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At the end of each year, “top 10” and “best of” lists are everywhere. They list the best songs, books, podcasts, movies, TV shows, video games, restaurants and tech.

We do something a little different. Since 2019, we’ve asked our writers to share some of their favorite things. They are free to suggest anything they want. There are no limits.

The idea here is to provide readers with a variety of favorites across a range of topics. The hope is that we might point out some things that may not have otherwise crossed readers’ paths.

It’s an opportunity to expand horizons. If one of the books, TV shows, podcasts, video games, musical artists or sandwiches below becomes a favorite of yours, great. If not, that’s OK too. Either way, we all benefit from trying new things.

Books

Project Hail Mary

This Andy Weir novel was at the top of my to-read list when I made an effort in early 2025 to break out of a book-reading slump. It surpassed expectations. The narrative style was extremely effective and all of the science was well explained. It was easy to connect with the characters and to see their world through the descriptions in the book. There are twists and turns throughout, none of them obvious but all of them effective and logical. You will learn, smile, laugh, cry and consider our place in the universe. — Ray Cooney

Why We Love Baseball

If you know anything about me, you know I genuinely can’t get enough of baseball. I’ve consumed media related to the sport my whole life, but I don’t think I’ve ever read something that better encapsulates the spirit of the game than this book by Joe Posnanski. It covers all the bases, balancing lighthearted tales with heartwarming and tear-jerking stories. It’s easy to pick up and leave off as it’s broken up into a collection of short stories; but beware — if you love the National Pastime as much as I do, it might not be easy to put down. — Ethan Oskroba

Sunrise on the Reaping

Suzanne Collins dropped the second prequel book to her hit series “The Hunger Games” back in March. While many may read the book just to further immerse themselves in the world of Panem that Collins has created, I enjoyed her exploration of government-controlled media and the dangers it brings to allow the party in power to have complete control and unchecked narrative. — Andrew Balko

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Gambling proposals are on agenda for 2026

Lawmakers to consider online sales, casino in Fort Wayne

By TOM DAVIES

Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Proposals for allowing the Hoosier Lottery to sell tickets online and the opening of a Fort Wayne-area casino are in the cards for what could be Indiana’s biggest gambling expansion since sports wagering was legalized in 2019.

Legislators started advancing the Fort Wayne casino plan in December and are expected to take up an online lottery bill soon after they return to the Statehouse in January.

While those look to be the gambling topics most likely to gain traction, some lawmakers also want to authorize internet casino games and to push consideration of a downtown Indianapolis casino.

Rep. Ethan Manning, chair of the House Public Policy Committee that handles gambling-related bills, said he believes “i-lottery is much closer than i-gaming” to winning the approval of lawmakers.

Manning’s committee last year endorsed a bill for both online lottery and casino games, but it didn’t reach the full House for a vote amid concerns that internet gambling would draw business away from physical casinos and risk greater gambling addiction.

Manning, R-Logansport, said during the recent Dentons Legislative Conference that he was sponsoring a bill for this session dealing only with the online lottery.

“I want to try and move that this year, because if we get it passed this year, by the time we pass the bill and get it implemented, we’re talking 12 to 18 months before we start collecting that i-lottery revenue,” Manning said. “If we get it passed this short session, then we’ll have that revenue to consider going into the 2027 budget year.”

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State courts may decide fate of maps

By JONATHAN SHORMAN

Stateline.org

After Missouri lawmakers passed a gerrymandered congressional map this fall, opponents submitted more than 300,000 signatures seeking to force a statewide vote on whether to overturn the map. But Republican state officials say they will use the map in the meantime.

Missouri courts now appear likely to weigh in.

“If we need to continue to litigate to enforce our constitutional rights, we will,” said Richard von Glahn, a progressive activist who leads People Not Politicians, which is leading the campaign opposing the gerrymandered map.

As some states engage in an extraordinary redraw of congress-

sional districts ahead of the 2026 midterm elections, state courts may decide the fate of the new maps. President Donald Trump has pushed Republican state lawmakers to gerrymander their states’ congressional maps, prompting Democratic state lawmakers to respond in kind.

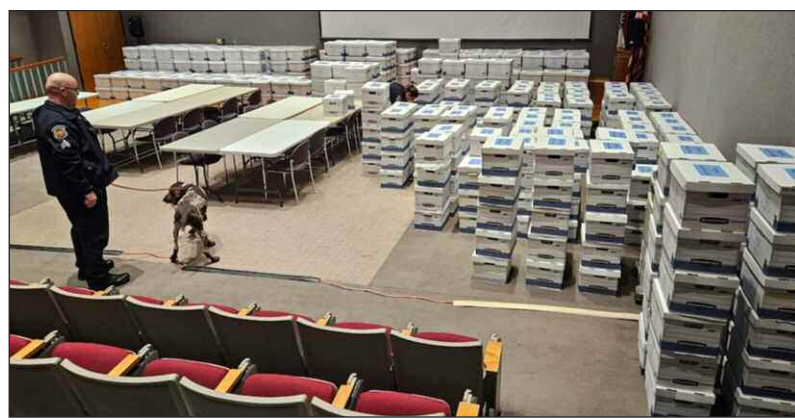
Nationwide, state judges are poised to play a pivotal role in adjudicating legal challenges to the maps, which have been draft-

ed to maximize partisan advantage for either Republicans or Democrats, depending on the state. Maps are typically only redrawn once a decade following the census.

While some state courts have long heard map-related lawsuits, the U.S. Supreme Court has all but taken federal courts out of the business of reviewing redrawn maps this year.

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Indiana redistricting push raised constitutional questions



Tribune News Service/Missouri Independent/Rudi Keller

Missouri Capitol Police officers conduct security checks on boxes of petition signatures submitted to force a referendum vote on the state’s new congressional map. State courts in Missouri and other states may decide whether new maps passed this year are used in the 2026 midterm elections.

Deaths

Sharon McIntosh, 73, Franklin
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 26 degrees Tuesday. The low was 15.

Tonight’s forecast calls for a low between 10 and 15. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with a high in the upper 20s. Temperatures will climb into the 30s by Monday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Redkey Post Office and the parking lot south of Salamonina Fire Station.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from the girls wrestling sectional tournament.

Tuesday — Coverage of the JCHS boys basketball game at Muncie Central.

Wednesday — Details from next week’s Jay School Board meeting.



Gambling ...

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Online lottery details
An analysis prepared by the Legislative Services Agency for last session's proposal projected that online sales would boost the Hoosier Lottery's revenues by between \$314 million and \$629 million in the third year.
That would come as the lottery's sales have been flat at around \$1.7 billion for the past five years.
Online lottery sales likely wouldn't start until the summer of 2027 as lottery officials hire the needed vendors and set up measures to confirm app users are at least 18 years and are present inside the state lines when making purchases, Hoosier Lottery spokesman Jared Bond said.
If given approval for online sales, the Hoosier Lottery plans to sell both instant games and tickets for jackpot drawings such as Powerball and MegaMillions via the internet, Bond said.

The lottery could also host online instant games on its site.
The addition of online sales was projected to boost the lottery's annual profits — \$340 million for fiscal year 2025 — by between \$25 million and \$80 million in the third year.
Illinois, Kentucky and Michigan are among 18 states currently with online lottery sales, he said.
“It doesn't cannibalize traditional lottery,” Bond said. “In essence, it really brings new players to the market and actually helps traditional brick-and-mortar retailers grow as well, sometimes by double digits, in their sales.”
The Indiana Food and Fuel Association, which represents convenience stores, isn't opposing the push for online lottery sales, according to the group's lobbyist, Matthew Norris.
“We have learned from the experiences in other states that retailers have not been negative-

ly impacted when i-lottery has been introduced because of the cross-promotional efforts to drive business into brick-and-mortar retailers,” Norris said. “So we look forward to partnering with the Hoosier Lottery to explore ways for retailers to benefit from the new offering.”
Debate over casinos
Committees in both the Senate and House got an early start on consideration of the Fort Wayne casino with December public hearings.
The Senate Public Policy Committee voted unanimously Dec. 9 to advance a bill to the full Senate, while the House committee is expected to take action in early January.
Lawmakers are weighing whether to approve the state's 14th casino license for the Fort Wayne-area project or allow the Rising Star Casino from southeastern Indiana — owned and operated by Full House Resorts

— to move there. That Ohio River casino generates the least casino tax in the state and has seen revenues plummet since casinos opened in Ohio and gambling expanded in Kentucky.
Manning said he supported transferring the Rising Star license to Fort Wayne as such a move would help Indiana's two other Cincinnati-area casinos in a market that has changed greatly since those opened more than 25 years ago.
“I think that's something we need to consider moving forward, not just solving one problem, solving more than one at the same time,” Manning said.
A study released by the Indiana Gaming Commission in October found that Indianapolis was the top location for a casino relocation, followed by northeast Indiana.
While the Indianapolis region would bring the state more tax revenue, it would also hurt the two casinos nearby in Shel-

byville and Anderson that also have horse tracks and help support the horse racing industry. The Fort Wayne area was seen as more of an open market, impacting casinos in Ohio and Michigan.
Some Indianapolis lawmakers are advocating for a downtown casino in the city, but they face resistance from Republican House Speaker Todd Huston and others.
“I believe the Indianapolis market is already adequately served by the current gaming facilities,” Huston said in a statement. “I do support exploring a new gaming license in Northeast Indiana and the economic development opportunities it could bring to the region.”
Approval for new casinos in Gary and Terre Haute came in the state's last major gaming expansion bill in 2019, when lawmakers also allowed the start of sports wagering.

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Saturday 1/3	Sunday 1/4	Monday 1/5	Tuesday 1/6	Wednesday 1/7
32/23	34/28	48/35	49/37	41/31
Cloudy skies are in the forecast for Saturday when the high will be in the 30s.	Sunday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with the high in the mid 30s.	Monday looks to be mostly cloudy with a high around 48 degrees.	There's a slight chance of rain in the afternoon. Temperatures may reach up to 49.	Some showers are possible Wednesday when the low may hit 31.

Lotteries

Powerball
11-19-34-48-53
Power Ball: 21
Power Play: 2
Estimated jackpot: \$45 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$157 million

Hoosier
Wednesday
Midday
Daily Three: 5-8-5
Daily Four: 8-4-4-4
Quick Draw: 1-3-11-12-16-19-21-25-26-29-30-37-39-41-42-50-53-68-69-76
Evening
Daily Three: 5-1-2

Ohio
Wednesday
Midday
Pick 3: 3-3-8
Pick 4: 8-2-5-3
Pick 5: 6-3-7-1-3
Evening
Pick 3: 3-2-7
Pick 4: 3-0-8-3
Pick 5: 2-0-9-5-9
Rolling Cash: 2-4-7-19-32
Estimated jackpot: \$140,000

Daily Four: 9-3-6-1
Quick Draw: 4-8-15-16-17-18-20-29-35-36-39-51-56-61-64-66-68-71-74-77
Cash 5: 1-8-30-35-36
Estimated jackpot: \$85,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Corn.....4.59 Feb. corn.....4.61	Fort Recovery Wheat.....4.63
POET Biorefining Corn.....4.59 Feb. corn.....4.53 March corn.....4.53	ADM Corn.....4.42 Feb. corn.....4.44 Beans.....10.36 Feb. beans.....10.43 Wheat.....4.88
The Andersons Corn.....4.47 Feb. corn.....4.49 Beans.....10.40 Feb. beans.....10.49	Richland Township Corn.....4.57 Jan. corn.....4.52 Beans.....10.08 March beans.....10.23 Wheat.....4.63

Today in history

In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the United States Constitution.

In 1843, “The Flying Dutchman” opera premiered in Dresden, Germany. Created by Richard Wagner, the plot follows a cursed sea captain, the Dutchman. His curse allows him to dock every seven years in hopes of finding a faithful woman whose love may redeem him.

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann's trial began in Flemington, New Jersey. Known as the “Trial of the Century,” Hauptmann was found guilty of kidnapping and murdering Charles Lindbergh Jr., the son of famous aviator Charles Lindbergh.

In 2016, a 15-2 first half run was key for the Jay County High school girls basketball team as it fought off Fort Recovery for a 56-51 victory.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday, Jan. 5 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland	City Council, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 6 p.m. — Jackson Township Advisory Board, 5341 W. 400 North, Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St., Fort Recovery.
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Obituaries

Sharon McIntosh
July 1, 1952-Dec. 24, 2025
Sharon McIntosh, age 73, a resident of Franklin, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025, at her home in Franklin. She was a former Portland resident.
Sharon was born July 1, 1952, in Gas City, Indiana, the daughter of Joseph and Alyce (Colson) Thiellen. She attended Church of God Prophecy in Portland and Assembly of God in Whiteland. Sharon married William McIntosh Sr. on June 22, 1996.
Survivors include:
Her husband — William McIntosh Sr., Franklin, Indiana
Her children — Sherie Beck,

Tucson, Arizona,
Jeremy Kelly,
Bunker Hill, Indiana,
Sabrina McCammon, Portland, Indiana,
and Garry Travis Kelly, Portland, Indiana
Her stepchildren — Bill McIntosh (wife: Donna), Franklin, Indiana, Mary Canino, Texas, Michael McIntosh (wife: Juanita), Edinburg, Indiana, Tanya Moler, Edinburg, Indiana
One sister — Nita McIntosh (husband: John), Bargersville, Indiana
Several grandchildren and great grandchildren



McIntosh

Visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 2026, at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Jefferson Cemetery in Upland, Indiana.
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.
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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.

Courts ...

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On Dec. 4, a majority of the court allowed Texas' new map, which seeks to secure five more U.S. House seats for Republicans, to proceed. A federal lawsuit against California's new gerrymandered map, drawn to favor Democrats, hasn't reached the high court.
The U.S. Supreme Court's brief, unsigned majority decision voiced concern about inserting federal courts into an “active primary campaign,” though Texas's primary election will occur in March. Critics of the court's decision have said it effectively forecloses federal challenges to this year's gerrymanders. The justices could also issue a decision next year that makes it more difficult to challenge maps as racially discriminatory.
State courts are taking center stage after gerrymandering opponents have spent decades encouraging them to play a more active role in policing maps that had been drawn for partisan advantage. Those efforts accelerated after the U.S. Supreme Court in 2019 limited the power of federal courts to block such maps.

of partisan gerrymandering, according to a 2024 review by the State Democracy Research Initiative at the University of Wisconsin Law School.
So far this year, California, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Utah have adopted new congressional maps. New maps also appear possible in Florida, Maryland and Virginia. A handful of other states — Alabama, Louisiana, New York and North Dakota — may have to change their maps depending on the outcome of court cases.
Some of those new or potential maps could face legal obstacles. Florida, New York and Ohio all have state supreme courts that have previously found problems with partisan gerrymanders. Maryland Democrats have so far not moved forward with a gerrymander, in part because of fears of an adverse decision from the state Supreme Court.
Four state supreme courts — including in Missouri — have determined that they cannot review partisan gerrymandering claims, though state courts may still consider challenges on other grounds, such as whether the districts are compact or contiguous.

in wording between state constitutions and the federal one, and provisions in state constitutions — such as the free elections requirement — not found in the U.S. Constitution.
In states where legislatures draw congressional maps, some lawmakers argue that state constitutions shouldn't be interpreted to curb legislative authority over mapmaking. Court-imposed limits amount to violations of the traditional separation of powers, they say, with the judiciary overstepping its authority to interfere in politics.
Constitutional concerns
As the Indiana legislature weighed a gerrymandered map to boost Republicans this month, some lawmakers were reluctant to constrain state courts. Democrats currently hold two of the state's nine congressional districts.
The GOP-controlled Indiana Senate voted down the map in a major setback to Trump's national redistricting push. The vote came after a floor debate where opponents raised concerns about limiting court involvement; the legislation included a provision sending any legal challenge directly to the Indiana Supreme Court, bypassing a jury trial.
Indiana Republican state Sen. Greg Walker said the measure violated the state constitution, which guarantees an “inviolable” right to a jury trial in all civil cases. “In legal terms, ‘inviolable’ has the implication of being sacred, as opposed to being just a piece of the law,” Walker said on the floor.
State Sen. Mike Gaskill, a Republican who sponsored the map, said during a speech that Indiana residents would benefit from a quick process to resolve legal challenges. “Both sides, in any case, want them to be settled quickly so that they don't cause chaos and interruptions in the elections process,” he said.
If the map had passed, opponents would have likely attacked the measure using a provision of the Indiana Constitution that requires “free and equal” elections.

“Basically, every one of the 50 states has something in its constitution that could be used to constrain partisan gerrymandering,” said Samuel Wang, director of the Princeton Gerrymandering Project.
State constitutions, which are interpreted by state supreme courts, typically have language that echoes the right to freedom of speech and association found in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, Wang said. They also include a right to equal protection under the law, similar to the 14th Amendment.
Some state constitutions guarantee free and fair elections, language that doesn't appear in the U.S. Constitution. Thirty states have some form of a constitutional requirement for free elections, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.
At least 10 state supreme courts have found that state courts can decide cases involving allegations

Breaking out of lockstep
As federal courts limit their review of gerrymandering because of U.S. Supreme Court decisions, some state supreme courts are reluctant to wade into the issue because of a practice called “lockstepping.”
State supreme courts often interpret their state constitutions in line with — or in lockstep with — how the U.S. Supreme Court views similar language in the U.S. Constitution. Because the U.S. Supreme Court has declined to limit partisan gerrymandering, some state supreme courts have also declined to impose limits.
Gerrymandering opponents have used a variety of arguments over the years to try to prod state supreme courts out of lockstep. They have emphasized differences

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Thirty one donated blood in December

Thirty one donors gave blood Dec. 23 during American Red Cross' blood drive at Jay Community Center.

Koenig, Michael Foreman, Darwin Johnson, Michael Schmidt, Michael Timmerman, Lorrissa Bousman, Douglas Watson, Denise Glentzer, Billy Sipe,

Doris Muhlenkamp and Dennis Negele. Also David Osenbaugh, Freeda Osenbaugh, Carol Kennedy, Samuel Grubb, Amanda Coleman, Joel Taylor, Mark Tillman,

Jill Hemmelgarn, Kevin Keller, Teresa Kelly, Rebecca Kunkler, Brian Kunkler, Barbara Myers, Mackenzie Cramer, Joseph Reinhard, Larry Barnette, Mary Laux,

Beverly Westgerdes, Carla Pogue, Jane Reinhart, Darrin Harding, Timothy Danielson, Pamala Ray, Duane Monroe, Jerry Zicht, Nichole Parks, Jane Childs, Cam-

eran Paxson, Barbara Neuenschwander, Miriam Neuenschwander, Steven Swingley, Dave Garringer, Ana Minnich, Matt Minnich, Timo Minnich and Billy Bailey.

Husband's loner tendencies lead to jealousy

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together 23 years, married for almost nine. We are in our 60s. It's the second marriage for both of us. I retired due to having to move to another state for his job. I make friends wherever I go and get involved in community activities.

My husband has NO friends. Seriously. ZERO! He goes to work and comes home. Over the years, he has accused me of wanting relationships with my male friends (whose wives are also my friends) and tells me I should just go on and be happy with the other man. Neither my friends nor I have ever done anything to spark his pathological jealousy.

Currently, I am on a nonprofit board of directors and must

Dear Abby



communicate often with the male president. He has become the new target. Counseling is out of the question because psychiatry is my husband's specialty. Also, he seems to think he is always right about everything. He has never issued an apology as long as I've known him.

I do not respond to his tirades because it's pointless, but I'm sick and tired of his behavior and thought process.

I understand the "why" to this behavior (his heritage and environment), but that doesn't give him carte blanche to use it as an excuse. Any suggestions for moving forward? — WEARY IN FLORIDA

DEAR WEARY: From what you have written, your anti-social husband is a bottomless vessel of insecurity. If you haven't been able to assuage it in all these years, I doubt you ever will. Many psychotherapists use mental health professionals themselves. But unless your husband is willing to admit that perhaps he, and not you, is the problem and seeks help, nothing will change. Frankly, I am surprised your marriage has lasted this long. Is this how you

want to live the rest of your life? Answering that question is the way to move forward.

DEAR ABBY: I work from home a few days a week and live a block from the local middle school. Recently, I've broken up a group of kids in my yard hitting and fighting with each other. I don't know these kids, have no children in school and realize this is an ongoing issue. I'm not certain how to handle it.

I could ignore it, but I'm afraid not only that one of the kids will get hurt, but also that a parent would be upset that this happened on my property. I could report it to the police, but that may be overkill. I could also try reaching out to

the school, but without any information on who these kids are, I'm not sure that would be much help either. Any ideas? — WITNESS IN OHIO

DEAR WITNESS: I do have a suggestion. You have already spoken to the children involved in these altercations. You are correct that there could be liability if one or more of them are injured on your property. Contact the principal of the middle school and explain what has been going on. Once that's done, call or visit the police department and report that your yard is being turned into a battleground. If you do, the next time something starts happening and you call the police, they may respond quickly.

Community Calendar

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

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, please 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 ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

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. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

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

Sunday
A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday
PORTLAND BREAKFAST 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.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland.

New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

THE LIFE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy, as well as help with the needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday 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.

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.

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 Outpatient 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.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Wednesday's Solution

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

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

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Commuting moves millions of \$\$\$

By MORTON J. MARCUS

We see the cars going back and forth over the county line, but let's look at the cash that flows in all directions. In 2023, \$96.5 billion flowed into Indiana counties via commuting. That sum was accompanied by \$87.6 billion flowing out of Indiana counties.

Our business-minded state government might point with pride to an \$8.9 billion surplus in our trade of workers for cash. All it actually says is that many Hoosiers can find more pay outside the state than closer to home.

At the county level, one winner is little Ohio County, down on the river of the same name. There, the inflow of money via

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commuting is eight times greater than the outflow of earnings. But there may be some cause for rejoicing when we see Ohio County's inflow was 11 times greater than its outflow in 1991.

True, Ohio County had a failing riverboat casino that was expected to lift it high, but these data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) indicate improvements in 54 of Indiana's

92 counties over that third of a century.

Commuting is a good activity. It lets people live and work where they find the best opportunities. But it also has social and family costs. Commuters generally are driving greater distances than if employed locally. This may be relaxing for a few, but in congested traffic they spend hours idling and away from home, where they might otherwise do some good.

Brown County, where the inflow of earnings was 13 times the outflow in 1991, led the state in its path down to a multiple of five in 2023. In all, 66 counties saw an increase in the role played by earnings flowing in via commuting. The outflow of

earnings generated by work increased in 69 counties.

Commuting to work — living at a distance from the job — has increased in the state as more women entered the paid labor force and automobile ownership increased. In a “free market” society, this can be seen as consumer preferences at work. But what if those choices were based on low wages, inadequate housing, an absence of public transit, pollution and social divisions? Escaping negative factors means that choices are constrained and not based solely on the positive attributes of a job and a home.

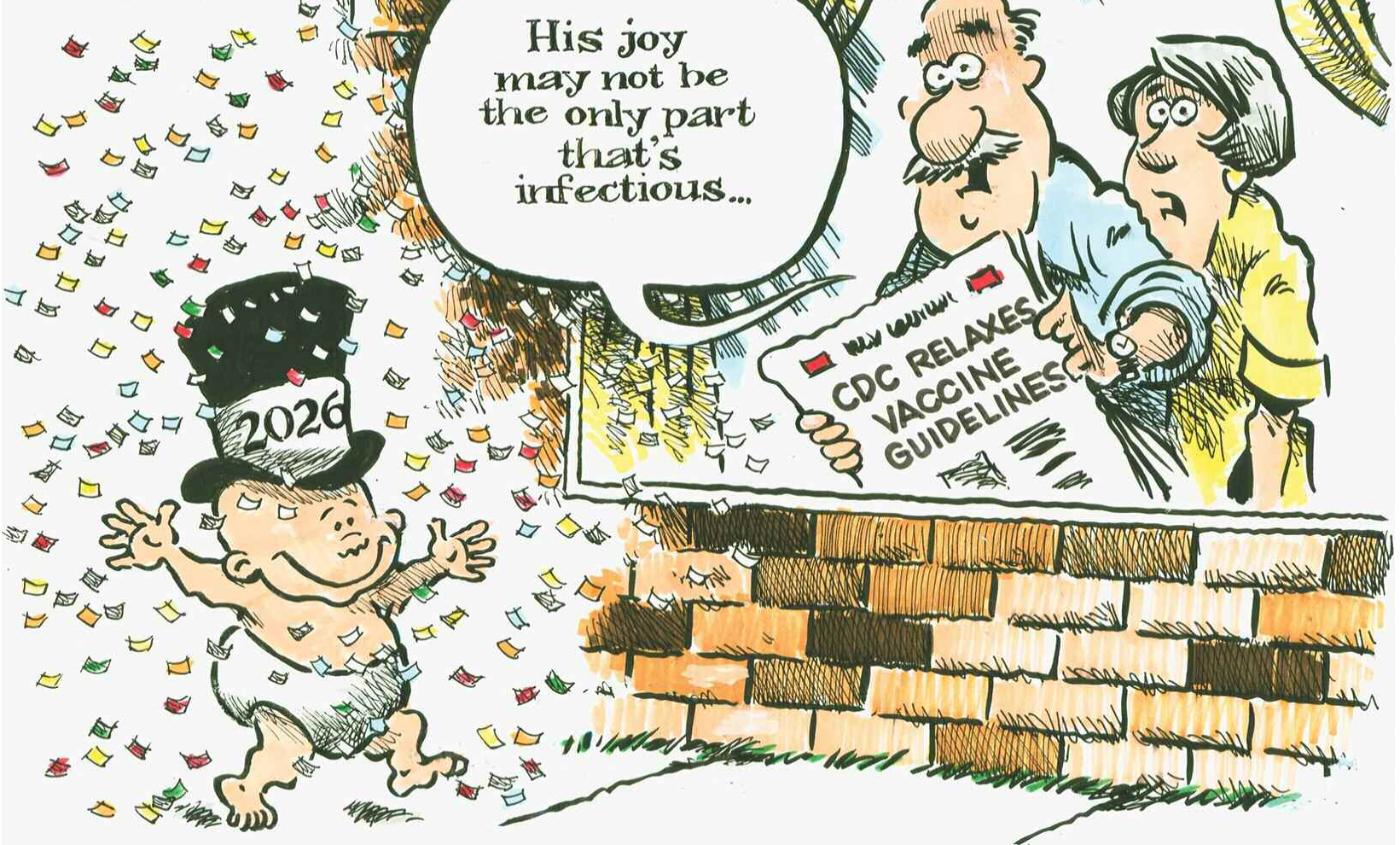
Many Hoosiers have become commuters because firms and the jobs they offered moved else-

where. Fayette County lost many good-paying jobs. It flipped from being a generator of earnings to being an importer of earnings. Between 1991 and 2023, Fayette residents went from depending on jobs elsewhere for 16% of their earnings to relying on jobs elsewhere for 52% of their earnings.

Our leaders talk about our smaller, rural counties. Yet we haven't seen much movement in the number of counties where the local share of earnings is rising along with a decline in the outflow of earnings.

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Hamstringing humanities will hinder discovery

By SHADI BARTSCH

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It seems we've decided the humanities have less to give the human race — or more modestly, this country's future — than the sciences.

This is a serious mistake. The sciences and the humanities are different faces of the human search for knowledge and not the opposites we have turned them into. If you hamstring one, you hamstring the other. And thinking of “sciences” and “humanities” as unrelated modes of inquiry is not only shortsighted; it's also new to western civilization. Before the scientific revolution, investigations into the natural world and into the human condition were treated as different facets of our quest to know — a drive that Aristotle defined, in his “Metaphysics,” as characteristic of humankind by nature. But when we started treating science (and the technologies it birthed) as independent of other forms of knowledge, when we started treating meaning, history, culture and power as externalities, it cost us in discovery, in deployment and in avoidable harm.

There are so very many examples. Take eugenics, a canonical instance of what happens when measurement and quantification are treated as synonymous with truth, and a

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core humanistic question — “what is this category, historically and morally?” — is waved away. Eugenics, advanced as a scientific program, carried normative assumptions about “fitness” and hierarchy into policies that ranged from coercive sterilization to state violence. The humanities could have pointed at the time to the conceptual instability of race as a biological essence; the rhetorical sleight of hand by which social prejudice becomes “data”; the political uses of supposedly neutral expertise.

Or consider health and medicine. Again and again, epidemics have demonstrated that pathogens move through cultures, not just bodies. Anthropological and historical work on trust, rumor, religion, political legitimacy and the social meaning of risk has repeatedly improved the design of interventions, because it reveals why a technically sound policy can fail spectacularly when it ignores how people understand authority. “Follow the science” is not a plan if you do not also know how communities hear it,

fear it, or translate it into local idioms of danger and care.

And artificial intelligence! We built machines that can translate, classify, predict and persuade at planetary scale, and only after doing so — after releasing them into the bloodstream of public life — did we remember to ask the questions that every decent civilization has always asked first: Who gets harmed? Who gets counted? What gets erased? We are shocked that algorithmic systems trained on historical data reproduce historical injustice; that predictive tools in policing and credit can harden inequities into automated fate; that facial recognition can perform unevenly across populations; that “optimization” can become an alibi for ethics.

But none of this should be surprising if we remember the 19th-century pattern: Build a technical instrument, declare it objective and then discover that it has quietly inherited the world's prejudices because it was trained on the world as it is.

The success stories are there. During the 2014-16 Ebola outbreak in West Africa, anthropological insights — burial practices, trust networks, local authority structures and rumor ecology — proved crucial to designing interventions people would accept and that would work on the ground. The literature is explicit that community engagement and social under-

standing were not optional “cultural add-ons” but part of effective outbreak control.

Where science and the humanities are severed, the damage often takes one of three forms: category error (we measured the wrong thing, because we never interrogated the category); trust collapse (people refused the intervention, because science treated social meaning as noise); and delayed correction (harm had to become undeniable before the system could “see” it).

Where humanistic angles were allowed in, science tended to improve not by becoming less rigorous, but by becoming more self-aware: clearer about its concepts, its subjects, its incentives and its downstream effects.

The bitter irony is that we are now at a moment when universities, under financial and political pressure, are shrinking the very disciplines that could have helped us avoid such pitfalls: philosophy and ethics (where we learn to argue about ends), history (where we learn what “progress” has cost before), literature and rhetoric (where we learn how language makes realities) and the interpretive social sciences (where we learn how institutions distribute trust and harm). We say these are worthless expenses for society. Could we be more wrong?

This is not just about ethics and wayward science. It's about how all forms of knowledge

work together and should be understood as doing so. Niels Bohr did not derive quantum mechanics from yin-yang, but he found in that ancient symbol a powerful way to express complementarity — his insistence that opposing truths can coexist. Gunpowder, however, was born directly out of Chinese alchemy, where Taoist experiments in transformation accidentally reshaped global history.

Science uses metaphors: Who will unpack them? Science spawns technology: Who will measure that technology's impact on the psyche? Science's questions arise out of a future we envision for ourselves: Who does the envisioning?

It is hard to think of a worse time for humanities retrenchment. The sciences are extraordinary at generating data, but they cannot on their own generate the habits of mind that allow societies to interpret data responsibly or resist the distortions that often engulf it. Nor, as currently practiced, do they allow us to see how the world of the humanities is constantly contributing to scientific advance. Lop off the humanities, and we'll all pay the price for this silly miscalculation of human interest.

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Movies

Mickey 17
Set in a perhaps not-so-distant future, "Mickey 17" follows underdog Mickey Barnes (portrayed by Robert Pattinson) aboard a spaceship traveling to colonize a new world. Treated quite literally as a disposable employee, Mickey's job involves various dangerous tasks aimed at helping the ship's general population survive. I can't say enough to Pattinson's range, having seen him in a variety of roles over the last few years, including a brooding superhero and a magical heron. This dark comedy had our attention the entire film, and I've been considering a rewatch soon. — Bailey Cline

Love Hurts

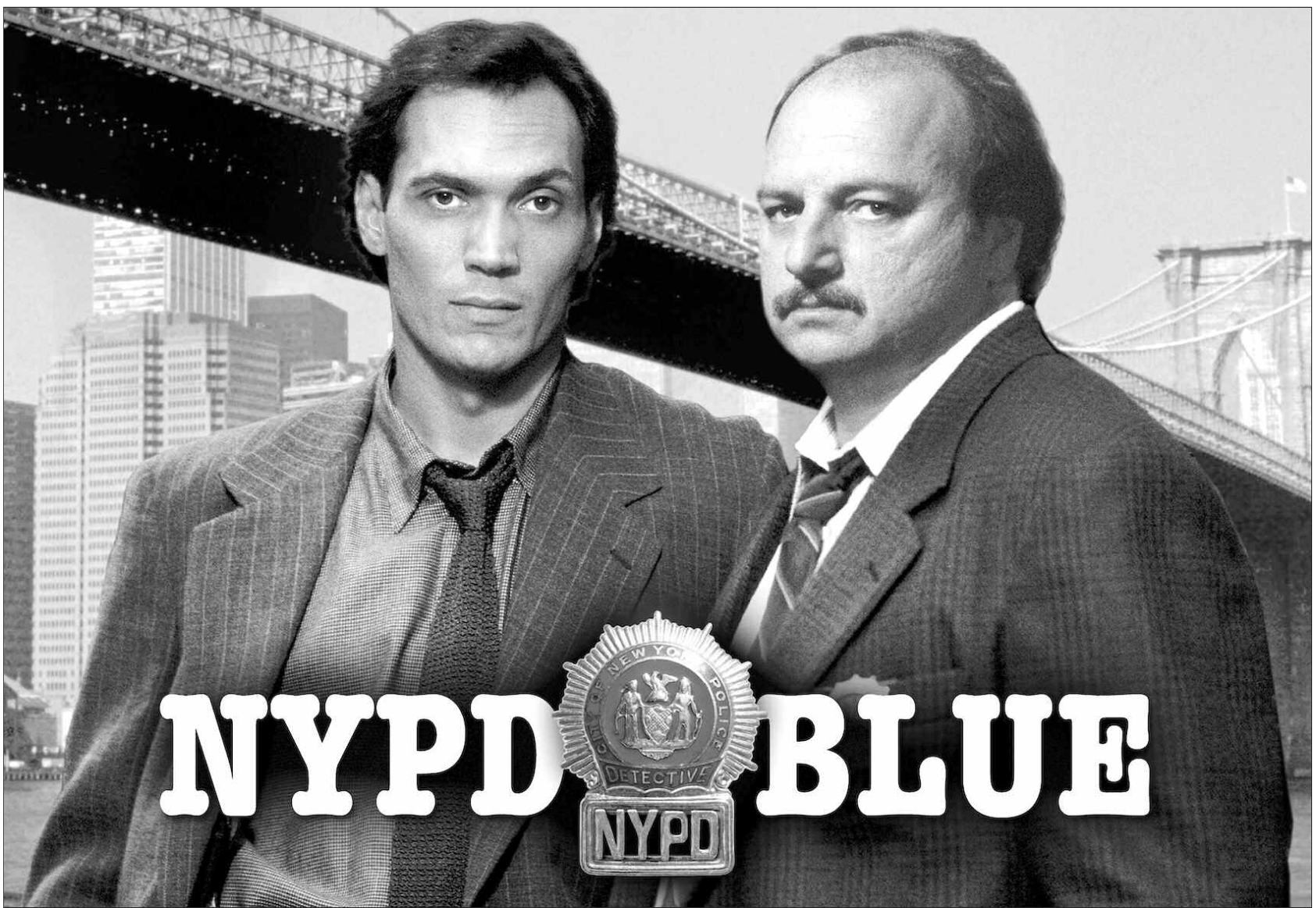
This action comedy stars Ke Huy Quan — best known to many as Short Round from "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" — as Marvin Gable, a mild-mannered realtor just named regional Realtor of the Year by his boss, friend and mentor, Cliff Cussick. Marvin is hiding a dangerous past. His brother, Alvin "Knuckles" Gable, is a crime lord who runs "The Company," and Marvin was once his enforcer. Quan is terrific — funny, likable and capable in the fight scenes. It feels like the kind of role Jackie Chan once excelled in, and fans of action comedies will enjoy it. — Scott Shaffer

Food

5 Arch Brewing Co.
I've tried to make a habit of looking for local spots to eat rather than stopping for fast food when I'm on the road covering events. It was the Archway Classic band contest at Centerville High School that brought me to 5 Arch. This spot on the east side of downtown Centerville is worth a visit just for the French fries, which are fresh-cut, fried in beef tallow and tossed with kosher salt. The soft pretzel bites and cheesy bread are also spectacular. Try one of the specialty burgers that fits your tastes. — Ray Cooney

Cheese cubes

After learning that I grew up in Wisconsin, many folks from Indiana and Ohio have asked if that means I like cheese curds. That's a stupid question, as they are one of the three main food groups. Obviously the answer is yes. And beyond the curds from Buffalo Wild Wings and Culver's, the newly added cheese cubes at The Greazy Pickle are the closest thing to capturing the magic that is a Wisconsin cheese curd. — Andrew Balko



Television

NYPD Blue

I missed this show growing up. I was just a year or so too young for my parents to let me watch it when it debuted. I didn't expect too much when I pulled it up on Hulu. What a nice surprise. I got fully pulled into the characters, from oddball detective Greg Medavoy to police administrative aide John Irvin to detective Andy Sipowicz. Dennis Franz, who portrays Sipowicz, puts on a master class in acting. His growth as a human being becomes the central focus of the show. I could not possibly recommend it more. — Ray Cooney

Fringe

Although "Fringe" premiered on Fox in 2008, it's a show I've started watching in the last year. The sci-fi series shares some similarities with "The X-Files," with characters assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's "Fringe" division investigating unusual cases. John Noble, who plays the show's infamous Walter Bishop, won a Saturn Award in 2011 for best supporting actor on television for his role. He also scored multiple award nominations for the same work. To me, his character is the most interesting aspect of "Fringe" — the deeply troubled scientist repeatedly tugs at your heartstrings through the plot. — Bailey Cline

Aussie rules football

If you're a night owl and sports fan, you've probably flipped through channels in the wee hours of the morning looking for a lingering West Coast event to no avail. That's where Aussie rules football comes to the rescue. Because of the radically different time zone in Australia, games are often on through the night. The best way I can describe the sport is that it has rugby's physicality with the rapid pace of hockey. The new season in the AFL kicks off in March, so keep an eye out for the action if you're struggling to get some shuteye. — Ethan Oskroba

Pluribus

Apple TV started releasing its newest original mystery/drama show in late November that largely follows Carol Sturka, played by Rhea Seehorn. She is one of the last few people unaffected by a "virus" that assimilated the rest of the world into a hive mind. This show is best watched with a small group of friends as it elicits conversation over the benefits of world peace versus the beauty of individualism and art. — Andrew Balko



Music

Epic The Musical

My fiancé and I discovered "Epic: The Musical" amid its development. The creator, Jorge Rivera-Herrans, released the final saga on Christmas Day in 2024. Based on Homer's "The Odyssey," the musical follows Odysseus as he and his crew make the perilous journey home after war. While it isn't a true-to-form copy — Rivera-Herrans takes his own creative liberties — the musical has brought a refreshing new perspective to the renowned epic. At more than 1.6 billion streams on Spotify alone, its popularity speaks for itself. The musical also has us hyped for Christopher Nolan's "The Odyssey" set for release this July. — Bailey Cline

Guns N' Roses singles

A few weeks ago, one of the biggest bands of the late 1980s released new music. Guns N' Roses dropped two singles, "Nothin'" and "Atlas." While neither reaches the heights of "Appetite for Destruction," both are closer in quality to "Use Your Illusion I" and "Use Your Illusion II" than much of the band's later output. "Nothin'" is a mid-tempo power ballad reminiscent of "Don't Cry" and "Estranged." "Atlas" is heavier and carries a similar theme to "Atlas Shrugged." With 17 years since "Chinese Democracy," could a new album arrive in 2026? — Scott Shaffer

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Taming the Tigers

Hot start, strong finish propel JC to victory

By **ETHAN OSKROBA**
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When the Patriots sprinted to a 13-point edge late in the opening quarter, it seemed like stretching their win streak to seven was a foregone conclusion.

Instead, the Jay County High School girls basketball team had to weather the storm to keep their momentum going. The hot start and a finishing flourish were just enough to outlast the resilient Yorktown Tigers 66-59 on Tuesday.

"We jumped off to a really good start, and I think that was probably the key to the game, because I felt like we kind of let them creep back in in the second and third quarter, and then we had a good finish in the fourth," said Jay County coach Sherri McIntire. "But I really felt like that first quarter was huge. Being able to jump out to an early lead and then, obviously it kind of swung back and forth several times, but I was pleased that we kept our composure and did the things that we needed to do on both ends of the floor."

In total, the Patriots (8-3) outscored Yorktown 39-25 in the first and last quarters while tallying seven fewer points than the Tigers (6-6) in the middle two.

As usual, much of Jay County's production in all portions of the game came from Hallie and Karsyn Schwieterman. The sisters

each scored 26 points and also provided contributions across the board, combining for 10 assists. Hallie also logged nine steals while Karsyn amassed 12 rebounds.

"Being able to get out there on defense and getting your hand on a deflection or something, and then getting down the floor in transition, and then just knowing whether, OK, do I take it or do I look to kick?" McIntire said. "And I felt like they did a really nice job reading that tonight, whether they were passing to each other or passing to another teammate, and just very pleased with their overall play tonight."

But while the Schwietermans provided the bulk of the Patriots' baskets, many of the most timely scores came courtesy of Elizabeth Brunswick. The sophomore contributed to the hot start with five first-quarter points and then finished through contact for a three-point play to put Jay County back in front after its lead eroded in the second period.

Though Brunswick went scoreless for more than 18 minutes of game time after the and-one, she saved her most impactful basket for last. With 46 seconds to go and the Patriots clinging to a three-point lead, Brunswick sliced to the hoop and converted on a Karsyn Schwieterman feed to extend the Jay County advantage.

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Elizabeth Brunswick of the Jay County High School girls basketball team lofts up a shot during the Patriots' 66-59 win over the Yorktown Tigers on Tuesday. Brunswick's 10 points included timely baskets such as a layup with 46 seconds to go to extend the Jay County lead to five. She also hit a 3-pointer in the Patriots' 21-point opening quarter and gave Jay County the lead with an and-one layup in the second quarter.

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Homan powers FR

SAINT PARIS, Ohio — It took the Indians a bit over a month to pick up their first win. It only took two days to get their second.

The Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team picked up a 53-47 victory over the Graham Local Falcons on Monday, just 48 hours after beating Preble Shawnee.

Bridget Homan dominated the Falcons (7-3) with 24 points. She made four baskets in the first quarter and found the hoop two more times in the second. Homan made four more baskets in the second half while going 4-for-5 at the free-throw line.

Cameron Muhlenkamp followed with 13 points, while Marie Schoenlein had six and Makenna Huelskamp added five. Emma Schmitz and Kayla Gaerke both hit a free throw for the Indians (2-9).

Zoey Cohn's 14 points led Graham Local and Bailey Britten wasn't far behind with 12.

Diller dials in

BELFONTAINE, Ohio — The Fort Recovery boys bowling team knocked down 4,362 pins to finish as the runner-up at the BHS Classic Tournament at T.P. Lanes on Monday.

Coldwater won the tournament with 4,407 pins, just 45 ahead of the Indians.

Garrett Diller had a phenomenal day, rolling games of 250, 233 and 223 for a 706 series. Only Coldwater's Carter Miller (720) and Riverside's Cooper Crouch (709) finished ahead of Diller.

Reece LeFevre joined

Local Roundup

Diller on the all-tournament team with a 698 series by throwing games of 206, 245 and 247. Anthony Roesner was the only other Indian to bowl three games, finishing with a 582 series.

Gabe Acheson bowled the first two games, putting up scores of 200 and 139 before Leland Wilson finished with a 217.

A.J. Siefring started the day with 173 pins before Riley Stammen took over to bowl a 235 and 173.

During the six Baker games, the Tribe totaled 1,266 with a high of 257.

Girls get third

BELFONTAINE, Ohio — The Fort Recovery girls bowling finished third by knocking down 3,482 pins at the BHS Classic Tournament at T.P. Lanes on Monday.

Belfontaine won their tournament with 4,012 pins, while Coldwater finished second in the 13-team field with 3,731.

Jadyn Wyrick had a strong day with scores of 205 pins, 160 and 167. Her 532-pin series came up 18 short of the final all-tournament team spot, which went to Makylee Lot of Lima Senior.

Lilah Thien shot games of 205, 149 and 176 to finish two pins behind Wyrick. Deanna Brown

also rolled three games, recording a 517 series.

In two games apiece, Claire Gaerke threw 136 and 158, while Lilliana Williams had 151 and 135. Elizabeth Kahlig knocked over 145 in her lone game. Multiple Indians combined to shoot a 131 as well.

Fort Recovery got 1,047 pins from the six Baker games, the high of which was 225.

Tribe finishes 17th

LIMA, Ohio — Fort Recovery's swim teams competed in the Bluffton Holiday Invitational at Lima YMCA on Tuesday with both the boys and girls finishing 17th.

The Tribe girls secured 18 points for the 17th-place finish out of 21 teams while the boys had 17 points. The Ottawa Glandorf girls claimed the meet with 322 points, while Bryan's 317 claimed the boys competition.

The Tribe had three top-10 finishes. Two came from Caleb Smith in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2 minutes, 25.08 seconds and in the 100 breaststroke with a 1:11.57.

On the girls side, Livy Timmerman swam a 28.32 to finish 10th in the 50 freestyle. She also earned points by finishing 14th in the 100 freestyle with a time of 1:03.61.

Carson Fullenkamp scored the remaining three points by placing 14th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:07.90.

Claire Wenning had the only other points for the girls as her 3:02.40 swim in the 200 IM netted her 15th.

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