. The newspapers are the Los Angeles Daily News, The San Diego Union-Tribune, San Bernardino Sun, Boston Herald, Hartford Courant, The Morning Call, the Boulder

Daily Camera, the Daily Press and The Virginian-Pilot. The plaintiffs in the 119-page complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York said they are seeking “in excess of \$10 billion” in damages. “OpenAI pays for its chips. It pays for its computers. It pays its programmers. But it steals the raw material for its GAI products — valuable well-written content — from hard-working journalists without payment and without permission,” said Steven Lieberman, an attorney with the Washington, D.C.-based law firm Rothwell Figg, Ernst & Manbeck, who is representing the newspapers in

the case. “Through this lawsuit, the news plaintiffs seek to make OpenAI pay for what it has taken.” Spokespersons with OpenAI and Microsoft did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Lieberman also represents eight other publications owned or managed by MNG that filed a similar lawsuit in April 2024 against OpenAI and Microsoft, also in the Southern District of New York. That case is proceeding on a separate track. In the older case, the plaintiffs include the MNG-owned Orange County Register, Mercury News, Denver

Post, and St. Paul Pioneer-Press, and Tribune Publishing’s Chicago Tribune, Orlando Sentinel and South Florida Sun Sentinel and the New York Daily News. “Not only have these companies built their multibillion-dollar AI products on the theft of our journalism, but now they are stealing our audience and undermining our business,” Frank Pine, MNG’s executive editor, said of Wednesday’s lawsuit. “One of the most fundamental responsibilities of the Fourth Estate is to hold the powerful to account and to seek justice. This lawsuit does just that.” In the 2024 case, OpenAI is

challenging a court order that would require it to turn over 20 million output logs the publishers are seeking in order to determine how much of their content OpenAI serves to its users. In a separate case filed by the Authors Guild and a long list of bestselling authors, Manhattan Federal Court Magistrate Judge Ona Wang ruled this week that OpenAI needs to turn over all its internal communications with lawyers about why it deleted troves of pirated books from a “shadow library” that the tech company is accused of using to train ChatGPT, according to a New York Daily News report.

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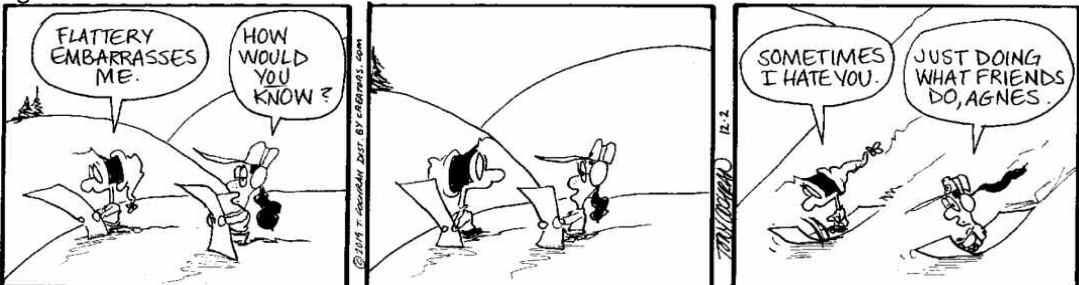
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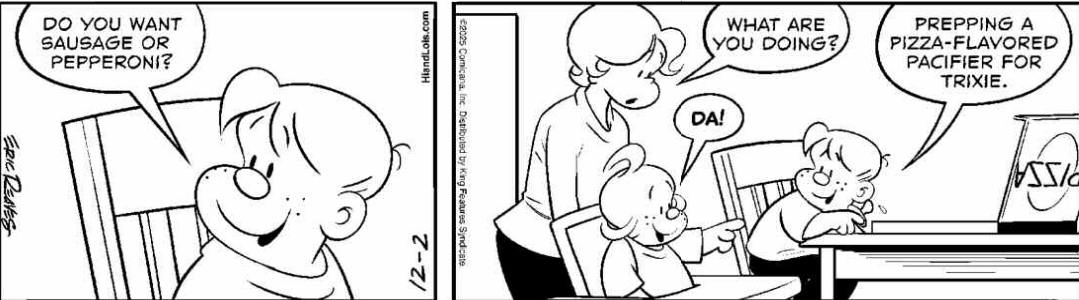
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Killing two birds with one stone

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH 1083 KJ64 AJ10 875 WEST QJ9752 8 953 AQ3 EAST 64 95 K8742 J1094 SOUTH AK AQ10732 Q6 K62

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

Opening lead — queen of spades. In many deals, one defender poses more of a threat to declarer than the other does. Whenever possible, therefore, declarer should shape his play so that the danger hand is avoided. An unusual illustration of the kind of effort sometimes needed to achieve this objective occurred in today's deal from a team contest. At both tables, the final contract was four hearts, and both Wests led the queen of spades. The first declarer took the spade with the ace, drew trump in two rounds, then led the queen of diamonds and finessed. East won with the king and shifted to the jack of clubs, and the defenders collected three club tricks for down one. At the second table, declarer saw what could happen to him if East had the diamond king and West the club ace, so he took steps to prevent East from ever gaining the lead. After winning the spade lead, he cashed the A-Q of hearts and king of spades, led a diamond to the ace, then played the ten of spades and discarded the queen of diamonds on it! West won and was stymied. A spade return would allow South to ruff in dummy while discarding a club from his hand, and a club return would hand declarer a trick with the king. Similarly, a diamond return would establish a trick in that suit after South ruffed East's king. In practice, West returned a diamond, and declarer eventually lost only two clubs to make his contract. South's well-conceived line of play was guaranteed to work no matter where the ace of clubs and king of diamonds were actually located. He found a way to establish his 10th trick without ever running the risk of losing the lead to East.

Tomorrow: Teamwork on defense. ©2025 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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Kiffin ...

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Annoyed by Kiffin? Well, maybe, but don't lie. You can't look away.

Kiffin's running total of awkward life moments involving transportation added a couple more greatest hits on Sunday at the airport outside Oxford, Miss. First there was the breaking news interview with ESPN reporter Marty Smith near a barbed wire fence by the private jet runway.

"I just watched you do something unbelievable by going off road around the firetrucks to get here, so amazing job by you," Kiffin said to Smith.

Then came the obscene fan reactions from Ole Miss supporters who gathered outside the airport to send Kiffin off to Baton Rouge in infamy. If those images of angry students felt like déjà vu, that's because

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Kiffin knows how to make an exit.

When he left Tennessee for USC after one season, Kiffin had to barricade himself inside the Vols' football complex to avoid an angry mob. As USC's coach, he was then famously fired at LAX after a humiliating loss to Arizona

State. It wasn't on the tarmac, as the legend goes, but rather inside a nearby office at the Los Angeles airport.

Then came Kiffin's trouble at Alabama.

First, Saban ordered the team bus to leave Kiffin at the stadium after the national championship game against

Clemson in January 2016. Kiffin was chatting with reporters on the field too long for Saban's schedule, apparently.

Then came the national championship game against Clemson the following season. Saban fired Kiffin before the game instead of allowing him to coach. The problem, in Saban's mind, was that Kiffin was too distracted after being named the new head coach at FAU.

Kiffin's move from Ole Miss to LSU tops them all, though. And it makes you wonder.

How's he going to outdo himself when he leaves Baton Rouge for Tuscaloosa?

He'll have to actually win a game against Alabama first, and moving to LSU gives him the best chance yet.

Just ask Brian Kelly.

Tribe ...

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Gaerke posted a career-high series of 360 pins after rolling games of 171 and 189. Her second game only trailed Deanna Brown's 194 – Brown, the reigning Midwest Athletic Conference bowler of the year, only rolled one individual game – in the match.

Freshman Liliana Williams also posted the best series in her young career as games of 151 and 163 pins combined for a 314.

Returners Jadyn Wyerick and Lilah Thien also bowled two games, with series of 297 and 282, respectively. Malia Grisez shot her career high-game of 144 pins as well.

Fort Recovery (2-1) added 708 pins in the baker games. The fourth had the highest mark with 209 pins.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Swim vs. Bluffton – 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Northeastern – 6:30 p.m.; Girls wrestling vs. Centerville – 6:30 p.m.; Boys wrestling vs. Centerville – 6:30 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Belmont – 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Belmont – 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Swim in quad-meet at Greenville YMCA – 6 p.m.; Girls bas-

ketball (varsity only) at Newton – 6 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball vs. St. John's – 5:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
2:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Fulham at Manchester City (USA)
5 p.m. — Women's college basketball: UConn at South Carolina (ESPN2)
6 p.m. — College basketball: Camp-

bell at Penn State (BTN)
7 p.m. — College basketball: East Tennessee State at Dayton (CBS); Tennessee at Syracuse (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — College basketball: Florida at Duke (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NBA: New York Knicks at Boston Celtics (NBC)
8 p.m. — College basketball: Wagner at Maryland (BTN); Purdue at Rutgers (FS1)
9 p.m. — College basketball: UConn

at Kansas (ESPN2)
9:30 p.m. — College basketball: North Carolina at Kentucky (ESPN)
10 p.m. — College basketball: USC at Oregon (FS1)
11 p.m. — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at Golden State Warriors (NBC)

Wednesday
2:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Arsenal FC at Brentford (USA)
5 p.m. — Women's college basket-

ball: Kentucky at Miami (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NBA: Denver Nuggets at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana)
7 p.m. — College basketball: Indiana at Minnesota (BTN)
7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: N.C. State at Oklahoma (ESPN2)
7:15 p.m. — College basketball: Louisville at Arkansas (ESPN)
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CAUSE NO:
38C01-2510-PL-000010
MICHELLE RAY
Plaintiff
vs.
ALL LIVING HEIRS OF REX A. EDMUNDSON, SR, and All Others Who May Claim Any Lien on or Interest in the Real Estate
Described Herein,
Defendants
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

This summons is to the Defendants above named and to any other persons who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Jay Circuit Court, Jay County, Indiana, in the case set forth in the caption above, by the person named above as Plaintiff. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the Defendants named above and all others who may claim any lien on or interest in the Real Estate described below. The named Plaintiff is represented by Joshua A. Atkinson, 940 N. Meridian St., Portland, IN 47371. The nature of this suit against you is to quiet title in Plaintiff to the Real Estate described below against the named Defendants and the world and the Real Estate is located in Jay County Indiana: In-Lot 44 and the West Half of In-Lot 43 in A. Grissell's Third Addition to the Town of Pen-nville, Indiana. An answer or other response in writing to the complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the last notice is published and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.

Dated: 10-22-2025
Melissa Elliott
Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court
CR 11-25,12-2-9-2025-HSPAXLP

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Common Council of the City of Dunkirk will hold a public hearing on the 22nd day of December, 2025, at 7 o'clock P.M. in the Dunkirk City Building, 131 S. Main Street, Dunkirk, Indiana 47336 to consider a proposed petition for annexation and a proposed fiscal plan for the annexation of the following described real estate located in Jay County, Indiana:

That portion of land situate in the Northwest and Northeast Quarters of Section 17, Township 22 North, Range 12 East of the Second Principal Meridian and the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 22 North, Range 12 East of the Second Principal Meridian in Jay County, Indiana, being more particularly described as follows:
Considering the North line of the Northeast quarter of Section 17, as 89°42'06"W an all bearings herein relative thereto: Commencing at a set rebar at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, thence on the North line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17 North 89°40'54" East 36.95 feet to the West line of the land described in Record Book 153, pages 752-759; thence North on said West line North 00°36'05" West a distance of 601.48 feet to a set rebar on the West Bank of Duck Creek; thence on the West Bank of Duck Creek South 64°03'19" East 222.89 feet to a set rebar on the West Bank of Duck Creek; thence on the West Bank of Duck Creek South 40°25'32" East 51.06 feet to a set rebar on the West Bank of Duck Creek; thence on the West Bank of Duck Creek South 04°22'03" East 464.95 feet to a set rebar on the North line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17; thence on said North line North 89°40'54" East 16.00 feet to the centerline of Duck Creek; thence on said centerline South 13°42'18" East 698.47 feet to a set rebar on the South line of the land described in Instrument #9702156; thence on said South line South 89°41'06" West 477.76 feet to a set rebar on the West line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17; thence on said West line South 00°16'46" East 148.49 feet to a set rebar on the South line of the land described in Record Book 153, pages 752-759; thence on said South line South 89°41'12" West 550.23 feet to a set rebar on the West line of the land described in Record Book 153, pages 752-759; thence on said West line North 22°22'11" East 616.99 feet to a set rebar; thence South 74°57'40" East 322.96 feet to a set rebar on the West line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17; thence on said West line North 00°16'46" West 341.43 feet to the place of beginning; containing 14.59 acres and being subject to all easements of record and rights of way.

ALSO, A part of the Fractional Southwest Quarter and a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 22 North, Range 12 East in Richland Township, Jay County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at a 5/8 inch rebar (RMA Cap) marking the Southeast corner of the Fractional Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 22 North, Range 12 East; thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes 28 seconds West 413.65 feet (assumed bearing) along the South line of said Quarter Section to a point on the centerline of State Highway #167; thence North 22 degrees 02 minutes 03 seconds East 54.18 feet along said centerline; thence North 89 degrees 23 minutes 28 seconds East 251.50 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar; thence South 00 degrees 53 minutes 43 seconds West 20.00 feet to a road nail; thence North 89 degrees 23 minutes 28 seconds East 75.00 feet along a line that is parallel with and 30 feet north of the South line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 8 to a road nail; thence North 00 degrees 53 minutes 43 seconds East 93.00 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar; thence North 89 degrees 23 minutes 28 seconds East 103.00 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar on the centerline of West 7th Street (formerly in the City of Dunkirk now vacated); thence South 00 degrees 53 minutes 43 seconds East 123.00 feet along said centerline extended to a 5/8 inch rebar with RMA cap; thence south 89 degrees 23 minutes 28 seconds West 36.95 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.64 acres, more or less, and subject to a 20 foot wide ingress-egress easement as described by Document 0501077, Records of Jay County, Indiana, to the right-of-way for State Highway #167 along the Westerly side and to all easements of record. EXCEPT: A part of the fractional Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 22 North, Range 12 East in the Town of Dunkirk, Jay County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at a 5/8 inch rebar on the east line of the fractional Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 22 North, Range 12 East, said rebar being South 00 degrees 34 minutes 21 seconds East 341.43 feet (assumed bearing) from an iron pin marking the northeast corner of said Quarter Section; thence South 00 degrees 34 minutes 21 seconds East 486.53 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar; thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes 34 seconds West 550.23 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar on the west line of a tract of ground described by Deed Record 153, page 752-759, Records of Jay County, Indiana; thence North 22 degrees 04 minutes 33 seconds East 619.99 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar; thence South 75 degrees 15 minutes 18 seconds East 322.96 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.35 acres, more or less, and subject to an electrical line easement and to all easements of record.

A copy of the proposed petition for annexation and fiscal plan is available for review in the Dunkirk City Building at the Clerk/Treasurer's Office prior to the hearing. All interested parties shall have the opportunity to testify at the hearing as to the proposed annexation.

Kara Lowe Kesler, Clerk-Treasurer
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All three FRHS teams picked up wins Saturday, see roundup below

Sports

JCHS boys swim opens season today vs. Bluffton, see Sports on tap

Jutte jumps Tribe to 1-0

DELPHOS, Ohio — The Tribe had to fight through some inclement weather just to get to Delphos for the season opener.

However, the Indians weren't as icy as the roads as a big first half against the Wildcats.

The Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team scored 18 points in each of the first two quarters as it beat the Jefferson Wildcats 66-52 Saturday to start off the 2025-26 campaign.

Six Indians scored in the first quarter with Colson Post leading the way with a pair of 3-pointers. Breaker Jutte took over in the second with 11 of his game-high 25 points.

Hudson Overman and Brody Barga also scored in double figures for Fort Recovery (1-0) with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Kellen Carder led the Wildcats (0-1) with 15 points, while Gavin Howell followed with 12. All 12 of Howell's points came in the second half, when Jefferson made a stand with 36 points but couldn't overcome the deficit.

Other scorers for FRHS were Post (nine points), Douglas Bihn (six), Kolton Thompson (three) and Dylan Klenke (two).

Roessner leads

UNION CITY, Ohio — Fort Recovery's boys bowling team rolled through the Mississi-

FRHS Roundup

nawa Valley Blackhawks on Saturday for a 2,637-2,089 victory at Woodcrest Lanes.

Strong performances in the individual games led to the Indians (4-0) holding nearly a 300 pin advantage on Mississinawa Valley. Anthony Roessner rolled the high game of 205 pins and followed it up with a 204 for a 409 series. A.J. Siefring was the other Indian to bowl two games, knocking over 171 and 172 pins, respectively.

James Westgerdes, Gabe Acheson, Rece LeFevre, Garrett Diller and Leland Wilson all contributed one individual game as well, with no games lower than 164 pins.

Fort Recovery outdid the Blackhawks in all five baker games as well to seal the victory. The final was the best for FRHS, as it threw a 195.

Gaerke breaks out

UNION CITY, Ohio — Claire Gaerke of the Fort Recovery girls bowling team had a breakout day in the Tribe's 2,299-1,930 victory over the Mississinawa Valley Blackhawks at Woodcrest Lanes on Saturday.

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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Playing with Hart

Fort Recovery High School sophomore Paisley Hart takes a layup during the Tribe's 46-29 loss on Friday. The Indians have three games this week with road trips to Newton tonight and JCHS Saturday.

Gardner injured in defeat

By PETER SBLENDORIO
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

Sauce Gardner avoided the worst with his non-contact leg injury.

In his third game since being traded by Jets, Gardner suffered what he believed to be a left calf strain in his Indianapolis Colts' 20-16 loss to the Houston Texans on Sunday.

Gardner was set to undergo further testing but expressed confidence that he did not injure his Achilles.

"I felt like I got shot in the calf or something," Gardner said afterward. "But it was, like, high [in my calf]. I wasn't thinking the worst."

Gardner came up hobbled while covering Texans tight end Cade Stover during the first quarter at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

The star cornerback, 25, did not put much weight on his left leg as he was helped into the blue medical tent and then to the locker room.

Gardner did not return to the game, but he went back to the sideline later in the first half wearing a protective boot.

He is expected to miss some time, according to NFL Network.

The Colts (8-4) acquired Gardner from the Jets in early November, identifying the two-time All-Pro as a missing piece amid their surprise hot start to the season.

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Lane Kiffin is the biggest villain in SEC sports history

By JOSEPH GOODMAN
al.com
Tribune News Service

Lane Kiffin's lifetime record against Alabama is 0-5.

I'm guessing LSU overlooked that little golden nugget when they decided to throw the bank at his feet and steal him away from Ole Miss before the College Football Playoff.

There have been a lot of villains throughout the history of American sports. Kiffin is right up there with Tonya Harding after taking a lead pipe to the knees of Ole Miss football this past week.

The coach at Ole Miss since 2020, Kiffin officially became the biggest heel in the history of college football on Sunday when he accepted an offer to leave Oxford, Miss., and coach rival LSU.

Tommy Tuberville famously lied about leaving Ole Miss before going to Auburn. What Kiffin has done is so much worse.

He's walking away from a trip to the College Football Playoff with Ole Miss to coach the Rebels' hated Halloween foe. In a single stroke, Kiffin and LSU have ruined one of the greatest seasons in Ole Miss football history. Defensive coordinator Pete Golding is now Ole Miss' football coach, which feels like the equivalent of trading in a Porsche Panamera for a Ford Pinto.

Nick Saban argued that Ole Miss should have allowed Kiffin to coach the Rebels in the playoffs before leaving for LSU. Wrong. All Wrong. One-hundred percent repulsively incorrect.

Saban is a former LSU coach who shares an agent with Kiffin, so of course he would side with the biggest heel in SEC football history on this.

For its part, Ole Miss has handled its messy divorce with Kiffin in the best way possible. The ultimatum for an answer after the Egg Bowl was necessary because the early signing period for college football is this week. Was Ole Miss supposed to let Kiffin and LSU destroy the entire program? At least now Golding, who is an excellent recruiter, has a chance to save the recruiting class.

Ole Miss went 11-1 this season (Kiffin luckily didn't have to play Alabama), tying for first place in the SEC. The only

Joseph Goodman



loss was at Georgia. At the height of its joy, and coming off a massive victory against Mississippi State, Ole Miss' celebration has turned into a hellscape of cringe.

But give LSU credit for putting a torch to Ole Miss' immediate future. That's life in the SEC. The Rebels' first trip to the playoff is going to taste like a burned marshmallow over a tire fire.

Did LSU win the SEC's unprecedented coaching carousel by stealing Kiffin from LSU? It's impossible to know before the early signing period (Dec. 3-5) and the beginning of the transfer portal window (Jan. 2-16).

This is a certainty, though. Kiffin will wear the black hat of an all-time sports villain for the rest of his career after this latest publicity stunt.

ESPN worked so hard to clean up Kiffin's image. And for what?

Well, for money.

Kiffin is good for ratings anywhere, but even better at a major brand like LSU.

There's also this, though. Kiffin's agent, Jimmy Sexton, also works for the company, Creative Arts Agency, that represents a lot of ESPN employees. Unethical? I guess it's a gray area.

Don't get me wrong. I don't mind it. As a sports columnist, I love Kiffin's quest for ultimate mayhem. He makes my job pretty easy by making the SEC about as bizarre as a live bull on the loose during a professional wrestling match.

The SEC is not only the toughest league in sports, but it's the most entertaining, too.

Let's take a look at some of LSU's notable SEC opponents next season: Alabama, Texas, Texas A&M, Arkansas, Auburn, Ole Miss and Tennessee. To borrow Kiffin's famous quote before losing to Alabama for the third time in his career, get your popcorn ready.

See Kiffin page 7