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## Progress made toward rehab program

*A few steps remain before opening the application process*

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

An agreement has been signed with the state for the owner occupied rehabilitation program.

The county still has a few specifications to work out before opening applications.

Jay County Commissioners heard an update Monday about the \$1 million program mostly funded through a grant from Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The county is contributing a match of about \$90,000 in American Rescue Plan Act dollars toward the program, which was offered as an incentive for communities allocating their American Rescue Plan Act dollars through OCRA's Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP).

Jay County's owner occupied rehabilitation program is intended to help residents pay for home improvements such as replacing a roof, water heater or heating, ventilation and air conditioning unit, doing electrical work or making a home more accessible. Applications have not yet opened for the program, which will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Projects are limited to \$25,000 per household. To be qualified, applicants must make at or below a salary threshold. Mentioned previously at county meetings, those amounts are as follows: one-person household, \$44,200; two-person household, \$55,500; three-person household, \$56,800; four-person household, \$63,100; five-person household, \$68,150; six-person household, \$73,200. The program will help a minimum of 40 households. Commissioners will make recommendations on project selection, with the final decisions made by OCRA.

Community coordinator Nate Kimball explained president Chad Aker — he wasn't in attendance Monday — has signed the grant agreement with OCRA. Kimball noted the county will need to wait on a few steps before moving forward, including selecting a building inspector for the program.

"We have to have somebody that can tell what each household may or may not need," he said.

Per state guidelines, explained Kimball, the building inspector will provide specifications for each project. He used a home needing a new furnace as an example.

"There's dozens of different types of furnaces," he said. "You need to have someone come in and be able to say they need this type of service for this kind of furnace for this size of a home, and it should cost roughly about this much."

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## Spring stroll

A donkey strolls along through a pasture on the east side of county road 300 West, south of county road 200 South, while grazing Monday morning.

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## One killed, five wounded in Indy

By JOSEPH WILKINSON  
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Tribune News Service

One person was killed and five others wounded in a shooting in Indianapolis early Sunday, police said.

One of the wounded survivors was an off-duty police officer who was working security at a bar, according to authorities. The officer was in stable condition Sunday afternoon and expected to be released from a local hospital.

The other four wounded victims suffered non-life-threatening injuries and were also in stable condition, local NBC affiliate WTHR reported. Authorities did not mention any suspects in custody.

### Off-duty officer was shot while working at bar

Police said "a disturbance" began in a parking lot on the city's east side around 1:30 a.m. Two officers with the Indianapolis Metro Police Department were working security in full uniform at a nearby bar and responded to the incident.

The two officers exchanged gunfire with at least one suspect,

police said. One of the officers was wounded during the shootout and other responding officers provided medical aid.

Four civilians were also transported from the scene to a local hospital. They were identified only as two 45-year-old men, a 42-year-old man and a 33-year-old woman.

A short time later a man arrived at a local hospital with gunshot wounds, according to police. Despite treatment at the hospital, the man died. Investigators believe he was connected to the parking lot shooting in some way.

"We're sorry that someone lost their life here tonight. I'm also very happy that our officer did not sustain any significant injuries, although we know that there's a long road ahead for him as he deals with the emotional impact of this situation," Indianapolis police chief Christopher Bailey said. "I'm proud of our response."

Police recovered one gun, a pistol, from the scene.

## Russia launches attack on capital

By KATERYNA CHURSINA  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

Ukrainian authorities said Russia launched a missile attack on Kyiv as the Kremlin steps up its assault on cities including Odesa and Kharkiv, as well as the war-battered nation's energy infrastructure.

Two ballistic missiles were intercepted over the capital on Monday, Ukraine's air defense said Monday on Telegram. As air-raid alarms sounded, a school sports hall in central Kyiv was damaged, while drone debris fell in several other districts, the municipal military administration said. At least 10 people were injured, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said.

President Volodymyr

### Missile strikes led to widespread blackouts

Zelenskyy reiterated his appeal to international partners for more protection against Russian strikes.

"We never tire of repeating that Ukraine needs more air defense," he said in a statement on Telegram. "All of us in the world who respect and protect life need to stop this terror."

The strike in Kyiv and attacks across Ukraine's south overnight — triggering widespread black-

outs in the Black Sea port city of Odesa — were part of intensified assaults from the Kremlin three days after the worst atrocity in Moscow in two decades killed at least 137 people.

Even as Islamic State claimed responsibility for the concert killings, Russian President Vladimir Putin on Saturday pointed the finger at Ukraine without offering evidence. Kyiv flatly denied any involvement.



Tribune News Service/AFP via Getty Images/Sergei Supinsky

Kyiv's mayor Vitali Klitschko visits the site of a missile attack in Kyiv on Monday amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Five people including a teenage girl were injured during a Russian missile attack on Kyiv, where falling debris also damaged at least two buildings in central districts. Russia has escalated aerial attacks on Kyiv in recent days, targeting key infrastructure in the wake of fatal Ukrainian bombardments on Russian border regions.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 50 degrees Sunday. The low was 30.

Showers are expected tonight with a slight chance of thunderstorms, winds gusting to 25 miles per hour and a low in the upper

30s. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with a high in the mid 40s. Highs will climb into the 50s on Thursday and Friday and the 60s on Saturday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Portland's Facade Committee has scheduled a meeting for 1 p.m. Wednesday at John Jay Center for Learning.

### Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of this week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

Thursday — Results from the FRHS track team's season opener at Coldwater.



# Program ...

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He added that the role also should be given to someone who isn't planning to put in bids for the projects.

The county could put out a request for qualifications for a building inspector, Kimball said. Commissioner Brian McGalliard asked if Kimball could be prepared by the next commissioners' meeting, April 8, to discuss a system for getting applications out to the public.

Kimball said he wants to make sure each municipality receives at least a week notice prior to the county opening applications, with plans to also advertise through newspaper, radio and social media.

"We want everybody to have fair and equal access," agreed McGalliard.

Commissioner Rex Journey also expressed his excitement for the program but noted it has

taken longer than anticipated. (Officials originally anticipated applications to open as soon as November 2023.)

In other business, commissioners:

•OK'd Arch Bridge Kroozers to use the restrooms at Jay County Courthouse from 1 to 7 p.m. May 18 for the group's annual car show.

•Approved an application to the Indiana Department of Corrections for Jay County Community Corrections' 2025 operations budget of \$208,398, which annually comes as a passthrough grant.

•Heard Jay County Country Living has received its \$43,320 reimbursable grant from the Indiana Residential Care Assistance Program. (The grant will be up for formal approval at Jay County Council's meeting in April.) Plans are in the works to remodel the facility, specifically installing new floors. Local resi-

dent Virginia Burkey mentioned potential volunteers willing to paint furniture and design new drapes.

•Learned Jay County emergency personnel are gearing up for the total solar eclipse April 8. Jay County Emergency Management Agency director Samantha Rhodehamel noted local emergency officials met with IU Health Jay last week to discuss plans. Rhodehamel has received certified solar eclipse glasses to distribute to employees at Jay County public safety agencies. Responding to a question from McGalliard about the anticipated influx of people, Rhodehamel said she expects many family members who have moved away to visit their hometowns in Jay County for the eclipse.

•OK'd a \$700 charge from ERS Wireless to retrieve data from a Jay County Sheriff's Office repeater. Ritter Strategic Servic-

es is conducting a study on looking into radios for emergency responders — it includes looking into equipment needs and performing a land survey to determine whether the county needs more radios to deal with dead zones. The county approved a \$76,400 contract with Ritter Strategic Services in December, with the study expected to take about 210 days.

•Tabled decision on a three-year contract with Perry Pro-Tech for managing printer services throughout county offices. A 30-day out clause has been added to the agreement, but commissioners wanted an OK from county attorney Wes Schemenaur — he was not present at the meeting — before moving forward.

•Heard Jay Emergency Medical Service has received its new vehicle and is waiting to hear from the insurance company before outfitting it with equip-

ment from the totaled truck. The department had nine personnel and one ambulance respond to the March 14 tornado in Winchester, noted director Gary Barnett. Also, the department's financial breakdown from February came to \$143,202.21 in expenses — Barnett noted a few different one-time or once-a-year costs — and \$92,318.17 in income.

•Approved the following: \$1,688,151.16 in claims; \$2,500 for dump truck repairs at Jay County Surveyor's Office; \$2,028 for a subscription services through Jay Circuit Court; \$1,891.04 for paper to be used for tax bills at Jay County Treasurer's Office; and \$248 for a waiver for injections at Jay County Health Department.

•Agreed to contribute \$3,450 in economic development income tax (EDIT) dollars to the Portland Rockets' season-opening celebration May 18.

## CR almanac

Wednesday 3/27	Thursday 3/28	Friday 3/29	Saturday 3/30	Sunday 3/31
<b>46/29</b>	<b>50/33</b>	<b>57/41</b>	<b>62/41</b>	<b>56/43</b>
Mostly cloudy skies on Wednesday, when the low will be around 29 degrees.	Thursday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high of 50 degrees during the day.	Friday looks to be mostly sunny with a slight chance of rain late at night.	More rain is possible Saturday with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms.	Another chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.

## Lotteries

**Powerball** 58-60-64-66-68-69-71-77  
Estimated jackpot: \$800 million  
Cash 5: 2-6-8-27-37  
Estimated jackpot: \$219,500

**Mega Millions** Estimated jackpot: \$1.1 billion

**Hoosier**  
Sunday  
Midday  
Daily Three: 7-0-1  
Daily Four: 7-4-1-9  
Evening  
Daily Three: 5-9-6  
Daily Four: 6-2-6-7  
Quick Draw: 6-10-18-20-22-29-32-34-35-45-52-54

**Ohio**  
Sunday  
Midday  
Pick 3: 5-3-8  
Pick 4: 6-6-6-1  
Pick 5: 3-9-7-9-7  
Evening  
Pick 3: 4-2-7  
Pick 4: 2-9-5-0  
Pick 5: 5-0-7-6-7  
Rolling Cash 5: 7-10-28-29-35  
Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

## Markets

**Cooper Farms Fort Recovery**  
Corn.....4.38  
April corn .....4.38  
Wheat .....4.36

April beans .....11.90  
Wheat ..... 5.35

**POET Biorefining Portland**  
Corn.....4.45  
April corn .....4.45  
May corn .....4.45

**ADM Montpelier**  
Corn.....4.15  
April corn .....4.18  
Beans .....11.90  
April beans .....11.94  
Wheat .....5.16

**The Andersons Richland Township**  
Corn .....4.25  
April corn .....4.23  
Beans .....11.87

**Heartland St. Anthony**  
Corn.....4.28  
April corn .....4.32  
Beans .....11.73  
April beans .....11.73  
Wheat .....4.95

## Today in history

In 2005, "Doctor Who" returned to television after being canceled 16 years prior. Originally started in 1963, the British Broadcasting Corporation sci-fi series is still running today and has starred Christopher Eccleston, David Tennant, Matt Smith, Peter Capaldi, Jodie Whittaker and now Ncuti Gatwa in the main role.

Rural Affairs. At the time, the grant covered the cost of creating an official redevelopment plan with the help of a professional planning firm.

In 2018, Portland Mayor Randy Geesaman received a letter indicating that the city has been awarded \$30,000 from the Indiana Office of Community and

In 2020, Randolph County added its name to the list of Indiana counties with confirmed cases of COVID-19. Two presumptive positive cases were reported by the Randolph County Health Department. At the time, Jay and Blackford counties were two of just 23 counties in Indiana without reported cases of the virus. —The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Tuesday**  
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works special meeting, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

land.  
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.

**Wednesday**  
1 p.m. — Portland Facade Committee, John Jay Center for Learning, 101 St. Meridian St., Port-

**Monday**  
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.  
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.



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## Grant awarded

Jay County Clerk's Office received a \$20,000 grant Tuesday from Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales' office. The dollars will be used to create a new website for local voters to learn about candidates and election results. Pictured at left are clerk's office employees with Morales (center) and Jay County Commissioner Rex Journey (at right).

## Capsule Reports

### Braking accident

A Hartford City man passed a Bryant man on county road 300 North and stepped on the brakes, causing an accident about 5:30 a.m. Friday.

According to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report, dash camera footage from 38-year-old Jason L. Kelly's 2013 Chevrolet Equinox depicted Kelly driving

east on the road near its intersection with U.S. 27. A 2006 Dodge Durango, driven by 38-year-old Joshua A. Turner, 38, began to pass him while also heading east on the road. Turner "unexpectedly cut off (Kelly) and then abruptly applied the brakes," according to the accident report, causing a rear collision.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

## Regulators are largely mum on legislative hit

By **LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ**  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana gambling regulators on Thursday brushed off concerns over the effects of a targeted, last-minute legislative change to the agency's budget and casino fines.

"As with any law passed by the General Assembly, the (Indiana Gaming Commission) will work to fully comply with the provisions ..." spokeswoman Stephanie McFarland said.

She added the commission "does not anticipate any negative impact upon agency operations as a result of the bill."

Statehouse Republicans this month finalized legislation increasing lawmaker oversight over the agency's extra-budgetary requests. Under current law, the executive branch approve can augmentation — or increased spending authorization — without legislative involvement.

But beginning in July, Senate Enrolled Act 256 will block the State Budget Agency or any other source from augmenting that agency's budget without State Budget Committee approval. The entity is made up of four voting lawmakers and the state budget director, and it usually meets every 60 days.

The legislation additionally directs casino fines and penalty money to the state's coffers, instead of the agency's.

Sen. Chris Garten, R-Charlestown, has led efforts to crack down on the agency after going public with his grievances over the interim. He maintains the agency is too aggressive and punitive in regulating casinos.

Opponents, however, argued the changes could impede regulators' efforts even as a former lawmaker is currently headed to prison for his involvement in a casino bribery scandal.

Commission officials said the agency's purpose is to "safeguard the integrity of Indiana's gaming industry and to give confidence to Hoosiers and other visitors who patronize our casinos."

"IGC does that by way of ensuring that the casino owners, key persons, suppliers, and employees affiliated with Indiana's state sanctioned gaming facilities uphold the high standards of character, reputation, experience, and financial integrity envisioned by the Indiana State Legislature. We are unable to speculate on the impetus of legislation, but the IGC will fully comply with the requirements of the bill," officials said in a statement.

## SERVICES

**Wednesday**  
**Green, Evelyn:** 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**April 6**  
**Stevenson, Emilie:** 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

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# Recalling the infamous Ira W. Porter

By HANK NUWER

Special to the Commercial Review  
Notorious Randolph County resident Ira W. Porter was born in 1844, the son of James and Hannah Porter.

*Far From Randolph County*



Ira served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Around 1870, he married Mary A. Porter, and by 1880, he had fathered Nancy (called Nannie), 4, and Rudolph, 1.

Mary and Ira W. endured fierce spats over his philandering with female hired help. A Richmond newspaper labeled him "a degenerate."

A one-time Salvation Army minister in New Lisbon, Porter was fined \$500 and served six months in jail in 1889 for assault, betrayal and seduction. He later preached in Randolph and Jay counties on the evils of tobacco use.

The U.S. Census of 1900

listed Ira and Mary living on a Salamoniam farm with son Cephas (born 1888), daughter Elsie (born 1886) and Rudolph and daughter-in-law May Porter.

In 1904, Elsie and Nannie moved to St. Louis, Missouri. Elsie worked as a musician at the St. Louis World's Fair. According to a Star Press (Muncie) account, Ira was supposed to meet the daughters in November for the fair's final three days. Supposedly, they were to accompany him from Missouri to Randolph County for a visit.

Ira told the Star Press he never met them.

Instead, he claimed to be attending a neighbor's funeral.

Ira claimed he last heard from Elsie and Nannie by mail around Dec. 2, 1904. That communication included a photo of the daughters. A note said: "Papa, we will be there (Randolph County) just as soon as we can get there. It was quite a compliment the way you met us."

The Muncie paper's reporter failed to explain why the postcard said Ira "met" them, while he claimed not to have gone to St. Louis.

Mary A. Porter survived a terrible accident in 1905. After an automobile spooked her horse, the animal dragged her. She was hospitalized with cuts and bruises to her head and torso.

On Jan. 16, 1908, Porter hovered over the bloody corpse of wife Mary

Porter in their New Pittsburg farmhouse kitchen.

His alibi was that his wife accidentally shot herself in the head while bringing him a shotgun to kill a chicken hawk. He claimed to be out in his yard at the fatal moment.

Coroner J. J. Evans did not believe Ira's explanation. He also observed broken bits of dishes in the kitchen.

Randolph County prosecutor Fred S. Caldwell filed murder charges. Porter was arrested at his wife's grave in a New Lisbon cemetery.

Son Rudolph, living in Ohio, stood staunchly in Ira's corner during a sensational trial held in Jay County.

Mary's younger son Cephas testified that his mother planned to leave Ira and move to his farm in Union City, Ohio. He testified that Ira boasted

of romantic trysts with hired females. A friend of Mary Porter testified Ira said he'd kill Mary if she left him.

In June of 1908, a jury found Porter guilty of second-degree murder based on circumstantial evidence. Judge John F. LaFollette imposed a life sentence.

Ira served two years in the Michigan City prison and amused himself writing songs.

Upon appeal, the Indiana Supreme Court opined that LaFollette had made errors allowing certain evidence. A 1910 retrial resulted in Porter's acquittal.

A free man but dead broke with his farm sold for legal fees, Porter took out a Salvation Army War Cry ad in 1910 stating that he was searching for missing Elsie and Nannie. Porter told a Muncie

reporter he believed his daughters had been kidnapped. (This writer found nothing to confirm or deny a kidnapping).

Cephas Porter died Feb. 3, 1971, in a Winchester nursing home at 81. The retired farmer was survived by wife Maude, son Stanley Porter and son-in-law Dr. Jefferson Klepfer of Lynn, a distinguished Richmond State Hospital medical superintendent. Pauline Porter Klepfer died in 1961.

Convinced his father murdered his beloved mother, Cephas never publicly forgave Ira.

The last newspaper clips on Ira in 1910 and '11 said he pondered living with relatives in Illinois or a friend in Oklahoma. An anonymous letter writer from Ridgeville warned Ira he'd be a dead man if he remained in Randolph County.

# New playmate resides in sex offender's home

DEAR ABBY: We recently moved to a new neighborhood. My 8-year-old son, "Joey," has become best friends with a classmate, "Paul," who lives on our street. We know from research we did when we bought our house that Paul's stepfather, with whom he lives, is a sex offender who committed crimes against children and served time in prison.

Paul has been coming to our house most days, which is fine. However, both Paul and Joey have started asking whether Joey can go play at Paul's house. I will never allow my son to play there. At some point, the boys will want an explanation, but I don't think Paul knows about his stepfather's past, and I don't think Paul's mother knows that I know.

If I tell Joey an age-appropri-

*Dear Abby*



ate version of the truth, I am sure he will tell Paul. I don't think this is how Paul should hear about his stepfather's past, plus I am concerned it might cause Paul's mother to get upset and cut off the kids' friendship. Do you have any advice? — CONFLICTED IN THE WEST

DEAR CONFLICTED: Are you absolutely certain that you have the story right and Paul's stepdad is a registered sex offender? I ask because I'm surprised that he would be allowed to live

in a household with a minor child.

Your concern that Joey might tell Paul about his stepfather is laudable. A way to handle it would be to continue insisting that the boys play only at your house.

I do think you should discuss this with Paul's mother so you know for sure this is what you are dealing with. If it is true, for the next few years use the old, "Because I'm your mother and I said so!" when Joey asks to visit Paul. Eventually, the truth is going to come out, but Paul should hear it from his mother.

DEAR ABBY: I've been married for eight years. I love my wife with my heart and soul. The problem is, although I'm

in love with her, I still love my ex-wife. I never actually expressed these feelings toward my ex until recently. I write to her and call her, hoping she will answer. I don't want to leave my wife because she's a good woman. But so was my ex. What can I do?

Every time my wife and I have a disagreement, I start thinking about my ex and what life would've been like if I had stayed with her. I find myself thinking about her more and more often each day. I know my ex still loves me, although she won't come out and say it. Is it OK to be in love with one and still love the other? — LOTS OF LOVE IN FLORIDA

DEAR LOTS: May I inject a sliver of reality into your fantasy? You say you "know" your ex-wife still loves you although she won't

come out and say it, nor does she answer your passionate letters. I'd say her refusal to communicate sends a pretty strong message that she doesn't feel the way you do.

I don't know what is wrong in your current marriage, but if you don't stop pining over the wife you dumped, you are going to lose this one, too. Counseling may help you accomplish this, and it is what I strongly recommend. Start now.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

Contact Dear Abby at Dear-Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Community Calendar

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

Today

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in help-

ing with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

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

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Those interested should sign up in advance.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

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

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.

# MARCH

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# Broadband needed to the last acre

To the editor:  
Rural broadband access is essential to the farms that grow our food, farm families and the quality of life for rural Hoosiers.

According to the 2022 Ag Census, 28% of farms in Indiana don't have reliable broadband. Technology and connectivity are more important today than ever before in precision agriculture, for remote work, telehealth and education.

We wanted broadband for years in rural Vanderburgh County where my family farms. Remote work was challenging, and even hindered my ability to do my job as the president of Indiana Farm Bureau, the largest general ag organization in the state. I tried to get a few different companies on

## Letter to the Editor

board to expand access in our area, but no one would commit.

Finally, our county council and county commissioners decided to set aside some of the American Rescue Plan Act money for broadband. The council received several proposals, but ultimately AT&T said they could provide fiber to the whole county in two years.

Since the project's completion in November 2023, our broadband

connection in Vanderburgh County has improved dramatically and changed the way we work. Now that we've seen success in our county, I know it can be replicated in the rest of the 91 counties in the state.

In 2021, INFB partnered with the Indiana Broadband Strategic Partnership to sponsor the Indiana Speed Test. Many of our members took the test and the data collected was used by local groups to plan projects and to advise the Office of Community and Rural Affairs about potential grants for areas most in need.

Now, the Indiana Broadband Office has \$868 million in federal funding to distribute to eligible projects in Indiana with the goal of reaching every unserved or

underserved address. Those locations need to be identified with new speed tests. That's a huge amount of money that could help us get broadband closer to the last acre. But we need people to take this new speed test on [www.connectingindiana.com](http://www.connectingindiana.com) by April 17, 2024.

If you live in an area that could use better internet access, review your address on [www.connectingindiana.com](http://www.connectingindiana.com). If your address is labeled as "served" and you don't believe you have access to 100/20 Mbps service, contact [IndianaBroadband@iot.in.gov](mailto:IndianaBroadband@iot.in.gov) so they can connect you with a local group to submit a challenge on your behalf. The Purdue Center for Regional Development also has a new tool on their website

that provides step-by-step instructions on submitting documentation.

Once the challenge process is over and the addresses are finalized, providers can begin submitting bids for specific projects.

It's incredible how broadband access can impact a community. I'm so grateful for what we now have in Vanderburgh County because I've been on the other side when I couldn't connect to anything. We have an opportunity here to make our rural communities throughout Indiana more viable. We just have to seize the moment and take advantage of it. That moment is now!

Randy Kron  
President  
Indiana Farm Bureau

# Bump-stock ban is common sense

Bloomberg Opinion  
Tribune News Service

A semiautomatic rifle equipped with a "bump stock" can fire at a rate of up to 800 rounds a minute. Does that make it a machine gun? Joe Biden and Donald Trump have said yes. The Supreme Court appears divided.

Typically, when a shooter pulls the trigger of a rifle, it "recoils," or kicks backward. A bump stock is a device that usually attaches to the back of the firearm and harnesses this rearward force, along with the forward pressure of the shooter, to push the trigger against the shooter's finger multiple times, enabling them to fire faster than would normally be possible without assistance.

These technicalities are at the center of a case challenging a Trump administration ban on such devices, proposed months after a shooter employed them while killing 60 people and injuring hundreds at a concert in Las Vegas in 2017. Trump's executive order — which banned the possession and sale of bump stocks, and required gun owners to surrender or destroy them — was enacted over the objections of some Justice Department officials, who said congressional action would be necessary.

The Supreme Court is now weighing the evidence. At issue is whether a firearm with a bump stock meets the legal definition of a machine gun — a weapon that fires more than one shot with a single "function of the trigger." (In 90 minutes of oral arguments, the phrase was uttered no less than 81 times.) The Army veteran and gun-store owner who sued the government claimed that while bump stocks accelerate the rate of fire, they still require "multiple functions of the trigger" because the shooter's finger pulls it repeatedly.

Defining a deadly weapon shouldn't be this hard. A firearm that sprays bullets in this manner — whether a trigger is pushed, pulled, pressed or activated by myriad other "functions" — should be considered a machine gun. The federal government has heavily regulated machine guns since the 1930s and has previously banned other devices that convert a firearm into one.

The court will come to its own conclusion. One

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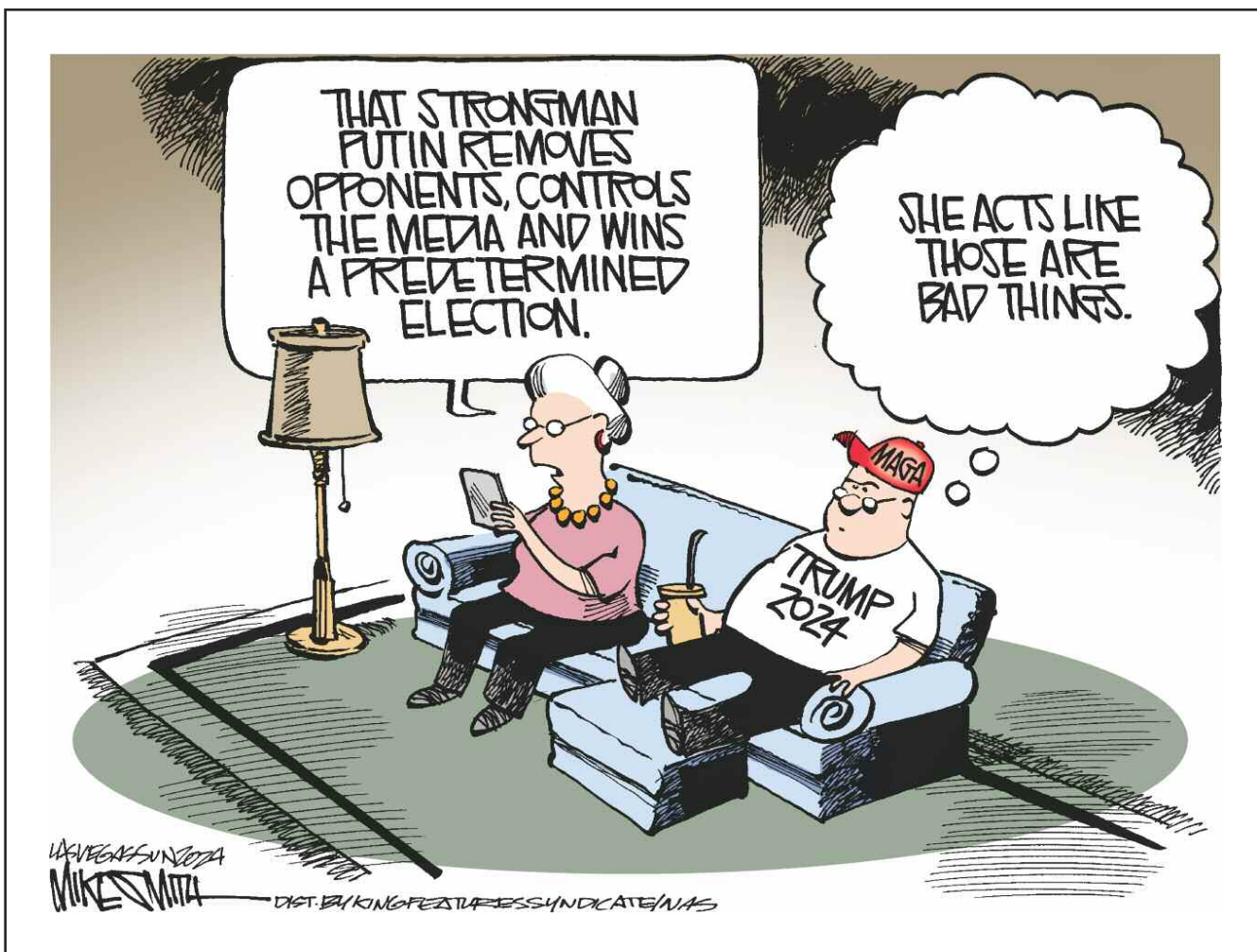
*A firearm that sprays bullets in this manner ... should be considered a machine gun.*

hopes common sense will prevail. But the responsibility for resolving this issue ultimately resides with Congress: The statutory language applying to machine guns is needlessly ambiguous. Even if the current ban is upheld, administrative actions are inherently less stable than laws. (Two other gun-safety regulations appear headed for the Supreme Court.) That means Congress should get to work.

In the year after the Las Vegas shooting, multiple states — some with Republican governors — passed laws explicitly prohibiting bump stocks. Congress should do the same. It should also restrict possession of other rapid-fire devices, such as trigger cranks and hellfire triggers, as Maryland has done. Such measures have drawn bipartisan support. They also build on notable advances contained in the federal gun-reform package of 2022.

Lawmakers can't anticipate every technological advance that will make weapons deadlier or harder to trace; just consider downloadable guns, which are made from plastic with a 3-D printer, can evade metal detectors and don't require a background check. Nor will banning devices stop all illegal activity. But that's little excuse for inaction. For decades, legislators have failed to clarify overly broad gun laws and left the hard work to agencies, states and courts — all at great peril to the American people.

Whatever the Supreme Court decides, Congress should state the obvious: A gun with a bump stock is a machine gun. It should be illegal.



# Candidates need to get real

By NIKI KELLY  
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Up until now, the GOP gubernatorial candidates have mostly fallen back on national talking points. But that does a disservice to Hoosier voters who want their next governor to be focused on Indiana issues.

And despite what many of their ads say, that's not China or the southern border or even online safety — which are largely federal issues.

It appears that even Gov. Eric Holcomb is getting impatient. Though he has declined to endorse any candidates, he recently had some interesting comments about the race.

"My thought process is: there are a lot of folks who approach me that are undecided because they're uninformed about where (the candidates) stand on issues that a governor has to address on a day in day out basis.

"We can repeat words. And (in) most of those words I see broad agreement within the candidates," he said. "But there are items that come across the governor's desk and what the Legislature grapples with that aren't being discussed that I think should be more in detail."

"And so," he continued, "I may offer some thoughts on that, as I said sooner rather than later."

Holcomb mentioned economic development, a new road program with funding options, mental health, broadband and a sustainable Medicaid program as subjects the candidates should focus on: "I want to see not just the vision, very important to have a vision, more so to have the mission, the plans to actually realize that vision and that's what I hope is shared because that will help who-

ever the next governor is carry out the planning of the day."

So, as the race kicks into high gear, it's time for the candidates vying for the GOP nomination to get specific. And I have a few prompts myself.

Road funding — Legislators and the governor put together a long-term road funding program in 2017 that included a large gas tax increase. But those dollars are fluctuating and future infrastructure is at stake. Where do candidates stand on this topic, and how would they ensure Indiana's crossroads remain an asset?

Medicaid — Supporting poor and disabled Hoosiers through this health care program is a must. But the price of that care is rising exponentially and could threaten the state budget. How would candidates address the sustainability of Medicaid? If cuts are needed, where would they apply them? Are they across-the-board cuts or limits on optional parts of Medicaid?

Taxes — Indiana lawmakers seem set on cutting some tax no matter what. It is income tax? Sales tax? Or how about the tax the most Hoosiers despise: property tax? I want specifics on what they would recommend for tax reform. And not on just what they'd cut, but how they'd replace that money or do without in the state budget.

Death penalty — Indiana has a death penalty on paper but hasn't executed anyone since 2009, and several men on Death Row have



Niki Kelly

languished there for decades. The holdup is that Indiana can't get the necessary drugs for the lethal injection cocktail. So do candidates support eliminating the death penalty and saving money on those court battles? Or, would they move to other execution methods? And how does their position square with their anti-abortion rhetoric?

Education — After 20-plus years of Republican control over education, why aren't we seeing improvement? Test scores, graduation rates and more have stagnated while the state transitioned to money following the student and funding private vouchers. What innovative ideas do these candidates have to make improvements? And should we keep funding essentially three systems: traditional public, charter and private schools?

Health care — Lawmakers have made attempts for several years to tackle this beast of a topic. But most of those efforts have focused on transparency and they simply aren't working. Some states have capped insulin and other necessary medication prices. Others have limited profit margins. What would these candidates do to make a dent in this problem for Hoosiers?

When a candidate can answer these questions with depth and specifics they will earn my vote. And I don't necessarily have to agree with them philosophically on every matter — they just have to be willing to speak beyond slogans and political dog whistles.

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# New BMV kiosk available in Berne

Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles announced that it has installed a BMV Connect kiosk in Berne.

The kiosk is in the Community Markets grocery store, 1056 U.S. 27, Berne. It is available during store hours — 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

“The installation of the kiosk in the Community Markets store provides residents easy access to complete business with the BMV in a convenient and timely manner,” said BMV Commissioner Joe Hoage in a press release. “We are extremely grateful to Judge Samuel Conrad who worked closely with our team to provide this option to the community.”

Kiosks can be used for transactions including getting a new registration, renewing a registration, renewing a driver’s license or ID, getting a duplicate title or getting an official driving record.

For a full list of kiosk locations in Indiana or other BMV details, visit [IN.gov/BMV](http://IN.gov/BMV).

## New CFO selected

First Bank of Berne last week announced that Matthew Reinoehl has been selected as its new chief financial officer.

Reinoehl had served as the bank’s controller at its operations center in Berne. A graduate of Trine University and the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin, he has been in the banking industry for 15 years.

“Matthew’s diverse business background, demonstrated leadership in all aspects of financial management, and commitment to putting customers first aligns well with our culture and values at First Bank of Berne,” said Kent Liechty, First Bank of Berne president, in a press release.

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“His integrity and wisdom brought him great success as our controller, and I know these traits will continue to serve him well as he takes on the role of CFO.”

## New bottle out

Ardagh Glass Packaging – Europe and Absolut have created their latest limited edition vodka bottle.

The companies collaborate on a limited edition bottle each year. This year’s Absolut Mosaik, which features a ribbed design with a concave label, was created in collaboration with British artist Olly Alexander.

“The front label, which is the main print area for the mosaic design, originally stood out from the bottle, making it a potential contact point on the production line,” said Ardagh product designer Katharina Chemnitz in a press release. “To accommodate this challenge, the label area was carefully engineered within a concave, curved surface, framed perfectly by the surrounding rib design.”

## Partnering

Indiana Chamber of Commerce’s Institute for Workforce Excellence and the Indiana Latino Institute are partnering to increase work-based learning opportunities for Latino students.

The groups will collaborate to increase internship matches with Indiana Latino Institute’s internship and fellowship programs. The Institute for Workforce Excellence will offer employers the chance to

connect with Indiana Latino Institute’s programming through its Work and Learn Indiana program.

“Building a robust talent pipeline is at the forefront for the Indiana Chamber and the Institute for Workforce Excellence, whether that’s through goals promoted in the Chamber’s Indiana Prosperity 2035 visioning plan or various programming efforts and partnerships at IWE,” said Institute for Workforce excellence executive director Todd Hurst in a press release. “Collaborating with ILI is a key aspect of fulfilling that mission and will allow more students to find success in obtaining high wage, high demand, quality work-based learning experiences.”

For more information, visit [workandlearnindiana.com](http://workandlearnindiana.com).

## New leader named

Alan Tio was announced last week as the new executive director of the Indiana Economic Development Association.

Tio most recently served as CEO of Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation. He was named a top 50 economic developer in North America in 2019 and received the Indiana governor’s Circle of Corydon honor in 2018.

“I am thrilled to welcome Alan Tio as the IEDA’s new executive director,” said Erin Schneider, the association’s board chair, in a press release. “His extensive experience and proven track record of success in economic development make him the perfect person to lead the IEDA towards a bright future.”

## Training scheduled

ServSafe training will be held monthly at John Jay Center for Learning in Portland through June.

Training sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. Tuesdays March 26, April 23, May 21 and June 18. The certification course is open to all food service employees and emphasizes safe food- and beverage-handling practices to minimize the risk of food-borne illnesses.

For more information, or to register, call (260) 729-5525.

## Program available

Indiana Economic Development Corporation recently launched the Legend Fund, a loan program targeted at providing funding for entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Through the State Small Business Credit Initiative, Indiana will have \$29 million to distribute to local lenders to increase opportunities for small businesses.

“Indiana is leading the nation in providing the ideal environment to help small businesses start, grow and innovate,” said U.S. Secretary of Commerce David Rosenberg in a press release. “With even more funding and new programs like the Legend Fund, we’re taking our support of the entrepreneurial ecosystem even further, ensuring all small businesses have equitable access to the tools, resources and capital needed to succeed.”

For more information, visit [connectind.com](http://connectind.com).

## Chamber hosting

Indiana Chamber of Commerce will host its Indiana HR Conference and Expo April 30 through May 2 at Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis.

The event offers a variety of workshops and sessions for HR professionals. Cara Silletto of Magnet Culture will be the keynote speaker on May 1.

“Human resources departments are at the

heart of most employers’ operations,” said Indiana Chamber president and CEO Vanessa Green Sinders in a press release. “We’re pleased to partner with so many brilliant speakers and effective organizations to help Indiana’s HR staffers be the best they can be. As we continue to focus on how we can support talent attraction and retention efforts for businesses across Indiana, we hope this conference provides needed resources and best practices for those who attend.”

## Scholarships offered

Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative is offering \$10,000 in scholarships.

Three \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors preparing to enter college or a technical program and two \$2,000 scholarships will go to students already pursuing a two- or four-year degree.

Recipients will be selected based on academic achievement, leadership, participation in school and community activities, academic honors, goals and aspirations, recommendations and work experience.

“Our scholarship program is an excellent way for us to give back to our members, invest in the future of the next generation and affirm our support for continuing education,”

Edge CEO Tim Trotter said in a press release. “Edge is committed to supporting our membership, empowering our youth and fostering growth within our communities.”

To apply, visit [voiceofmilk.com](http://voiceofmilk.com). The deadline is April 1.

For more information, email [llaubscher@voiceofmilk.com](mailto:llaubscher@voiceofmilk.com) or call (715) 584-7117.

## To release

Subway and T. Marzetti Company are teaming up to

make some of the sandwich chain’s sauces available in grocery stores.

Sauces that will be sold in stores include sweet onion teriyaki, roasted garlic aioli, baja chipotle and creamy Italian MVP. They will be rolled out beginning this week.

“Subway fans love our signature sauces,” said Subway senior vice president for culinary and innovation Paul Fabre in a press release. “Three of the new retail sauces — Sweet Onion Teriyaki, Roasted Garlic Aioli and Baja Chipotle — are inspired by guests’ in-restaurant favorites, and we’ve added an exclusive flavor to this collection with a Creamy Italian MVP, a new twist on Subway’s MVP Parmesan Vinaigrette.”

## Changes set

McDonald’s announced last week that Chris Kempczinski will become its chairman of the board and CEO following the retirement of Enrique “Rick” Hernandez Jr. following the 2024 shareholders’ meeting.

Also, Miles White will become the lead independent director on the board.

“It has been an honor to serve on the McDonald’s Board and witness firsthand how the Company has evolved to become one of the world’s most recognizable and successful brands,” said Hernandez, who has served on the board for 28 years. “As I reflect on my tenure with McDonald’s, I’m inspired by the remarkable leaders with whom I’ve had the privilege to serve. Starting with Fred Turner, these leaders became my partners and friends and I’ll forever cherish those relationships.”

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# U.S. sues Apple in iPhone antitrust case

By LEAH NYLEN

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The U.S. Justice Department and 16 attorneys general sued Apple Inc., accusing the iPhone maker of violating antitrust laws by blocking rivals from accessing hardware and software features on its popular devices.

The suit, filed Thursday in New Jersey federal court, marks the culmination of a five-year probe into the world’s second-most-valuable technology company. The Biden administration has made competition a cornerstone of its economic policy, with Silicon Valley becoming a key focus. And it comes as the European Commission is gearing up to

announce probes into compliance with the Digital Markets Act — the European Union’s new gatekeeper rules for Big Tech — by Apple and Alphabet Inc.’s Google.

Shares of Apple slid more than 4% Thursday, erasing about \$115 billion in market value.

The lawsuit alleges that Apple has used its power over app distribution on the iPhone to thwart innovations that would have made it easier for consumers to switch phones. The company has refused to support cross-platform messaging apps, limited third-party digital wallets and non-Apple smartwatches, and blocked mobile cloud streaming services.

“This case is about freeing

smartphone markets from Apple’s anticompetitive and exclusionary conduct and restoring competition to lower smartphone prices for consumers, reducing fees for developers, and preserving innovation for the future,” according to the suit, which seeks changes in Apple’s practices.

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said at a press conference that Apple has “consolidated its monopoly power not by making its own products better but by making other products worse.”

The company said the lawsuit was “wrong on the facts and the law,” warned that it would “set a dangerous precedent, empower-

ing government to take a heavy hand in designing people’s technology” and vowed to “vigorously defend against it.”

“At Apple, we innovate every day to make technology people love — designing products that work seamlessly together, protect people’s privacy and security, and create a magical experience for our users,” the company said in a statement. “This lawsuit threatens who we are and the principles that set Apple products apart in fiercely competitive markets.”

Apple recently added support for cloud-based gaming services and said it would add RCS cross-platform messaging later this year.

The group of attorneys general includes those of California, New Jersey and Washington, DC.

Meanwhile, even though Apple has made several changes to its App Store policies in Europe to comply with the Digital Markets Act, Apple and Google are set to face full-blown EU probes into their compliance in the coming days, Bloomberg reported Thursday.

The U.S. probe comes despite Cupertino, California-based Apple having announced earlier that it will allow European users to download iPhone apps from the web, let developers offer discounts outside the App Store and permit third-party marketplaces to sell apps.



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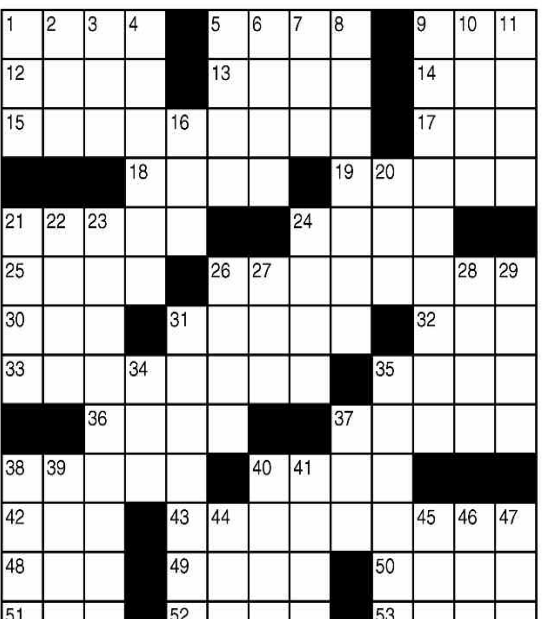
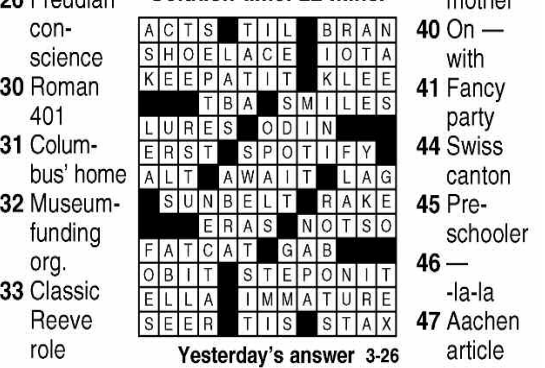
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# May ...

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“Not a lot of times you see head coaches working out with their players after practice or before practice or whenever you shoot them a message and say, ‘Coach, can I work on this?’ He’ll be out there on the court. He’s very hands on.”

Added Florida Atlantic junior guard Alijah Martin: “He’s a player’s coach. He’s just a great guy and everything you want in a coach. ... Always wants the best for us.”

May’s teams compiled a 126-69 record at Florida Atlantic, including a 60-13 mark in his final two years. The Owls never finished a season below .500 during his tenure, an impressive feat at a program that had just five winning seasons in the 25 years before his hiring.

Under May, Florida Atlantic won the Conference USA regular-season and tournament titles in 2023 and finished second in the American Athletic Conference standings this season, their first year in the league.

The Owls also set multiple program marks — from most overall wins (35) and conference wins (18) in a single season — and checked off several firsts, like being ranked in the Associated Press Top 25.

“The University of Michigan has hired a phenomenal basketball coach and an even better person,” Florida Atlantic athletic director Brian White said in a statement. “In addition to his historic level of competitive success, Dusty built a world-class culture within our men’s basketball program; operating with a high level of integrity and representing our university and athletics department with dignity and class.”

Given the job May did transforming Florida Atlantic — on top of only having a modest \$1 million buyout — he was viewed as a hot commodity who was going to be on several high-major programs’ radars this coaching cycle.

He was reportedly a top target for the Louisville and Vanderbilt openings, but Michigan moved quickly and quietly to secure who it deemed was the best candidate for the job. After firing Juwan Howard on March 15, the Wolverines conducted and completed their search in a little over a week, which ended with May being named the 18th head coach in program history.

“For almost two decades Dusty May’s proven track record as a winner, including

*‘This was an incredibly difficult decision, however, I am deeply committed to reigniting the proud tradition of Michigan basketball. I can’t wait to get started.’*

— Michigan basketball coach Dusty May

Florida Atlantic’s magical run to a 2023 Final Four, speaks volumes about him and his coaching,” Michigan athletic director Warde Manuel said in a statement. “We are so delighted to welcome Dusty, and his family, to the University of Michigan. He embodies the values of high integrity and outstanding character, coupled with an unparalleled understanding of the game of basketball.

“With his ties to the Midwest, Dusty has a deep understanding of our community, recruiting landscape and basketball tradition. I am thrilled to bring in a coach who has a demonstrated ability to develop talent and build successful programs.

I believe Dusty will be an exceptional leader for our student-athletes and a tremendous asset to our basketball program and university.”

At Michigan, May will fill a vacancy that was left behind by Howard, who was dismissed after five seasons, and will look to restore a program that has deviated from its winning ways. The Wolverines set program records with 24 total losses and 17 Big Ten losses in 2023-24 and missed the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year.

A Midwest native and Indiana alumnus, May was a former student manager under legendary Hoosiers coach Bob Knight and served as an

administrative assistant/video coordinator at USC and his alma mater before diving into coaching full-time.

May spent 13 years climbing the coaching ranks as a Division I assistant, starting at Eastern Michigan in 2005-06. From there, he had stops at Murray State (2006-07), UAB (2007-09), Louisiana Tech (2009-15) and Florida (2015-18) before landing at Florida Atlantic.

Six years later, he’s taking the next step and taking over at Michigan.

“I want to offer my thanks to President Santa Ono, athletic director Warde Manuel and the UM Board of Regents for this opportunity,” May said. “None of this would be possible, however, without the tremendous people at Florida Atlantic University. They embraced and supported me, as well as my family, from the minute I walked on campus. I can’t thank my players, my staff, the administration and the entire Boca Raton community enough. We made memories at FAU that will last a lifetime.

“This was an incredibly difficult decision, however, I am deeply committed to reigniting the proud tradition of Michigan basketball. I can’t wait to get started.”

# Ohtani ...

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“I think it’s good,” manager Dave Roberts said of Ohtani’s forthcoming media availability — which the manager insisted was entirely the two-way star’s decision. “I think it’s the right thing to do. I’m happy he’s going to speak, speak to what he knows and give his thoughts on the whole situation. I think it’ll give us a little bit more clarity.”

Since the Mizuhara story first broke, several questions have emerged that Ohtani

and his representatives had notably left unanswered.

How did he feel about supposedly being betrayed by his long-time interpreter and close confidant?

How did he and his representatives fail to notice the transfer of reportedly \$4.5 million, at least, from his accounts to an illegal Orange County book-making ring?

And why did one of his spokespersons orchestrate an ESPN interview last Tuesday for Mizuhara, as that

outlet reported, in which Mizuhara claimed — and Ohtani’s spokesperson initially concurred — that the Japanese star had actually paid off Mizuhara’s gambling debts, and not been allegedly swindled behind his back? (Both Mizuhara and the Ohtani spokesperson recanted that story a day later.)

For at least one more day, Ohtani’s code of silence will remain.

Whether Monday brings any actual clarity remains to be seen.

# Cinderella ...

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The Golden Grizzlies had to play a catch-up game against the Pack, who led throughout the first half and first seven minutes of the second.

A 3-pointer by Hohlke, then a put-back basket by Townsend, pulled Oakland into a 42-42 tie with 12:49 left in regulation. A 3 by Chris Conway later tied it a 45-45.

Morsell answered with 3 for the Pack, then O’Connell drained another. It became punch/counter-punch, with neither team backing down or away.

The Pack got the start it wanted, getting out to an early 9-2 lead and staying in front the rest of the first half for a 32-29 edge.

Gohlke again was an instant energy producer for the Grizzlies. He’s not a starter but makes things happen once in the game and did again Saturday, knocking down his first 3.

The Pack did what it could to make it hard on the sniper of a guard, rotating defenders — Casey Morsell, O’Connell, Jayden Taylor — on him to give him different looks.

After igniting for seven 3s in the first half of the Kentucky game on his way to a 32-point game, Gohlke was 3 for 6 on 3s in the opening half Saturday. But each one appeared to be a bolt of adrenaline, for his team and a sizable contingent of Oakland fans at PPG Paints Arena.

The game strategy was set early by Oakland: use a lot of the shot clock when it had the ball and make the Pack use a lot against the zone when it didn’t.

The Wolfpack allowed just two offensive rebounds in the opening half, making for a lot of one-shot possessions for the Grizzlies. But Oakland made the Pack work relentlessly on defense, taking some strength out of the Wolfpack’s legs.

The Pack missed seven straight shots and nine of 10 at one point late in the first half, grabbing some offensive boards but not getting second-chance points out of them.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

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## TV sports

**Today**  
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4 p.m. — College gymnastics: Nebraska at Ohio State (BTN)  
7 p.m. — College basketball NIT: Georgia vs. Ohio State (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Lakers at Mil-

waukee Bucks (TNT)  
9 p.m. — College basketball NIT: Cincinnati vs. Indiana State (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — NBA: Dallas Mavericks at Sacramento Kings (TNT)

**Wednesday**  
7 p.m. — College basketball NIT: UNLV vs. Seton Hall (ESPN2)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Clippers at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — NHL: Boston Bruins at Tampa Bay Lightning (TNT)  
8 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Chicago Bulls (Bally Indiana)  
9 p.m. — College basketball NIT: VCU vs. Utah

(ESPN2)  
10 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Denver Nuggets (ESPN)

## Local notes

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Emily Franks  
Jay County Auditor  
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# Sports

## One Cinderella picks off the other

By **CHIP ALEXANDER**  
The News & Observer  
Tribune News Service

PITTSBURGH — There are so many factors that go into winning an NCAA Tournament game. It's adjusting to an opponent you have not played.

It's often adjusting to different officials. As much as anything, it's adjusting to the pressure that builds each round, that builds within the games.

The teams that can handle it, that are tough enough to handle it, move on, keep playing. Those who don't, go home; shake hands with the winning team and go home. It's that simple.

It's the brutal reality of a one-loss-and-done kind of tournament and N.C. State was on the winning end Saturday in the second round of the South Region at PPG Paints Arena, earning a 79-73 overtime victory over Oakland.

The Wolfpack (24-14), the No. 11 seed, advances to the Sweet 16 in Dallas next week, following up its ACC championship with two more NCAA victories, which are always precious.

A Jayden Taylor 3-pointer late in overtime might have been the Pack's biggest basket of the game. D.J. Horne, who had a relatively quiet game, hit two free throws with 31 seconds left in the OT for a seven-point lead and D.J. Burns another two for a 79-70 lead.

Burns, the big man turning in another big game, had 24 points for the Pack, offsetting a 30-point game by Oakland's Trey Townsend.

The final minute of regulation was as tense as it was suspenseful.

With the shot clock running out, Wolfpack guard Michael O'Connell drove to the basket for a twisting layup and a foul with 55.6 seconds left. His 3-point play gave the Pack a 66-64 lead.

The Golden Grizzlies' Jack Gohlke hit a pair at the line with 41.5 seconds left for a 66-66 tie.

After a Wolfpack timeout, Burns missed inside and Oakland used a timeout to set up its possession. But it turned the ball over and after an officials review, the Pack's Casey Morsell got off a long heave that hit the backboard and rim.

Townsend, the Horizon League player of the year, was the near-total focus of the Oakland offense in the second half and he delivered. The 6-6 senior went to work inside against Mo Diarra and Ben Middlebrooks but also stepped outside to hit a few jumpers.

It was a Townsend 3-pointer from the left wing over Diarra with 4:29 left in regulation that pulled the Grizzlies within 59-57. His three-point play with 2:49 remaining gave Oakland a 63-61 lead — its first of the game.

Gohlke was a constant 3-point threat, just as he was in the shocker over Kentucky in the opening round. He didn't completely go off, as he did in draining 10 of his 3s and scoring 32 points against the Wildcats. But the threat was there.

Gohlke had a 4-point play in the second half, drawing a foul from O'Connell as he made a 3 from the wing. He finished with 22 points, going 6 of 17 on 3s.

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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

## Ready to round

Lily Schwieterman of the Fort Recovery High School softball team heads toward third base on her way to scoring during the first inning of the Indians' scrimmage Friday against Van Wert. FRHS opened its season Monday against Ansonia.

## Shohei Ohtani to address Ipppei Mizuhara

*Ex-interpreter of Dodgers' star pitcher accused of "massive theft" for gambling*

By **JACK HARRIS**

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — Shohei Ohtani's silence is set to last at least one more day.

As reporters huddled Sunday around Ohtani's new locker in the Dodgers home clubhouse, the two-time MVP emerged briefly before the team's Freeway Series game against the Angels and said he would address the media Monday.

A Dodgers public relations official later confirmed the plan, which would mark Ohtani's first public comments since The Times first reported last Thursday that he was allegedly the victim of a "massive theft" by his interpreter Ipppei Mizuhara.

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## Duke dominates Dukes

By **STEVE WISEMAN**

The News & Observer

Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — When Jared McCain arrived in Brooklyn on Wednesday, his fingernails were unpainted, which is not his preferred style.

The Duke guard chose to paint them himself, using blue on the right hand and white on the left.

He should have been more creative because on Sunday, his right hand delivered pure fire that propelled the No. 11 Blue Devils to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16.

McCain used that right hand to make his first six 3-point attempts in the first half, drilling a school-record eight in the game while scoring 30 points to lead the No. 4 seed Blue Devils over No. 12 seed James Madison, 93-55, in an NCAA Tournament South Region second-round game at Barclays Center.

Having advanced one round further than they did in last year's NCAA Tournament, the Blue Devils (26-8) head to the regional semifinals to play either top-seeded Houston or No. 9 seed Texas A&M on Friday night in Dallas.

They have their flamboyant, confident freshman guard to thank. McCain broke the Duke record for most 3-pointers made in an NCAA Tournament game, surpassing the seven Quinn Cook made in 2014 against Mercer.

Duke's first basket was a McCain 3-pointer, a shot that put the Blue Devils in front for good just 11 seconds into play. McCain added two more shortly thereafter to give Duke a 15-5 lead that had James

Madison (32-4) reeling.

McCain was just getting started, though, and the Blue Devils never let up. His 3-pointer with 11:49 left in the first half gave Duke a 24-9 lead. When he hit his fifth consecutive 3-pointer, with 7:10 to play in the half, Duke held a 31-15 lead on the way to a commanding 47-25 halftime advantage.

The performance was of reminiscent of McCain's 35-point outburst when the Blue Devils beat Florida State, 76-67, in Tallahassee, Florida, on Feb. 17. McCain hit 8 of 11 3-pointers that day and is a 39.7% 3-point shooter for the season.

As a team, Duke shot 52.4% overall while making 14 of 28 3-pointers to overwhelm the Dukes. It's the most 3-pointers the Blue Devils have made in a game this season.

Duke only turned the ball over six times against a James Madison defense that caused Wisconsin to commit 19 turnovers while beating the No. 5 seed Badgers, 72-61, on Friday night.

The Blue Devils vowed they would be ready to handle that pressure and planned to impose their will early to send a message to the underdog Dukes. That's exactly what happened, thanks to McCain and Duke's other hot-shooting guards.

Sophomore Tyrese Proctor scored 18 points, making four 3-pointers during a 7-of-15 shooting day while collecting five assists. Senior Jeremy Roach added 15 points, hitting 5 of 8 shots overall with one 3-pointer and leading the Blue Devils with six assists.

On the interior, 7-foot sophomore Kyle Filipowski scored 14 points while grabbing five rebounds and handing out four assists.

## May selected as new Wolverines coach

By **JAMES HAWKINS**

The Detroit News

Tribune News Service

Michigan didn't waste much time finding its new men's basketball coach.

Dusty May, who spent the last six seasons building Florida Atlantic into a consistent winner, has signed a five-year deal worth \$3.75 million annually, the program announced Sunday.

"The University of Michigan is among the elite institutions in the world and it is both an honor and privilege to be named its head men's basketball coach," May said in a statement. "This is a dream come true for me, my wife Anna, and my boys Jack,

Charlie and Eli."

May, 47, took over a down-trodden Florida Atlantic program that had little history of success. Since his arrival in 2018, he turned the Owls from an afterthought into a national contender.

Last season, May guided Florida Atlantic to a program-best 35-4 record and an improbable Final Four run as a No. 9 seed. Before that, the Owls had never won a game in college basketball's marquee postseason event, with the program's lone appearance in the Big Dance taking place two decades ago.

May followed that up by retaining nearly his entire

roster — something that's harder to do these days with NIL and the transfer portal — and leading Florida Atlantic back to the NCAA Tournament, where it lost to Northwestern in a first-round game on Friday.

"I'd say he's just a regular human being," Florida Atlantic redshirt sophomore guard Nick Boyd said of May this week. "I'd say that's what makes him so special. I've been fortunate enough to be around coaches my whole life just with my family background and just see the ins and outs of the business. And coach is regular. He don't have much of an ego."

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