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## About the bees

A group of local third graders learns about bees with Rick Root during one of a series of agriculture-related displays set up Thursday in the Jay County Junior-Senior High School auxiliary gym. The event, which also included Jay County FFA, Minnich Poultry, Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District and others, was part of Ag Week activities.

## Aviation board approves indemnity accord

### Contractor will handle claims filed

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

There's still no resolution to a lawsuit related to the runway extension project at Portland Municipal Airport.

But an agreement reached with the construction firm that handled the first phase of the project is designed to protect the city from any financial losses.

Portland Board of Aviation on Wednesday approved an indemnity agreement with HIS Constructors that puts the company on the hook for any penalties that may stem from the suit.

City attorney Wes Schemenaur explained to the board that the lawsuit filed on Oct. 19, 2022, in Jay Superior Court does not look as if it will come to a conclusion any time soon. The last action in the case came in November when a planned jury trial was canceled. No hearings are currently scheduled.

HIS Constructors of Indianapolis handled the first phase of the runway extension — draining and leveling the land west of the existing runway. It entered into a contract with Greg and Cindy Whitenack of rural Portland to provide the dirt required for the work. The removal of the dirt was to create a larger pond on the Whitenacks' property.

Cindy Whitenack visited the aviation board in November 2021, saying HIS Constructors did not meet the specifications of the agreement.

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## State approves ILEARN option

By CASEY SMITH  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

An option for schools to divvy up portions of Indiana's ILEARN exams was approved by state lawmakers at the end of the 2024 legislative session and will change how thousands of Hoosier students are tested.

The provision was included in House Enrolled Act 1243, an omnibus education bill filled with action items supported by the Indiana Department of Education.

The assessment plan includes what state education officials call "flexible checkpoints" for schools

### Schools can split up test through the academic year

to administer ILEARN preparation tests in language arts and math before the typical end-of-year summative tests. A dozen other states already have similar models.

Based on a plan approved by the Indiana's State Board of Educa-

tion last summer, the "checkpoints" will consist of 20 to 25 questions and hone in on four to six state standards. The exams are designed to be administered to students about every three months, but local schools and dis-

tricts can speed up testing if they wish.

"It's a good first step," said bill author Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis. "We are actually going to reduce the amount of time that we're going to be spending on the summative test at the end of the year."

Rather, schools will have "windows of time" to use the checkpoint assessments to monitor student success.

"It really, I think, moves us closer to having the ability to have a mastery-based system," Behning continued.

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## Spending package unveiled

### Deal funds government through the end of the current fiscal year

By AIDAN QUIGLEY  
CQ-Roll Call  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers released a more than \$1.2 trillion, six-bill appropriations package early Thursday morning, less than 48 hours ahead of a Friday night deadline for this second and final wrapup measure for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1.

Both parties were touting "wins" in the package well before unveiling the massive 1,012-page bill, which had already won President Joe Biden's blessing and pledge to sign it "immediately." That, plus the lure of a two-week recess, should help get the package over the finish line, though it seems likely to slip past the 11:59 p.m. Friday cutoff for the current stopgap spending law.

But lawmakers weren't really sweat-

ing the prospect of a weekend funding lapse, given its limited impact on government operations — especially with Friday's expected House passage likely to be a strong signal of congressional intent to keep the lights on.

The agreement marks the culmination of a tumultuous budget cycle that began with the election of former Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., with pledges to rein in spending, which proved too heavy a lift.

McCarthy's conference tried for months, with middling success, to produce the votes for bills that would cut spending below the previous fiscal year and impose conservative social policy riders. But they mostly hit a wall with GOP centrists, who knew the right-leaning bills would never advance in the Democrat-controlled Senate anyway.

McCarthy wound up sacked by rebellious members of his conference, ostensibly for putting a stopgap funding bill on the floor last September without any conservative "wins." But McCarthy's successor, Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., ultimately chose a similar path, adhering to the spending and debt limit deal McCarthy cut with Biden with only modest changes.



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## Off the mark

Jay County High School sophomore Faith Faulkner reacts to one of her less-accurate shots during a game of cornhole Tuesday at student-teacher game night. Students and teachers competed in cornhole, volleyball and euchre.

### Deaths

Logan Orso, 18, Redkey  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 46 degrees Wednesday. The low was 28.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 20s with winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. Expect highs in the lower 40s Saturday under partly cloudy skies.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

### Coming up

**Saturday** — Coverage of this week's Redkey Town Council meeting.

**Tuesday** — Results from the FRHS baseball team's season opener.



# Obituaries

## Logan Orso

Sept. 2, 2005-March 19, 2024  
Logan Scott Orso, 18, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2024, unexpectedly in Greenfield, Indiana.  
Logan was born in Muncie, Indiana, on Sept. 2, 2005, a son of Catherine Bryce (Hale) Baugher and Christopher Michael Orso. He is a graduate of Jay County High School and worked in manufacturing for the Indiana Box Company in Greenfield, Indiana.  
Logan was a member of Union Chapel Ministries in Muncie,

Indiana, and a former wrestler, basketball, football, soccer and baseball player. He had a great sense of humor, had an unbreakable bond with his mom and enjoyed going to the lakes to wakeboard and surf, working out, calisthenics, golfing, cooking, baking, sweet treats, making music, collecting shoes, watching "Family Guy," listening to Key Glock and MGK, his dogs Willie and Niko, and spending time with family and friends.



Orso

Logan is survived by his parents Cathy and Chris Baugher; Christopher M. Orso, the love of his life Paisley Dawn Jonelle Tucker; brother at heart Evan Hale; grandparents Mike and Lecia Hauxwell, Jeannie Hale, Larry and Karan Baugher; two great-grandmothers Carol Hauwell and Faye Smith; aunts and uncles, Jenny Baugher, Amanda and Guy Kreiner, Matt Hauxwell and Michael E. Hale; great aunts and uncles Pam and Jim Qualkinbush, Brenda and John Satterfield, Patty Paul Singleton, Denise Bales, Deb and Tim Tyle, and David Hannan;

cousins Charlotte, Zeek, Mason, Alice and Noah.  
He was preceded in death by his grandparents Michael L. Hale, Ernest and Alta Hale, and Paul and Maxine Hannan; and uncles DJ Orso and Jeff Hale.  
Visitation will be held on Friday, March 22, 2024, from 3 to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Union Chapel Ministries in Muncie, Indiana. Funeral services will follow on Saturday at 2 p.m. with Pastor Glen Greiner officiating. Burial will be held in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to "A Better Life Brianna's Hope."  
Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.  
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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.

# CR almanac

Saturday 3/23	Sunday 3/24	Monday 3/25	Tuesday 3/26	Wednesday 3/27
<b>43/24</b>	<b>48/37</b>	<b>62/46</b>	<b>56/36</b>	<b>53/29</b>
Saturday looks to be mostly sunny. Wind gusts may reach up to 25 mph.	Sunday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a high of 48.	Mostly cloudy during the day with a 70% chance of rain at night.	Tuesday has an 80% chance of showers along with a breeze.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Wednesday.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> 13-22-27-54-66 Power Ball: 9 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$750 million	Daily Four: 9-2-4-2 Quick Draw: 3-6-7-13-14-19-25-32-39-41-42-48-51-62-64-67-69-73-75-77 Cash 5: 6-22-23-25-34 Estimated jackpot: \$163,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$977 million	<b>Ohio</b> Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 6-6-5 Pick 4: 7-8-8-0 Pick 5: 9-2-6-9-4 Evening Pick 3: 8-3-2 Pick 4: 9-5-1-9 Pick 5: 0-3-5-0-4 Rolling Cash: 9-11-14-16-25 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 2-4-2 Daily Four: 6-8-7-7 Quick Draw: 4-8-12-15-21-23-29-32-35-38-43-45-56-59-60-65-66-71-72-77 Evening Daily Three: 0-9-7	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.39 April corn.....4.39 Wheat.....4.22	April beans .....11.95 Wheat ..... 5.18
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.44 April corn.....4.46 May corn.....4.46	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.15 April corn.....4.18 Beans .....11.92 April beans .....11.96 Wheat .....5.02
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.26 April corn .....4.24 Beans .....11.92	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.29 April corn.....4.33 Beans .....11.77 April beans .....11.77 Wheat .....4.77

## Today in history

In 1556, Thomas Cranmer, the first Protestant archbishop of Canterbury, was burned at the stake for his violation of heresy laws that were revised under Queen Mary I. A Roman Catholic, she had revised the laws.  
In 1685, Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Thuringia, Ernestine Saxson Duchies, Germany. He is one of the most celebrated composers of all time, famous for pieces including the "Brandenburg Concertos," "The Well-Tempered Clavier" and the "Mass in B Minor."  
In 1918, the Second Battle of the Somme began during World War I. It was a German offensive against the Allied forces on the Western Front.  
In 2007, Portland Board of Works chose Cincinnati-based Rumpke as its new provider for curbside recycling collection services.  
In 2018, Chloe Trissel of Jay County High School signed to continue her volleyball career at Indiana University - Kokomo.  
In 2022, during his State of the City address, Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins cited various projects including new businesses, events and flood mitigation efforts. "There's quite a bit happening," he said. —The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building,	131 S. Main St.
<b>Tuesday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works special meeting, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	
<b>Wednesday</b> 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.	

# Capsule Reports

## Lost control

A Portland woman sustained a back injury after she lost control of her vehicle and drove off Indiana 1 about 4:05 p.m. Wednesday.  
Alexa J. Mock, 18, was driving her 2009 Mercury Milan north on the highway near county road 300 South at what appeared to be a high rate of speed, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Witnesses Trevin Dunnington and Meredith Colpaevt were driving south

on the highway when Mock's vehicle nearly struck them head on. Mock swerved out of the way, causing her vehicle to go into a field on the east side of the road and roll several times.  
Mock was ejected from the vehicle and sustained an internal back injury, according to the report. She was given a blood, alcohol and drug test — results are pending — and flown to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.  
Her vehicle was towed,

with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.  
**Turning accident**  
A Florida semi driver hit the dump truck a Churubusco man was driving at the intersection of U.S. 27 and Indiana 18/Indiana 67 about 9:38 a.m. Tuesday.  
Robert R. Lahr, 77, was stopped in traffic facing south on U.S. 27 in the designated right turn lane and preparing to turn in a 2022 Ford F-750, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office

report. Terris M. Lasane, 54, Jacksonville, Florida, stopped next to Lahr in a 1999 Freightliner in the designated lane to turn left or travel straight. Lasane began to turn right and struck the vehicle Lahr was driving.  
Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The vehicle Lasane was driving is registered to Juza of Jacksonville, Florida, and the vehicle Lahr was driving is registered to Bueschings Peat Moss of Fort Wayne.

# I LEARN ...

Continued from page 1  
Last summer, the state board of education approved new "streamlined" K-12 education standards to make it easier for teachers to craft individualized lesson plans — setting

the stage for updates to standardized testing.  
Unlike the end-of-year ILEARN tests, checkpoint exams are not meant to be "high stakes," and results are not reported to the state, said Indi-

ana Secretary of Education Katie Jenner.  
Instead, the tests are designed to be diagnostic and help teachers and parents see where students are throughout the year.

# Indemnity ...

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"They just left a mess back there," she said at that time, adding that she had repeated problems attempting to communicate with the company and indicating that it had not followed through on promises.

When the Whitenacks filed the lawsuit against HIS Constructors almost a year later, the City of Portland and Portland Municipal Airport were named in the suit as well.

The aviation board has held back \$99,383 in retainage owed to the company for the project until the dispute with the Whitenacks was resolved. However, the deadline is approaching to close out the Federal Aviation Administration grant that paid for the project and includes those dollars.

Schemenaur explained that the indemnity agreement, which had already been signed by HIS Constructors, would allow the aviation board to close out the grant. The agreement says HIS Constructors will indemnify Portland from any liability related to the lawsuit. The company would also take over the defense in the case. In exchange, the aviation board would agree to release the \$99,383 to the company.  
Aviation board members Faron Parr, Clyde Bray, John Ferguson and Caleb

Lutes unanimously approved the indemnity agreement. The city's board of works is expected to act on the agreement during a special meeting Tuesday.  
The board then approved a pay request for the remaining grant funds from the FAA and then OK'd releasing those funds to HIS Constructors. Jason Clearwaters of engineering firm Butler, Fairman & Seufert said he will have close-out documents ready for the grant next month. (The project was entirely federally funded because of coronavirus relief dollars. Such projects are typically paid for 90% by the FAA with 5% each coming from the state and municipality.)

Also, Clearwaters said an FAA flight check, which is one of the final steps of closing out the second phase of the runway extension project, is scheduled for next week.  
The board also approved an FAA grant pay request totaling \$7,717.80 for design of the apron expansion at the airport. Bidding of the project is planned for later in the spring.

In other business, the board:  
•Following a question from Lutes, heard from Tavzel that several aviators have said they will be flying in for the April 8 solar eclipse. He added that the airport is working with Jay County Emergency Management Agency on preparations in case of an emergency.  
•Heard from airport manager Hal Tavzel that the airport sold 4,471 gallons of fuel in February for \$20,597. That's down from 5,820 gallons in February 2023, but up still higher than the 4,053 gallons sold in February 2022.  
•During the manager's report, learned the following from Tavzel:  
—A new hydraulic hangar door is expected to arrive next month and be installed.  
—All hangars are currently rented and the airport has a waiting list of additional individuals who are interested. (Bray asked about a couple of renters that are not up to date on payments. Tavzel said he will address the issue.)  
—Plans called for a wireless internet connection to be installed to communicate with the airport's automated weather observing system (AWOS).  
—A second flight instructor has been hired.

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**SERVICES**

**Today**  
Jeffers, Beverly: 1 p.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany.

**Saturday**  
Link, Wilma: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery.  
Wolfe, Martha: noon, Williamson, Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 190 S. Union St., Pennville.  
Taylor, Andrew: 1 p.m., American Legion, 115 Camden St., Ridgeville.  
Orso, Logan: 2 p.m., Union Chapel Ministries, 4622 N. Broadway Ave., Muncie.  
Baumgartner, Judith: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

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## Second grade citizenship

East Elementary School recently awarded students for demonstrating citizenship. Pictured above are second graders (front row) Hayden Shultz, Jon Bowdell and Tanner Loucks and (back row) Adaline Bland, Mia Petro, Adalynn Bost and Josey Snow.

## Baroque group visiting Muncie

Indianapolis Baroque Orchestra will perform "Music at the House of Medici" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Ball State University's Sursa Performance Hall in coordination with the Beyond the Medici: The Haukohl Family Collection that is on display at the David Owsley Museum of Art.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and they are available at [bit.ly/IndyBaroqueatBSU](http://bit.ly/IndyBaroqueatBSU) or by calling (765) 285-8749. The museum will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. March 28 in order to allow the public to view the exhibit prior to the performance. There will also be a pre-concert chat with BSU professor of music history Murray Steib in Sursa Hall.

### Church services

More Easter services have been announced in the area. Fort Recovery First Church of Christ will be serving breakfast at 8:30 a.m. March 31, with morn-

### Taking Note

ing worship to follow at 9:30 a.m.

**Scholarships available**  
It's not too late to apply for a scholarship through the Win on the Wabash Super Raffle.

Twenty five local seniors will be awarded with \$500 scholarships. To be eligible, applicants must be a United States citizen, logged community service hours throughout their high school career and be a senior enrolled in a school in Mercer, Darke, Auglaize or Shelby counties, Ohio, or Jay County.

Applications are available online at [wowaffle.com/scholarships](http://wowaffle.com/scholarships). The deadline to apply is March 31.

# Veganism takes over wife's every thought

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been teachers since 1999. We married in 2011. She became vegan in 2017. It helped her beat diabetes, which I love. However, she's pure vegan for animal rights and listens to vegan podcasts all day long after teaching and on the weekends. I mean all day, EVERY day with earbuds in. I have to say, "Knock, Knock" to even talk with her.

Right now, she's listening to podcasts and messaging vegan people on social media and doesn't even realize I'm typing. I love my wife, but I can't escape the frustration of not being able to have a conversation with her about anything.

We have no kids together, but I raised her son from 7 years old. He moved to live with his dad because of her obsessions with work and veganism. I love her, but the fridge is filled with kale. Should I stay, or should I go? — AFTERTHOUGHT IN OREGON

### Dear Abby



DEAR AFTERTHOUGHT: Tap your wife on the shoulder and ask her to remove her earbuds. When she does, give her an earful. Tell her you love her but you need a partner who is willing to be more of a companion than she has become. Tell her you shouldn't have to ask permission to talk to her because of her preoccupation (obsession) with her podcasts.

If you want food in the house that isn't vegan, go out and buy some. And if she's unwilling or unable to accept and adapt, try marriage

counseling before calling a lawyer. The marriage you have described is not a happy one, or you wouldn't have written to me.

DEAR ABBY: I'm growing concerned for my grandparents. They are in their late 80s and homebound. Recently, a new tenant moved into their garage apartment. They LOVE her. The rest of the family is suspicious of her. She has no job and no car and has never paid rent. She frequently spends the day with my grandparents and recently "helped" them change all their usernames and passwords to something more "simple and easy."

My grandparents live on Social Security. They have no savings, and I don't believe they have a will. From my perspective, they are setting themselves up to be robbed, abused and left high and dry by a

crook disguised as their friendly tenant.

Is this worthy of an Adult Protective Services investigation? My grandparents guilt the rest of the family by saying, "At least our tenant comes over often, unlike the rest of you." (I live three hours away). Do I need to mind my own business? They aren't suspicious at all. — DUBIOUS IN TEXAS

DEAR DUBIOUS: An investigation is not an accusation. The relationship your lonely grandparents have with this tenant is unusual. Contact APS, inform them about what's going on with your grandparents and let someone there decide whether your concerns are worth following up on. Better to be safe than sorry.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a relationship with a man of substantial means. I'm well-educated,

but never made a lot of money from my education. My money comes from a relationship I had with a man who died a year and a half ago.

I think I may be in love with my current beau, but he has never loved anyone from the middle class. We both have children from previous marriages. I have grandchildren as well. Should I let nature take its course, or become more assertive in pursuing more out of our relationship? — TENTATIVE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR TENTATIVE: Although you may be tempted to become more assertive about pursuing "more," take the slower route and get to know this "substantial" gentleman better. He may or may NOT be biased against folks from less fortunate circumstances, but you won't know unless you give yourself the time to see what develops.

## Community Calendar

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

### Today

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. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

### Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS — 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.

### Sunday

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 Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., 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.

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.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnan-

cy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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.

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.

## Sudoku

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	5								4
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Level: Advanced

### Thursday's Solution

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

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Imagine that the Jan. 6 insurrection had succeeded. Perhaps the Oath Keepers who had been standing by with weapons caches ready to go had mounted a full-scale assault, capturing the Capitol and taking some lawmakers hostage, or even killing some. Maybe they did hang Mike Pence, and in the aftermath, the presidential results went uncertified, setting off a period of broad uncertainty as armed groups roamed the country trying to assert dominance, battling with security forces.

No American in living memory has any direct sense of this situation, nor do most really know what they would do in response. If violence soared and the stability of the government itself teetered, it's undoubtable

## Guest Editorial

that some people would simply leave, especially if they found themselves directly in the crossfire. With a country the size of the United States, perhaps they could find peace internally. With a country the size of Haiti, which is in the midst of a quasi-civil war that's only been worsening in recent weeks, not so much.

Last week, Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry announced his planned resignation from Puerto Rico, where he's been stuck after finding himself unable to return

to Haiti — armed gangs have been intermittently attacking the international airport in a bid to keep Henry away and force his removal. A new government will be formed by a transitional council, not the president, because there isn't one. There hasn't been a president since sitting President Jovenel Moise was assassinated in a still-unsolved hit in 2021.

Haitians need a committed civil society to remain and reconstruct, but it is also perfectly understandable that some people who simply want to live in stability and quietude would leave, just as some Americans would decamp if our society collapsed into internecine violence.

The same goes for Ecuadoreans, who are facing the encroachment of criminal gangs and cartels that have benefited

from the movement of drug trafficking routes through the country. Murders have soared, armed groups recently took over a national TV station, curfews have been enacted.

While we may intuitively understand the reasons that make regular life untenable for some, this understanding tends to break down when they actually show up asking for help. Already, between last October and this January, Ecuadoreans have by far been the largest group of new cases filed in New York immigration courts, nearly doubling the next nationality of China. We can expect the recent developments in Haiti to drive up that country's numbers significantly.

Does this mean the U.S. needs to accommodate every person from around the globe suffering

under persistent violence and instability? Not really, but our principles and own economic interest should dictate that we work to accommodate as many as we can.

The problem is more so doing this ad-hoc, dealing with chaotic arrivals and little coordination. Rather, the federal government should work to expand the existing refugee system in places like Haiti and Ecuador, with moments of acute need, and make greater use of existing executive tools like temporary protected status.

The current TPS designation for Haiti, which expires in August, should be expanded to a new cutoff date, and Ecuador should be included in the program. And Congress, ever recalcitrant, should work to broaden humanitarian pathways.

# Congress must fix the imbalance

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OtherWords

## Guest Opinion

In his State of the Union address, President Biden called out "massive executive pay" and vowed to "make big corporations and the very wealthy finally pay their share" of taxes.

Corporate tax dodging and CEO pay have gotten so out of control that many U.S. companies are paying top executives more than they're paying Uncle Sam.

Tesla is perhaps the most dramatic example. Over the period 2018 through 2022, the electric car maker raked in \$4.4 billion in profits but paid no federal income taxes. Meanwhile, Tesla CEO Elon Musk became one of the world's richest men.

A new report we co-authored for the Institute for Policy Studies and Americans for Tax Fairness analyzes executive pay data for some of the country's most notorious corporate tax dodgers.

What did we find? In addition to Tesla, 34 other large and profitable U.S. firms — including household names like Ford, Netflix, and T-Mobile — paid less in federal income taxes between 2018 and 2022 than they paid their top five executives.

Another 29 profitable corporations paid their top executives more than they paid Uncle Sam in at least two of the five years of the study period.

One company on our list stands out for the infamous role its executives played in the 2008 financial crisis: American International Group. Back then, the insurance giant ignited a firestorm by pocketing a \$180 billion taxpayer bailout and then announcing plans to hand out \$165 million in bonuses to the very same executives responsible for pushing the company — and the nation — to the brink of collapse.

Today, AIG is playing the same greedy game of overpaying its top brass and sticking taxpayers with the bill. Between 2018 and 2022, the company paid its top five executives more than it paid in federal income taxes, despite collecting \$17.7 billion in U.S. profits. In 2022, CEO Peter Zaffino alone made \$75 million.

Lavish executive compensation packages and skimpy corporate tax payments are not unrelated. Executives have a huge personal incentive to hire armies of lobbyists to push for corporate tax cuts because the windfalls from

these cuts often wind up in their own pockets.

The 2017 Republican tax law slashed the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent and failed to close loopholes that whittle down IRS bills even further. Many large, profitable corporations ended up paying no federal taxes at all.

Corporations took the savings from those tax cuts and spent a record-breaking \$1 trillion on stock buybacks, a financial maneuver that artificially inflates the value of executives' stock-based pay.

Wealthy executives became even wealthier while the nation lost billions in corporate revenue that could have been used to lower costs and improve services for ordinary people. Until this self-reinforcing cycle is broken, we'll have a corporate tax and compensation system that works for top executives — and no one else.

What can we do to break this cycle?

Congress can tackle the entwined problems of inadequate corporate tax payments and excess executive pay on several fronts. Raising the corporate tax rate to 28 percent (just halfway back to Obama-era levels) would generate \$1.3 trillion in new revenue over the next decade.

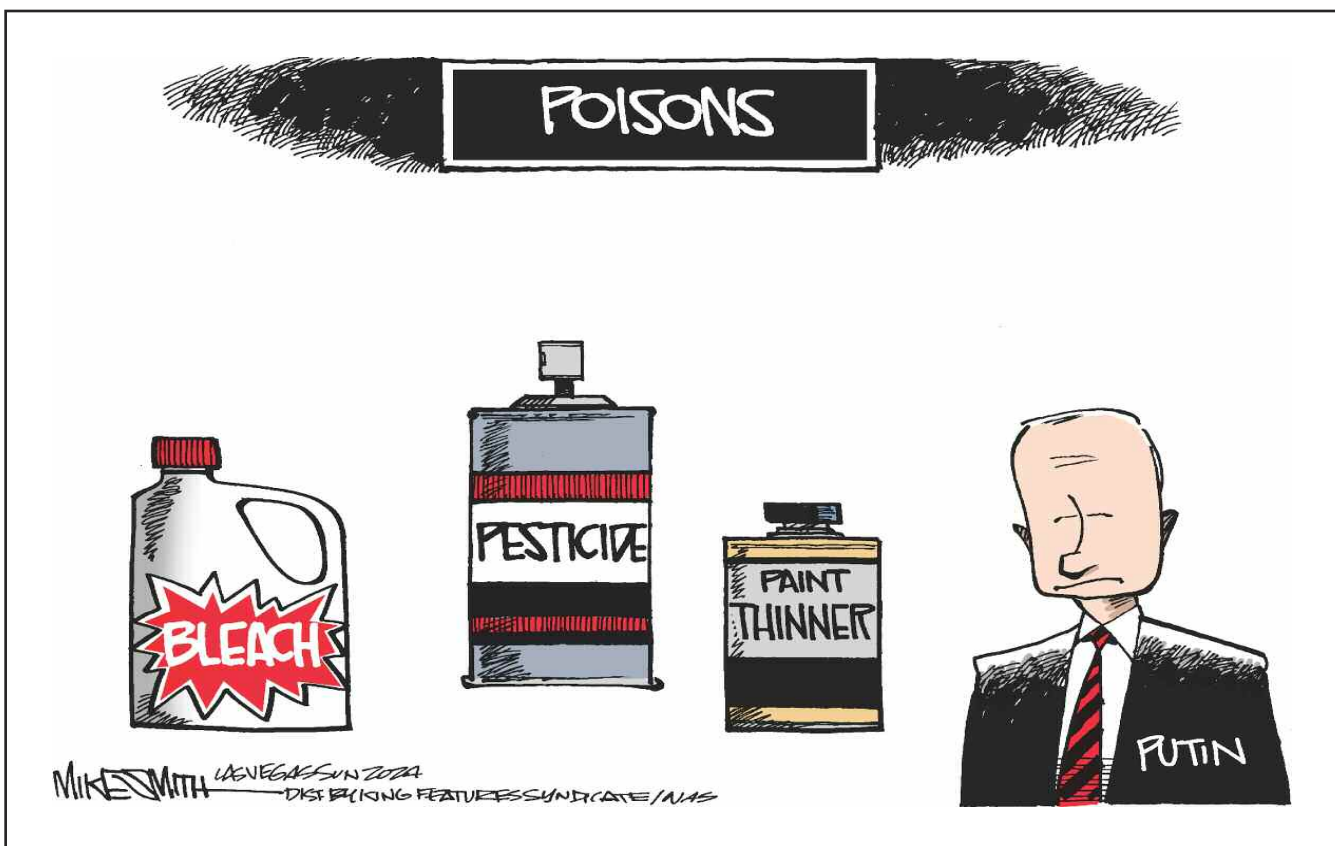
Congress must also close loopholes and eliminate wasteful tax breaks, for instance by removing the incentives for American firms to shift profits and production offshore.

Policymakers also have a wealth of tools to curb excessive executive pay, from tax and contracting reforms to stronger regulations to rein in stock buybacks and banker bonuses.

We know we need change when corporations are rewarding a handful of top executives more than they are contributing to the cost of public services needed for our economy to thrive.

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# Enhance safety and justice

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Crime is a perennial issue already prominent in this election year's conversation. So, before memory fades and the pitched political battles of 2024 derail our attention, let's reflect on the last few months of criminal justice policy at the Statehouse.

We all want safe neighborhoods. We also crave vindication and are enamored by crime fighters in fiction and real life. It's part of our nature. After all, Law and Order has staying power for a reason. Not coincidentally, the General Assembly proposes new crimes and enhanced penalties every year. This year was no exception.

One proposal would have made it a misdemeanor to engage in "reckless spinning" (think of doing donuts in the parking lot), and another would have criminalized the sale of "food containing high fructose corn syrup." Neither bill made it to the finish line.

Others did. A new law makes it a felony to damage a sprinkler system in a penal facility. Another increases the penalty for falsely reporting a crime if it results in bodily injury or death, and a third will make it a felony to smuggle a "chemical intoxicant" into a jail.

"Sounds good," you might say. Damaging public property, disrupting jail operations, and siccing SWAT on people you dislike are antisocial behaviors we cannot accept. Moreover, protecting life, liberty, and property is arguably the first function of government.

But the Indiana Code already criminalizes all this bad behavior (except dealing in Twinkies). These actions are criminal recklessness, criminal mischief, or illegal trafficking. Adding more statutes or jail time is unlikely to deter any of it. On the contrary, overcriminalization will lead only to charge stacking, coerced plea agreements, and, ultimately, the uneconomical and counterproductive practice of mass incarceration.

Admittedly, we occasionally

encounter novel behavior that existing criminal law cannot capture. House Enrolled Act 1047, authored by Rep. Sharon Negele, is a cutting-edge piece of legislation that addresses a genuinely new development: artificial intelligence.

While some fret about the science fiction fantasy of self-aware Terminator-style robots, our experience with AI has spawned a real-life horror. Using AI, pornographers have begun inserting unwitting "participants" into their work. And internet trolls using "undressing apps" are transforming PG social media posts into R-rated images.

HEA 1047 will criminalize this conduct. Importantly, it will criminalize the action while minimizing damage to free speech. Hopefully, the bill will have the desired effect.

Still, thicker law books are generally not the way to curb criminal activity. There is almost nothing new under the sun regarding crime. We've had millennia of murder, arson, battery, theft, rape, and the like. Criminal law is steeped in this history but also adaptable enough to deal with uncertainty.

The law codifies and defines offenses but uses words of general applicability to fit various circumstances. Moreover, the law criminalizes conspiracy, imposes accomplice liability, and treats an attempt to commit a crime like the crime itself. All these tools allow courts, juries, and good prosecutors to fill any gaps in the criminal code that might arise. In other words, a lack of crimes to prosecute is not the problem.

Instead, we must address the root causes of crime, including unmet mental health needs and substance

abuse. The General Assembly took steps toward improving the mental health of Hoosiers in 2023, and the 2024 session continued that effort.

House Enrolled Act 1238, authored by Rep. Wendy McNamara, and House Enrolled Act 1418, proposed by Rep. Lori Goss-Reaves, build on past progress.

HEA 1238 concerns mentally incompetent criminal defendants. These individuals cannot comprehend or participate in the proceedings against them and, therefore, cannot constitutionally stand trial. Instead, they must be assessed and provided services to restore their competency. HEA 1238 will improve the restoration process for low-level offenders by speeding up the evaluation process and providing an off-ramp for those suffering from certain conditions that are unlikely to improve.

Similarly, HEA 1418 will provide pregnant women charged with a drug crime a chance to access treatment without jail. The bill allows a judge, in consultation with the prosecutor, to refer women to a diversion program that provides services rather than a prosecution that provides jail time.

As with most sessions in recent memory, the 2024 session included bills to enact harsher penalties and new crimes. This urge is understandable but undesirable. Innovative legislation like HEA 1047, HEA 1238, and HEA 1418 reflect a better approach. So, when campaign commercials and flyers start to fill the airwaves and mailboxes with promises to be tough on crime, let's remember there is another way. We can enhance public safety while fostering a more just and economical criminal justice system.

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## Cobs improve performance, reduce costs

### Iowa State University

AMES, Iowa — Corn cobs may perform better than woodchips to reduce nitrates in water quality bioreactors — and for a lower cost — say Iowa State University researchers. The challenge is getting an adequate supply of corn cobs.

A bioreactor is an edge-of-field water-treatment technology used to treat nitrate-nitrogen in tile drainage coming from crop fields. Basically, a bioreactor is a below-ground trough, where tile water interacts with a high-carbon material like woodchips in a low-oxygen environment. The carbon source nourishes microbes that transform the nitrate primarily to harmless nitrogen gas before the water exits the trough and flows into waterways or ditches.

Iowa State's Michelle Soupir, a professor in agricultural and biosystems engineering, has been a leader in developing bioreactor technology, working with partners on campus and with the USDA Agricultural Research Service. They have shown that woodchip bioreactors — predicted to have a life span of about a decade before they need to be recharged with a new carbon supply — provide average nitrate reductions of 15-60%, at estimated costs of \$10,000 to \$15,000 (around \$10.23 per treated acre).

To explore alternative carbon sources for bioreactors that might be just as effective and cheaper, Soupir began a project in 2018 to study the potential of corn cobs.

"We had lab studies that showed corn cobs are more biologically active and could increase nitrogen removal over woodchips," she said. "We wanted to test this at a larger scale to answer a number of questions, including how long corn cobs would last compared to woodchips, their hydraulic properties and their costs."

To look for answers, Soupir's research team set up an experiment at Iowa State's pilot-scale mini-bioreactor research site at the Agricultural Engineering and Agronomy Research Farm near Ames. They evaluated nitrate removal rates, efficiencies of three different woodchip-corn cob mixtures at three differ-



Iowa State University

Mini research-sized bioreactor cells are being recharged with corn cobs at Iowa State's Agricultural Engineering and Agronomy Research Farm. Corn cobs may perform better than woodchips to reduce nitrates in water quality bioreactors — and for a lower cost — say Iowa State University researchers.

ent hydraulic (water) residence times and costs. The bioreactor cells were filled with 75% woodchips and 25% corn cobs by volume; 25% woodchips and 75% corn cobs; and 100% woodchips. Each set of the three carbon treatments had a bioreactor operated at 2-, 8- and 16-hour hydraulic residence times.

After monitoring the systems for four years, they found:

•The bioreactors with corn cobs had higher nitrate removal rates than 100% woodchips, with the 75% corn cob mix providing the best performance.

•The corn cob bioreactors had hydraulic properties similar to woodchips, with 75% corn cob systems having the best hydraulic efficiencies.

•The relative costs per amount of nitrogen removed were 22-60% lower in the 75% corn cob bioreactors than in 100% woodchips.

"It was great to see that the systems with higher levels of corn cobs showed such positive results for these parameters," Soupir said. "Also, we were surprised to

find that the corn cobs, which tend to be larger than the woodchips, clumped less and degraded more slowly than the woodchips. This suggests they are likely to have a longer life span than we originally estimated, which would further reduce costs and maintenance requirements."

The catch, the researchers say: It takes about 60 — 180 cubic yards of material, about two to three semi-truck loads, to fill a field-scale bioreactor.

"That's a lot," said research partner Ji Yeow Law, an agricultural and biosystems engineering research engineer who conducted the economic evaluation for the project. "We think of them spread across Iowa fields, but it is actually tough to find them available in the amounts needed. There is already a pretty good market for them for bio-products and other purposes. But we are looking into possible sources, such as seed corn companies."

An article in the Journal of Environmental Management

summarized preliminary findings from the research. Support for the first three years of the project came from the Iowa Nutrient Research Center at Iowa State. Green Products of Conrad, Iowa, contributed the corn cobs, and the wood chips came from Golden Valley Hard-scapes in Story City, Iowa.

In addition to Soupir and Law, the research team included Tom Isenhardt, professor, natural resource ecology and management; Morgan Davis, former graduate student, now an assistant professor, School of Natural Resources, University of Missouri; and USDA ARS scientists Tom Moorman (now retired) and Gary Feyereisen.

This year, the team will study a bioreactor that uses 100% corn cobs as a carbon source, with funding from a Conservation Innovation Grant through the Natural Resources Conservation Service. While that project only provides funding to research corn cob treatments for one more year, Soupir said the team hopes

to be able to continue to study the corn cobs' effectiveness.

They are also looking at other carbon sources, including different types of woodchips, and other ways to increase bioreactors' effectiveness, such as pumping water from fields to increase flow, and thus, the total amount of nitrate that can be removed.

Bioreactors started gaining interest as a promising edge-of-field practice after the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy's 2012 science assessment suggested that the state needed from 76,000 to 133,000 bioreactors in combination with other practices to reach the strategy goals. More than a decade later, the state is far from those numbers, though momentum for bioreactor installation continues to increase.

"Bioreactors can be an important tool to improve water quality in our agricultural state," Soupir said. "This research represents continuing work to make the next generation of the technology even more effective, practical and cost-effective."

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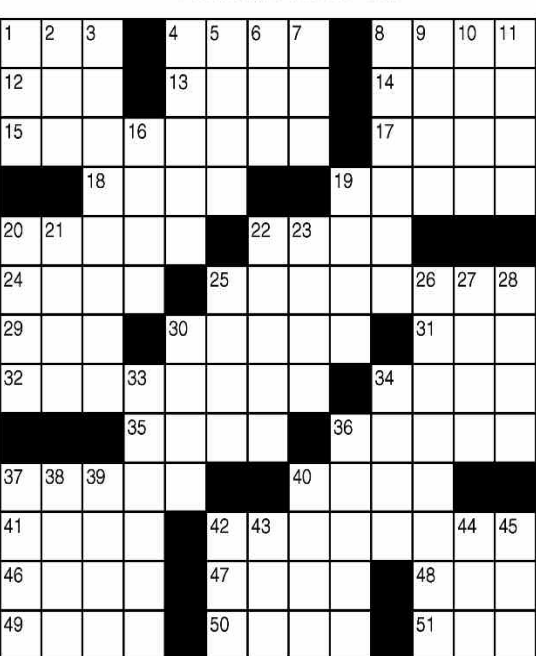


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Purdue star Zach Edey (15) drew a foul against Wisconsin's Steven Crowl during last Saturday's overtime loss to Wisconsin in the Big Ten tournament semifinals at Target Center.

## Pacers roll vs. Detroit

By MIKE CURTIS  
The Detroit News  
Tribune News Service

DETROIT — It's one thing to have one starter missing. It's another to be without two players from the first unit, especially when they are the best defenders on the team.

The Indiana Pacers had no problems with the the Detroit Pistons, who have lost forwards Ausar Thompson and Isaiah Stewart for the rest of the season due to illness and injury, in a 122-103 victory Wednesday.

The Pacers shot an efficient 56% from the field, largely behind the scoring duo of Pascal Siakam and Tyrese Haliburton. Siakam took advantage of Detroit's thin frontcourt and scored 25 points with eight rebounds and four assists. He had made the bulk of his shots on 10-of-15 shooting from the field. As for Haliburton, the Pacers All-Star guard entered the game in a shooting slump but totaled 20 points and nine assists on 9-of-13 shooting from the field.

The Pistons entered the third quarter trailing by nine after the Pacers went on a 9-0 run to end the second. By the time there was five minutes left in the third quarter, that deficit grew to 26 points. The Pistons couldn't generate enough offense outside of the backcourt duo of Cade Cunningham and Jaden Ivey.

## Respond ...

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The Boilermakers won seven straight games after losing for the first time this season in December at Northwestern. They won nine in a row after falling at Nebraska in early January. And they won six consecutive games after losing at Ohio State on Feb. 18.

"Last year it would rattle us and check our confidence," Edey said about a loss. "This year we know who we are, we know what type of team we are, and we know what we can do."

Limiting Edey under his averages of 24.4 points, 11.7

rebounds and 2.2 blocks is a game plan most teams often failed to execute this season. But Purdue has struggled when opponents can get the best of its backcourt.

All-Big Ten point guard Braden Smith and fellow sophomore Fletcher Loyer helped lead the Boilermakers to their second straight outright regular season conference title. It took one loss to create uncertainty about them being able to support Edey in his quest to win it all.

Smith hasn't looked the same since suffering a calf injury in

the Big Ten tournament quarterfinals. Loyer, Smith and Lance Jones combined for 25 points on 8-for-24 shooting and seven turnovers in the semifinal loss. In comparison, Wisconsin's AJ Storr, Chucky Hepburn and Max Klesmit combined for 52 points and three turnovers.

Edey, who had 28 points against the Badgers, needed more help from his guards. His confidence hasn't wavered for his teammates to get it done.

"I've got ultimate trust in my teammates to step up and fill whatever role is needed," Edey

said during the Big Ten tournament.

Painter downplayed any issues with Smith's injury moving forward, so the Boilermakers can only hope there's no carryover into the NCAA tournament. Smith didn't appear concerned about last year's first-round upset to FDU being a factor, either. The Big Ten is counting on it.

"I don't think we're really worried about what happened last year," Smith said. "I don't think it will happen again. We're all super excited and ready."

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Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Houston — 12 p.m.

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12 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Maine vs. Ohio State (ESPN)  
12:15 p.m. — College basketball Round of 64: Northwestern vs. Florida Atlantic (CBS)  
12:40 p.m. — College basketball Round of 64: Colgate vs. Baylor (TruTV)  
1:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Middle Tennessee vs. Louisville (ESPN2)

1:45 p.m. — College basketball Round of 64: UAB vs. San Diego State (TNT)  
2 p.m. — College basketball Round of 64: Western Kentucky vs. Marquette (TBS)  
2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: TBD vs. South Carolina (ESPN)  
2:45 p.m. — College basketball Round of 64: Stetson vs. UConn (CBS)  
3:10 p.m. — College basketball Round of 64: New Mexico vs. Clemson (TruTV)  
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: XPEL 225 (FS1)  
3:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Marshall vs. Virginia Tech (ESPN2)  
4 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Rice vs. LSU (ESPN)  
4:15 p.m. — College basketball Round of 64: Yale vs. Auburn (TNT)  
4:30 p.m. — College basketball Round of 64: TBD vs. Florida (TBS)

5:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Focused Health 250 (FS1)  
5:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Florida State vs. Alabama (ESPN2)  
6:50 p.m. — College basketball Round of 64: Texas A&M vs. Nebraska (TNT)  
7:10 p.m. — College basketball Round of 64: Vermont vs. Duke (CBS)  
7:25 p.m. — College basketball Round of 64: TBD vs. Purdue (TBS)  
7:30 p.m. — College baseball: West Virginia at Oklahoma (FS1)  
7:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Maryland vs. Iowa State (ESPN2)  
7:35 p.m. — College basketball Round of 64: Charleston vs. Alabama (TruTV)  
8 p.m. — NBA: New Orleans Pelicans at Miami Heat (FOX)  
8 p.m. — Figure Skating World Championships (USA)

9:20 p.m. — College basketball Round of 64: Longwood vs. Houston (TNT)  
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9:55 p.m. — College basketball Round of 64: TCU vs. Utah State (TBS)  
10 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Golden State Warriors (Bally Indiana)  
10 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Norfolk State vs. Stanford (ESPN2)  
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The tournament begins March 30 and ends June 30, with walleye, sauger and saugeye counting. Contestants need to utilize the MyCatch mobile app to submit photos of their catches with a measuring device.

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Those interested in participating can register by visiting AnglersAtlas.com/event/769 or by using the MyCatch app. For further information, visit on.IN.gov/walleye.

To register, call Brock Farmer at (765) 209-4289.

### Challenge set

The Adams County 5K Run/Walk Challenge for the 2024 season will begin April 20, where participants 19-years-old or older can compete in a total of eight races within Adams County.

The cost to register for the challenge is \$150 and will enter participants in all eight races, with five needing to be completed for the Challenge Series award.

Challengers don't need to be from Adams County, but only the first 100 entries will compete. Participation in individual events is available as well.

To sign up or for more information, visit [www.adamscounty5kchallenge.com](http://www.adamscounty5kchallenge.com).

To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to [sports@thecr.com](mailto:sports@thecr.com).

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY MARCH 23rd, 2024**  
TIME 10:00 A.M.  
LOCATED:  
7136 N 650 E. BRYANT, IN.

**OPEN HOUSE:**  
Sunday, March 10TH from 1-3 pm, or for private showing phone auctioneers.

**REAL ESTATE**  
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Tract 3: 2.4 Acres practically all tillable with frontage on SR 67 and CR 650 E.

Tract 4: 7 Acres Wooded with access on CR 650 E.

**TRACTOR - ANTIQUES - MISC**  
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### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Auction to be held at 8341 N 400 E (Bearcreek Farms) Bryant, Indiana  
Monday MARCH 25, 2024  
AT 6:00 P.M.

**REAL ESTATE - 1675 W ST. RT. 18 BRYANT, IN.**

**PARCEL #1:**  
Approximately 4 acres of bare ground with frontage on State Road 18. Possession at time of closing.

**Parcel #2:**  
Approximately 80 acres with approximately 65 acres of slightly rolling tillable ground, 9 1/2 acres of wooded and 4.94 acres of ditch. Farm is rented for 2024 crop year. Buyer to receive cash rent payment of \$200.00 per acre. Possession after harvest of 2024 crops.

**Parcel #3:**  
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**Owner confirmation day of sale.** For more information contact Loy Real Estate 260-726-2700 or Gary Loy Auctioneer 260-726-5160.

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### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located: Bubb Exhibition Hall, Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E Votaw St., Portland, IN  
Saturday Morning March 23rd, 2024  
9:30 A.M.

**OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS**  
Gulf Tire Repair cabinet; John Deere pedal tractor; Wapak cast iron 3 legged pot; CAST IRON SKILLETS: National, Wagner, Favorite, Victor, Marion and Lodge to name a few. Lightning rods with balls; wood pulleys; bags; McCoy planters; Coke items; Coke case; wood boxes to include Wagner, Whiskey, Hires, 7up, Rubbers, and others not listed; ammo boxes; spice jars; quilts; linens; Coke trays; diary containers; maps; feed sacks to include Haynes Mill, Celina, Piqua and many others; pulleys; Griswold tea kettle; and many other items not listed.

**AUCTIONEERS NOTE:**  
This auction is a nice selection of primitives along with an assortment of old and collector's items. Please note that this is only a partial listing of the items to be sold.

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### 250 PUBLIC NOTICE

**Public Notice**

Legal Notice  
Notice is hereby given that the Jay County Election Board will conduct a Public test of the Election automatic tabulating equipment in accordance with IC 3-11-14.5 at 10:00 a.m., local time on March 28, 2024. All members of the public are invited to attend the test which will be held in the Election Room at the Jay County Courthouse, Portland, Indiana.

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## Arbuckle eats innings for HU

The Foresters were in the midst of four games in two days.

A Jay County High School graduate helped eat some innings for them.

Noah Arbuckle, who graduated from JCHS in 2020, went eight innings Saturday as the Huntington University baseball team won the first game of a doubleheader 15-4 over Mount Vernon.

The Foresters (12-11) never trailed, scoring three runs apiece in the third and fourth innings and then breaking the game open with a six-run fifth.

Arbuckle struck out three batters over his eight innings before turning the game over to Anderson Fenton for the final three outs. He gave up four runs on 10 hits and two walks.

The senior leads Huntington with 34 innings pitched while recording 17 strikeouts and a 5.29 ERA. He is 3-2 with one complete game and one save.

### Renna Schwieterman Jay County - 2023

Scored seven points off the bench for the Purdue Fort Wayne women's basketball team as it advanced through the first round of the National Invitational Tournament with an 83-75 victory Wednesday over Eastern Kentucky.

Schwieterman shot 3-of-5 from the field including a 3-pointer in her 14 minutes of play. She also shared the team-high of four rebounds and added an assist and a steal.

The Mastodons (22-12) will play in the second round Sunday against the host Cincinnati Bearcats.

### Maddie Guggenbiller Fort Recovery - 2023

Drove in one of the two runs for the Defiance College softball

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team in its 3-2 loss Sunday to Wartburg.

Guggenbiller had a double for the Yellowjackets' lone extra-base hit as she finished 2-for-3 at the plate. She also had an RBI.

The freshman also drew a walk Saturday in a 4-3 loss to Spalding.

### Crosby Heniser Jay County - 2022

Had a brief stint in relief Saturday in the Manchester University baseball team's 11-4 win over Berea.

Heniser faced just a couple of batters, hitting one with a pitch and striking out the other in one-third inning of work. He did not allow a run.

### Griffin Mann Jay County - 2021

Competed as an individual over the weekend in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate tournament at Rose-Hulman.

The Hanover College competitor placed 76th in the 36-hole tournament.

### Sophie Pearson Fort Recovery - 2023

Served as a pinch runner Saturday in the Thomas More University softball team's 2-1 loss to Cedarville.

Pearson entered the game as a pinch runner for Delaney Kemper in the top of the second inning. She advanced from second to third base on a wild pitch before the inning ended on a Hailey McAdoo strikeout.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

### On the charge

Jay County High School freshman Morgan Missicano charges a ball from right field during the Patriots' scrimmage at Winchester on Tuesday. Missicano is one of a handful of players coach Doug Arbuckle is looking to slot into the outfield to replace a pair of graduated players. For more on the JCHS softball team, check out the April 3 edition of The Commercial Review.

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## Ready to respond

### Purdue prepared to right the ship after Big Ten loss to Badgers

By **MARCUS FULLER**  
Star Tribune  
Tribune News Service

The long faces from Purdue coach Matt Painter and star Zach Edey after last week's Big Ten tournament overtime loss against Wisconsin weren't nearly as doom and gloom as last year's.

Nothing was tougher to swallow for the Boilermakers than the shocking first-round upset to 16th seed Fairleigh Dickinson as a No. 1 seed in last season's NCAA tournament.

At Target Center last Saturday, Purdue still knew it would live to play another day. The disappointment quickly turned to determination after falling short of repeating as Big Ten tournament champions. Edey and Painter still get a chance to redeem themselves.

"We have a good team," Painter said. "We'll respond from it, and we're really looking forward to playing the NCAA Tournament."

How Purdue bounces back from the monumental upset last year is one of the biggest storylines for this year's March Madness. Edey's legacy is cemented as the program's all-time leading scorer and a two-time national player of the year, but can he lead Painter's team on a deep NCAA tournament run?

The college basketball world will be watching closely Friday when the Midwest region's No. 1-seeded Boilermakers (29-4) open with 16th-seeded Grambling State in Indianapolis.

It's been popular to pick against Purdue after the Big Ten tourney semifinals loss, but there's no doubting the 7-4, 290-pound Edey is the most dominant force in the game.

"He's everything you want in a player," Painter said. "He's stayed grounded. He keeps his composure, and we're proud of him for everything he's accomplished."

Painter played with Boilermakers great Glenn Robinson in the 1990s under legendary coach Gene Keady. "Big Dog" never got to the Final Four. Is it fair to judge Edey on whether he can take Purdue to its first Final Four since 1980? With his status comes criticism galore for being so good and so big.

"People with his size are normally not very good at basketball," Painter said. "He's really good. So, he gets a lot of attention."

Purdue has responded well after losses, a good sign this year.

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