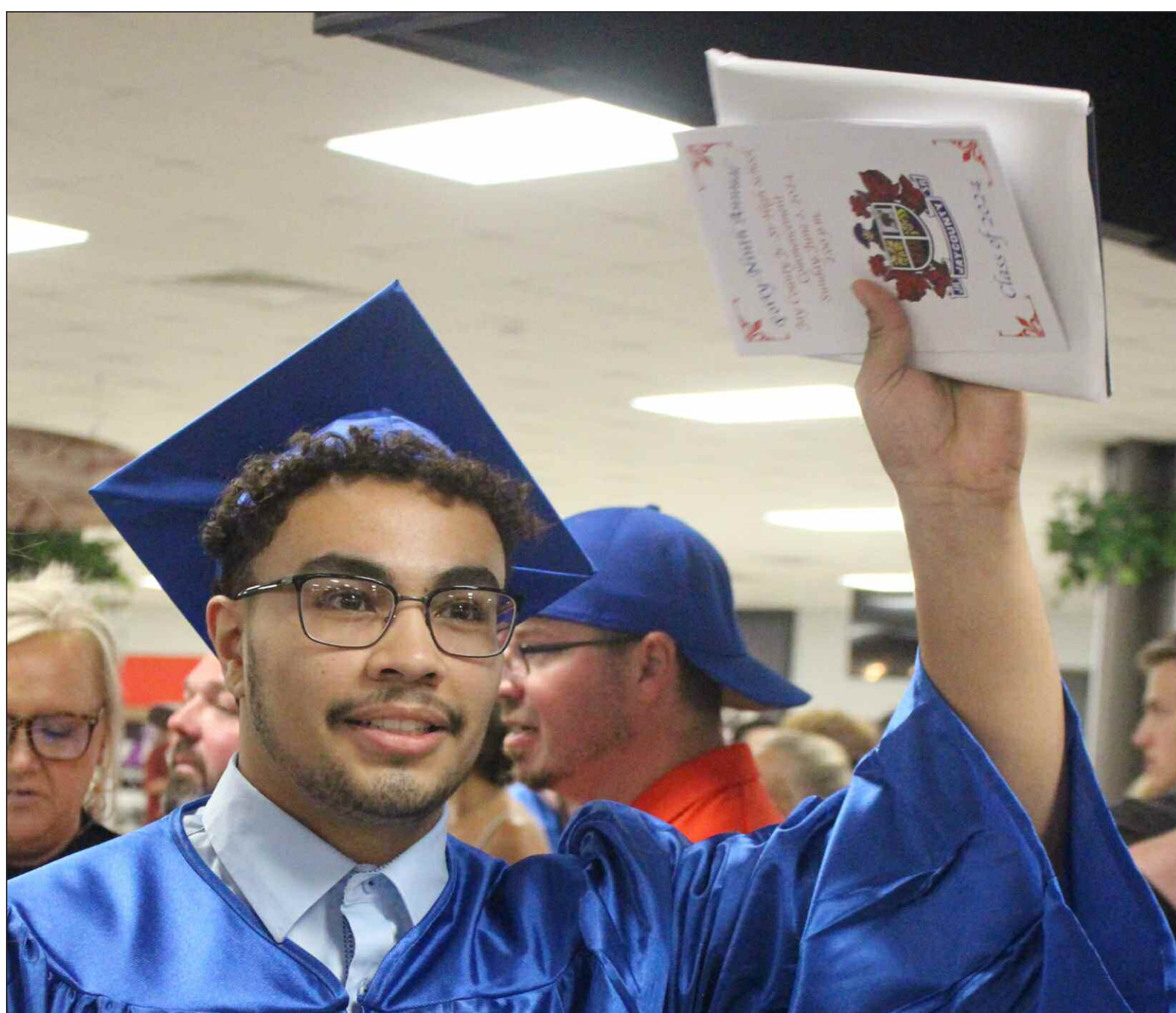


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## Grad wave

Juaquin Flores waves with his diploma and program Sunday afternoon following the Jay County High School commencement ceremony. The school said goodbye to the 208 members of the Class of 2024.

## Ron May asks for marijuana discussion

*Council member suggests letter to legislators*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

A discussion about marijuana legalization will be on the agenda for the next city council meeting.

Portland City Council member Ron May during a brief meeting Monday asked that the topic be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, which is June 16.

May said he believes the legalization of marijuana in the state is coming eventually and he asked that the council consider sending a letter to the statehouse indicating that the city is open to it if the state government decides to go in that direction.

May, a former probation officer of 33 years, said he's never used marijuana himself and doesn't plan to. But he added that his views on the issue have shifted.

"When I first started, I was dead set against it," he said. "Then over the years, things changed. I think it's time that we change."

Council member Dave Golden asked if May was referencing medical or recreational marijuana, or both. May responded that he'd suggest something similar to Ohio's law that was passed via a ballot issue in 2023. It allows up to 2.5 ounces of cannabis for adult use and individuals to grow up to six marijuana plants for personal use.

May asked city attorney Wes Schemenaur about whether there will be action on the issue at the state level. (The next legislative session will begin in January.)

Schemenaur responded that it's unclear but that the issue will likely be up for consideration in the coming year. Council member Matt Goldsworthy said in his conversations with legislators he does not expect legalization to get much traction.

See **Marijuana** page 2

## Fort Recovery denied grant requests

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The village didn't get a couple of the grants it hoped to receive.

It's still chugging forward and considering other funding options.

Fort Recovery Village Council heard Monday from village administrator Randy Diller that the village was not granted \$800,000 for dredging the wastewater lagoons or \$4 million for converting the water plant to a reverse osmosis facility.

Also Monday, council amended its wage ordinance to change a few job titles and give a promotion to one of the village's police officers.

Fort Recovery was not

granted \$4 million from the Ohio Department of Development's Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program to pay for switching to a new water-softening process.

Plans are in the works to shift the village's treatment from lime and caustic soda to reverse osmosis membrane softening. The new treatment process is estimated to decrease the village's chemical costs by \$210,000 annually.

### *Village did not receive funding for wastewater lagoons, water plant conversion*

When it was first discussed at a council meeting last year, initial construction costs — they involve installing 56 reverse osmosis membranes as well as locating and drilling a third well — were estimated to cost \$4.35 million.

Village staff members are looking at other options to work toward switching the water plant's treatment process. The village OK'd

Diller in May to apply for and, if approved, enter into an agreement through Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Water Supply Revolving Loan Account. Hopes are to secure a \$266,120 loan at 0% interest for five years. It would be used for planning and design work related to upgrades at the water plant. The village needs to be formally accepted for the dollars and will

likely hear back on its application within the next month.

In similar news, the village also learned it also wasn't granted \$800,000 from the same program — the village applied for two different projects — to remove sludge from both wastewater lagoons. Diller later noted regardless of upgrades, the village will likely need to dredge the lagoons at some point.

See **Denied** page 2

## Asylum threshold set

By SYRA ORTIZ BLANES

and NORA GAMEZ TORRES

Miami Herald

Tribune News Service

People who have been coming to the U.S.-Mexico border will now face tighter restrictions to enter the country, after the Biden administration announced measures Tuesday to deny immigrants crossing unlawfully the right to apply for asylum when the number of encounters at the border reaches a certain threshold.

The federal government will restrict the ability of foreigners to claim asylum when immigration authorities register a daily average of 2,500 or more encounters at the border and southern coastal states consecutively for a week. Those trying to cross a

### *Requests can be shut down if border encounters average more than 2,500 daily*

border at that point will be deported to their home countries or sent back to Mexico unless they have prior authorization to present their asylum cases or fall under certain exceptions.

The policy, the officials said, responds to a lack of congressional action and a volume of migrants that the federal govern-

ment cannot effectively manage. The new measures will "significantly increase the speed and the scope of consequences for those who cross unlawful or without authorization and allow the departments to more quickly remove individuals," a senior administration official said.

See **Asylum** page 2



Tribune News Service/Los Angeles Times/Carolyn Cole

Members of the Mexican National Guard keep watch on the Mexican side of the Ciudad Juárez-El Paso border. The Biden Administration on Tuesday announced measures to shut down asylum requests at the U.S.-Mexico border if the average number of daily encounters hits 2,500.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 82 degrees Monday. The low was 63.

Rain is expected today with a chance of thunderstorms and a high in the lower 80s. Rainy and stormy conditions will continue

into the evening with the low dropping into the lower 60s.

Expect mostly sunny skies Thursday with a high in the upper 70s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

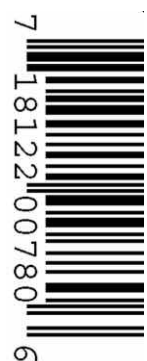
The regular Portland Board of Works meeting that was scheduled for Thursday has been canceled. The board will instead meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, in the mayor's office at city hall with an executive session to follow at 4:15 p.m.

### Coming up

**Thursday** — Coverage of this week's Portland Park Board meeting.

**Friday** — Preview of the Fort Recovery baseball team at the state finals.

**Saturday** — Results from JCHS golfer Caleb DeRome at the regional tournament.



# Asylum ...

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The limit is not permanent, and it will be lifted two weeks after the Department of Homeland Security deems that the number of daily encounters drops to a more manageable level, set at an average of 1,500 or less for seven consecutive days.

The asylum limits will be in place for people who cross the border unlawfully. Migrants will be put in fast-tracked deportation proceedings but will be offered what is called a "credible-fear interview," one of the first steps in an asylum process, if they say they are afraid to return home or could face persecution or torture. Officials said that migrants claiming a "reasonable probability of persecution or torture" will be held to a higher standard for entry into the U.S. than what is currently applied.

The 2,500 daily average limit does not affect those who book appointments to present their asylum case through the CBPOne app, a phone application migrants

use to schedule appointments with immigration authorities at the border. Also not counting toward the daily 2,500 limit: lawful permanent residents, people with visas, unaccompanied minors, people facing a medical emergency or a threat to their life, and trafficking victims.

The Biden administration has faced unprecedented levels of migration. The announcement Tuesday comes amid an election year in which immigration is at the front and center of a fierce presidential race. Both immigration rights activists and Republicans have blasted Biden for his handling of immigration issues.

On Tuesday, Biden officials criticized Republicans in Congress for not passing a bipartisan deal on the border and emphasized that the newly enacted measure would not allocate personnel and resources to the southwest border.

"President Biden believes we must secure our border," the White House said in a statement. "That is why today, he

announced executive actions to bar migrants who cross our Southern border unlawfully from receiving asylum...But we must be clear: this cannot achieve the same results as Congressional action, and it does not provide the critical personnel and funding needed to further secure our Southern border."

Advocates who have criticized the Biden administration ahead of the announcement say the measure is at least partially politically-driven and will place migrants in danger and bar some with legitimate asylum claims from seeking refuge in the United States.

"It's deeply disappointing to see President Biden so hellbent on dismantling human rights for people seeking asylum and implementing policies that are plainly illegal under international and refugee law," said Amy Fischer, Director of Refugee and Migrant Rights at Amnesty International USA.

Officials said the number of

encounters at the U.S.-Mexico border has decreased but the volume still remains high. That's particularly true regarding immigration from Cuba, Venezuela and Haiti, which is on pace to match or surpass record numbers from previous years despite new legal pathways implemented by the Biden administration last year targeting those countries.

A new parole program allowing nationals from Cuba, Venezuela, Haiti and Nicaragua to enter and work in the United States for two years promised to stem the flow of migrants from those countries crossing the border. About 439,000 people from the four countries have arrived in the United States through the parole processes through April of this year, according to federal government data. But as the backlog of cases grows, leaving some applicants waiting for over a year, and the situation in their home countries further deteriorates, the number of border encounters rapidly increased again.

# Marijuana ...

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May then asked Schemenaur for his opinion on marijuana legalization from the standpoint of his role as the elected county prosecutor.

"I enforce the law as it's written," he said. "If the legislature says it's legal, then that's the legislature's prerogative. If they say it's gonna continue to be illegal, I'm going to continue to prosecute it."

May pointed out that marijuana is used for a variety of reasons, including pain control. He asked fellow council members Kent McClung, Mike Aker, Ashley Hilfiker, Golden and Goldsworthy, absent Michele Brewster, to talk to their constituents ahead of the discussion at the next council meeting.

The only item of business the council addressed during the meeting that lasted barely more than five minutes was the approval of payment of regular claims.

## CR almanac

Thursday 6/6	Friday 6/7	Saturday 6/8	Sunday 6/9	Monday 6/10
<b>78/57</b>	<b>72/54</b>	<b>76/59</b>	<b>77/57</b>	<b>78/54</b>
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Thursday when wind gusts may reach up to 25 mph.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Friday when the high will be in the low 70s.	Saturday's weather looks like a slight chance of rain under mostly sunny skies.	Another chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly sunny. The low may be 57.	Monday's forecast shows rain and thunderstorms are possible under mostly sunny skies.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Monday 19-29-35-36-45 Power Ball: 16 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$185 million	Daily Four: 3-4-0-3 Quick Draw: 5-11-12-15-17-23-29-31-34-36-41-50-62-64-66-68-69-77-78-79 Cash 5: 15-18-26-27-37 Estimated jackpot: \$906,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$560 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 4-0-8 Pick 4: 2-8-1-5 Pick 5: 6-0-3-0-9 Evening Pick 3: 2-8-9 Pick 4: 0-5-2-0 Pick 5: 2-9-9-0-9 Rolling Cash: 6-13-31-35-37 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 0-6-9 Daily Four: 8-3-6-8 Quick Draw: 7-29-31-32-33-34-35-40-42-45-51-57-58-64-68-70-71-74-76-79 Evening Daily Three: 0-4-4	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.35 July corn.....4.38 Wheat .....5.50	July beans .....11.68 Wheat ..... 6.20
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.38 July corn.....4.33 Oct. corn .....4.38	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.25 July corn.....4.18 Beans .....11.70 July beans .....11.64 Wheat .....6.20
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.28 July corn.....4.28 Beans .....11.73	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.33 July corn.....4.33 Beans .....11.46 July beans .....11.51 Wheat .....6.00

## Today in history

In 1883, the first Orient Express left Paris for Istanbul. It has been featured in different works through the years, including Bram Stoker's "Dracula" and Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express."  
In 1956, Elvis Presley performed "Hound Dog"

for the first time live on television.  
In 1968, Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated by a 24-year-old Palestinian. The brother of former United States president John F. Kennedy, he died the next day.  
— The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 1 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., 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. 7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Park Board, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
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# Denied ...

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He talked about upcoming treatments for the lagoons as well as a sonar report to follow them.

"We'll continue to monitor all that and continue to work towards whatever solution is necessary to complete that dredging work," he said.

Although it wasn't approved funding for either of the projects discussed Monday, the village was granted \$1.25 million in June 2023 from the same program formally known as the Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure program for construction of a second water tower. Plans are to construct a 250,000-gallon elevated tower on the north side of the village, mirroring the existing tower located along Industrial Drive.

Last month, council awarded a \$2,442,700 contract to Caldwell Tanks of Louisville, Kentucky, for the work. Because of

inflation and other unexpected increases in cost since the grant was awarded, Fort Recovery has applied for a \$600,000 one-time Ohio Capital Budget grant for the project through Ohio Senate president Matt Huffman's office. Diller noted Monday the village has been included in Huffman's draft copy of the bill being presented to state legislature.

Also Monday, council made some adjustments to its wage ordinance.

Mitch Leuthold has been named wastewater superintendent, and Aidan O'Dell has been named water supervisor. The decision to change job classifications comes about seven months after former utility superintendent Ryan Thien resigned.

Haider Stidam — he's been working for the village's police department for about a year — was also bumped up to senior

patrol officer and granted a \$3 per hour raise.

In other business, council members Al Post, Cliff Wendel, Scott Pearson, Erik Fiely, Greg Schmitz and Luke Knapke:

•Heard about potential plans to purchase 13 acres near Flaler Road for future development, with Diller saying the village would want to plat and annex the land.

•Paid a \$116,241 pay request from PAB Construction of Coldwater, Ohio, for reconstruction of Gwendolyn and Wiggs streets. Diller noted the work is completed with the exception of work on maintenance holes, which was slated to be finished Tuesday.

•OK'd the police department to begin looking for a new vehicle to replace one of its older cars.

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### SERVICES

**Wednesday**  
**Betz**, Larry: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Saturday**  
**Frasher**, David: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**June 15**  
**Weaver**, Larry: 10:30 a.m., Akron Community Center, 815 Rural St., Akron, Indiana.

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# Partner stays married

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my partner, "Hank," for 25 years, but although he is legally separated, he is still married. We have lived together for 24 of these 25 years. He has two adult children with his wife. I used to be married and have two adult children with my ex-husband. Hank and I have one child together (now an adult), as well.

Should I be concerned that he isn't divorced? He keeps telling me he wants to, and I refuse to bug him about it because I don't want him to think I'm nagging him. I love him and I know he loves me as well. Should I walk away after all this time, or should I nag him? — UNSETTLED IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR UNSETTLED: I don't think you clearly understand what the fact that Hank is still legally married means for your own future. If something should happen to him, HIS WIFE, not you, will be making all medical decisions for her husband, including whether he can have visitors. She would be entitled to evict you from the house and keep the contents if his name is on the deed. She would be the one to decide what would

Dear Abby



happen to his remains. You would be left with nothing and no legal leg to stand on.

Please discuss this with a lawyer who can give you more detail about the horror story that may lie ahead. Once you understand all the implications, discuss this with Hank, who should formally do now what he should have done a quarter of a century ago.

DEAR ABBY: I live on a nice, quiet street. My three neighbors are elderly. The single gentleman next door is fighting pancreatic cancer. The other two men have been showing interest in his house "if anything happens." One of them even went over for a visit acting like he was a friend. After a few minutes, he mentioned he'd be interested in the house if he was going to be selling it. I am very upset that he would be so

nervy and insensitive as to approach this guy! I want to let him know how I feel. My wife says I need to let it go. And you, Abby? — HATES VULTURES IN ILLINOIS

DEAR HATES VULTURES: I will assume that you know about this because your next-door neighbor told you. While I agree that approaching the man took a lot of guts, it is possible that the approach wasn't regarded as offensive.

We don't know what your neighbor's estate plan involves or who will administer it in the event of his death. Knowing the name of the executor who will be handling matters after the inevitable happens would ease the process. That's why I am advising you not to stir the pot. Your wife is right. You may wind up living next door to these people — unless someone outbids them.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# FR Middle School releases honor roll

Fort Recovery Middle School announced its fourth nine weeks honor roll for the school year.

Making the list with straight A's were sixth graders Kyle Andrews, Alexandra Bihn, Logan Gaerke, Skylee Grafmiller, Miley Hardwick, Lauren Hart, Alex Heitkamp and Mason Jutte.

Also Camden LeFevre, Quinn McCain, Eloise Niekamp, Katelyn Siefing, Aubrey Stammen, Makayla Wehrkamp, Aubrey Wendel, Kenzie Wendel, Julia Westgerdes, Mya Will and Gavin Willmann.

Also on the list with straight A's were seventh graders Chloe Brockman, Brinley Fortkamp, Stetson Fullenkamp, Gavin Heitkamp, Alexander Roessner, and Lana Wuebker.

Also making the honor roll with straight A's were eighth graders Brooke Bihn, Jocelyn Bihn, Emily Boeckman, Addison Brunswick, Alivia Brunswick, Makenzie Evers, Malia Grisez, Claire Gaerke, Madeline Hardwick, Paisley Hart, Elizabeth Kahlig, Courtney Klenke, Liza Knapke, Cora Pearson, Kendall Ranly, Madilyn Reinhard, Charlie Stammen and Madelyn Weigel.

Making honor roll with all A's and B's were sixth graders Mason Alig, Kolson Bechtol, John Bihn, Molly Boeckman, Lukas Brackman, Brooke Dilworth, Macy Fullenkamp, Brayden Grisez, Mason Grisez, Jesse Homan, Ryan Jutte and Victoria Jutte.

Also Isla Kaiser, Chloe Knapke, Eli Kremer, Owen Lamm, Zackory Meyer, Bennett Overman, Grant Pearson, Branston Pohlman, Aubrey Post, Jordy Ranly, Addalyn Roessner, Rayla Staugler, Koby Timmerman and Rielle Wendel.

Also named to the list for earning all A's and B's were seventh graders Kaiser Albers, Tenley Albers, Jenna Bertke, Jaxin Breen, Kali Brunswick, Kale Diller, Bentley Dilworth, Emmitt Dues, Jordan Dues, Anthony Evers, Hope Evers, Kayla Gaerke, Landon Gahret, Claire Grube, Addyson Heitkamp, Brynn Huntsman, Yoselin Juarez-Gomez, Addison Jutte, Carter Kaiser, Isaac Niekamp, Courtney Overman, River Overman, Kayden Ranly, Ethan Schmitz, James Shuttleworth, Jett Tobe, Emily Weidenhammer, Mara Wendel, Claire Wenning, Lydia Will, Reid Willmann and Lane Zehringer.

Eighth graders on the list with all A's and B's were Layla Armstrong, Kyra Brunswick, Riley DeRoo, Braylon Dilworth, Jackson Dues, Haley Easton, William Faller, Pete Guggenbiller, Elizabeth Heitkamp, Henry Jutte and Shelby Knapke.

Also Macy Kaffenberger, McKinlee Kremer, Mason Laux, Andrew Niekamp, Stella Patch, Charity Pohlman, Ally Roessner, Liana Schlarman, Hoyt Schmitz, Eliza Smith, Lilah Thien, Livy Timmerman and Jadyn Wyerick.

# Community Calendar

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

## Today

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected

by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'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

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

## Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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.

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

## Saturday

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

## Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'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.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E Walnut St, Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

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

# Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

## Tuesday's Solution

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

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

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# Art addiction came about honestly

*Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from June 3, 2009. Jack was an art lover, as this column, his house and our office prove. This column seemed appropriate as Jack's wife Connie and sister Louise have spent the last couple of weeks sorting through The Graphic Printing Company's art as we've been restructuring our office space.*

## Back in the Saddle



By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

If this is a character flaw, I come by it honestly. My father had a problem with charity auctions as well.

The latest proof of my own problem came over the weekend in Muncie.

Connie and I had gone to a wine tasting event at Ball State that was fund-raiser for Indiana Public Radio. The samples of wine were modest, but the munchies were delicious, enough to take the place of dinner.

And there was, of course, an auction. Part of it was silent, with people writing down bids.

And part of it was live, with the usual shouting.

Everybody likes a good auction, and they're even more fun when they are for a good cause. We're regulars at the annual Arts Place holiday auction, which is the granddaddy of them all locally.

But as my wife will tell you, I sometimes get carried away.

I've been known, for instance, to try to run up the bid, only to buy something I had no intention of buying. (Mel Smitley will tell you I've acquired more than one hog at the 4-H Livestock Sale the same way.)

And sometimes when the bidding gets stalled, I give it a gose. Other times, when a donor has

provided an item that's selling for a fraction of its value, I lose my normal faculties and plunge in.

On Saturday night, several of those factors came into play simultaneously.

As we tasted the wine and appetizers, we looked over the items offered for sale. There was, we noted, a painting by David Slonim of Anderson.

David's an extremely talented landscape painter, and he's also found national success as an illustrator and author of children's books. We bought one of his illustrations several years ago as a gift for a niece, and we also bought her an autographed copy of one of his books.

He's also a really nice guy, so it didn't surprise us to see that he'd donated a painting to the IPR auction. It wasn't an Indiana landscape. It was a children's book illustration of Pecos Bill riding a tornado. Lots of fun, particularly for a kid's room.

But with our walls already full and no kids at home, we weren't in the market.

Or so I thought.

About an hour later, the live auction started. Like all auctions, particularly one in the middle of a wine tasting, it took awhile to get off the ground. The first item drew few bids, and the second item up was the Slonim painting of Pecos Bill.

We were at the back of the room, barely paying attention. The painting was valued at \$700. Slonim landscapes that size will top \$1,000 easily.

The auctioneer looked for \$500. No takers. \$400? No takers. \$300?

Finally there was a bid for \$100, and I assumed the action would take off.

But it stalled.

It was as if everyone's attention was elsewhere.

I looked at my wife, and we did that ESP thing, and my arm went up at \$125.

At that point, I figured I was just running up the bid, trying to get some excitement generated. I was trying to figure out how high I could go without actually buying the painting.

But I had bought it. There were no more bids. And suddenly I was taking home a \$700 painting for \$125.

Inevitably, I thought of my father.

Back in the mid-1970s, he and my mother had gone to a charity auction to benefit the Hoosier Salon. Artists from all over the state had donated paintings. But the weather was miserable, and turnout for the auction was dominated by bargain-hunters rather than those supporting the Hoosier Salon.

I'm not sure how many pictures he bought that day while trying to run up the bids. All I know is that on Monday he called the newspaper offices to inform us that we now had a corporate art collection and that he needed to have a check written to the Hoosier Salon.

So, if it's a character flaw, I'm in good company.

As to Pecos Bill, well, we have a nephew in Arizona who might be getting a birthday present for his bedroom.

# MLB embraces all major leagues

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service  
Who holds Major League Baseball's record for the highest batting average in a single season?

It's not Ted Williams, with his .406 average in 1941, the last time anyone topped .400. It's not Ty Cobb, with his stunning .420 average in 1911, or even Nap Lajoie, whose .426 average in 1901 generally shows up in the books as the record for players since 1900. Nor is it Hugh Duffy, whose .440 in 1894 is tops if you dip into the 19th century.

It's Josh Gibson, who hit .446 for the Homestead Grays in 1943.

Gibson also holds the record for career batting average at .372. Generations of young fans were taught to believe the champion was Cobb, who batted a career .366.

The Grays were a Negro League team that played its home games in a small Pennsylvania town across the river from Pittsburgh, then moved to the bigger city and ultimately split its time between Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C. Gibson, a catcher, was a legendary player whose batting prowess was known beyond his league despite the racial segregation that kept him from playing against or alongside his white contemporaries.

After decades of denial about the exceptional performance of Black players before Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947, Major League Baseball agreed in 2020 that the seven major Negro Leagues were indeed major leagues, as much as the National League or the American League.

That year was considered the 100th anniversary of the Negro Leagues. The racial reckoning following the police murder of George Floyd probably played a role as well.

As of Wednesday, statistics from players in each of those leagues have been melded into the previously existing major league record books.

Least anyone object that this incorporation of 3,400 previously unacknowledged players is ahistori-

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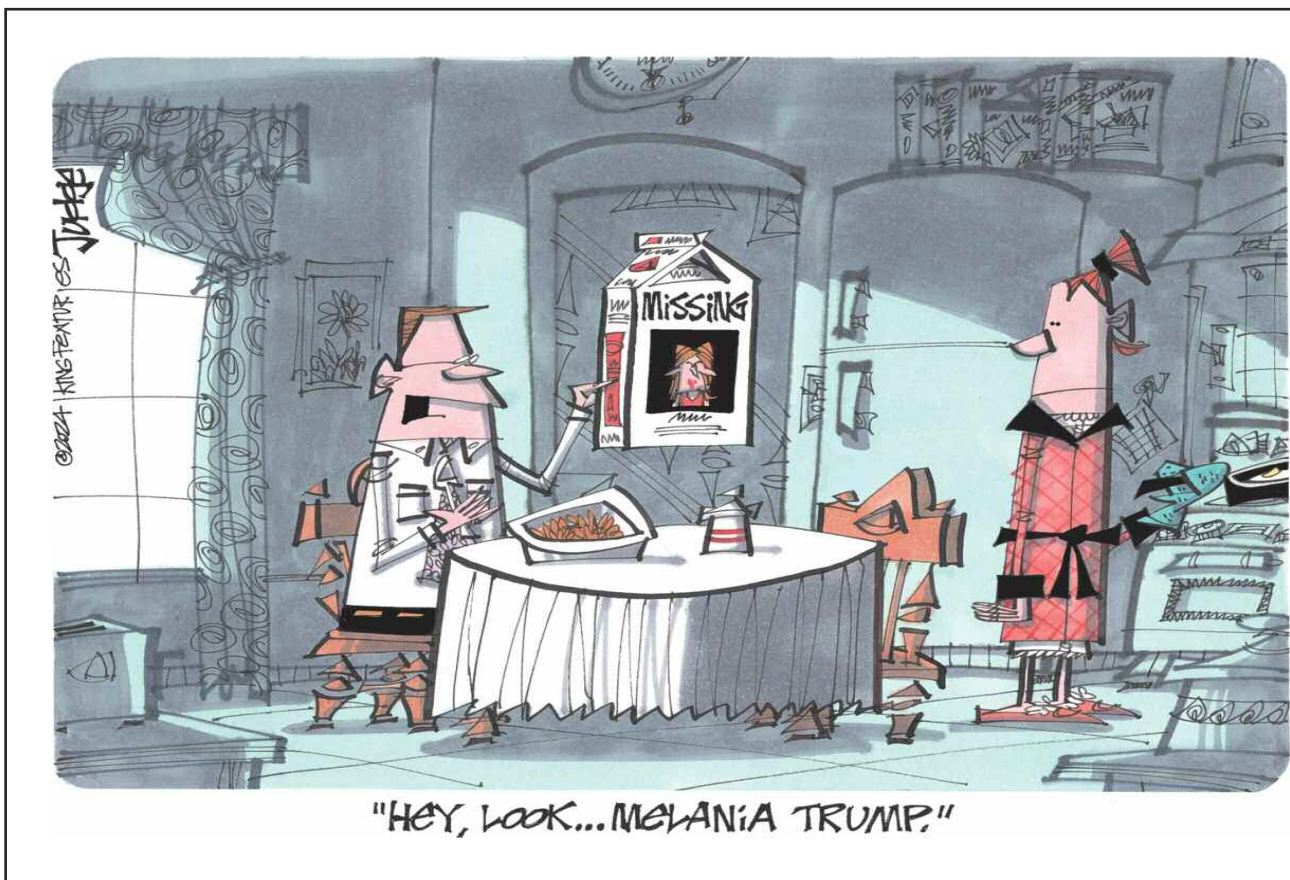
cal, or that players like Gibson never had to face American or National League pitching, let's not forget that neither Cobb, Williams, Lajoie nor Babe Ruth ever had to face the greatest pitchers in the Negro Leagues. The white players had better salaries and fancier stadiums, but the fans at the Black games may well have been watching a higher quality of play. We can never truly know.

The move by MLB corrects a grievous error that has for too long subverted our proper understanding of our baseball heritage. It means that players like Gibson, who never got a chance to play in the National or American leagues, can be acknowledged for having played in the majors after all — and in fact dominated them.

It means that great Black players like Willie Mays can be recognized for all of their on-field achievements in the Negro Leagues and during their careers in integrated baseball. It means that great white players like Williams and Ruth can finally be measured against all of the other greats rather than an artificially selected few.

The closest baseball ever came to having the best teams play each other came in the early years of the last century, when all-white and all-Black teams played each other in off-season exhibition games. But the National and American league clubs got shellacked by the Black teams so often that the embarrassed owners of white teams ended inter-league play.

Now the numbers, at least, are integrated, and young fans who pore over statistics can see that there were once many major leagues, and many great athletes who played the all-American game of baseball, even before all Americans could play on the same field.



# Election will tell us who we are

By JOHN M. CRISP  
Tribune News Service

Somehow the undesired appears to have become the inevitable.

In January, 76% of respondents to a Reuters/Ipsos poll said that President Joe Biden should not seek re-election, and 56% said that former President Donald Trump should not run.

Nevertheless, unless something drastic occurs, in six months America will endure a replay of the 2020 election. Count me among the many who wish we had different candidates.

On the other hand, this rematch provides an opportunity to experience something that is comparatively rare in politics, and in life, for that matter: unalloyed clarity.

In fact, this election will tell us a lot about who we are as a nation.

The choice between Biden and Trump could not be more stark. Some of the difference between them has to do with policy. If you favor abortion rights, you'll probably vote for Biden; if you favor gun rights, Trump is your candidate. If you think climate change is a threat: Biden; if you think it's a hoax: Trump.

But something about this election feels much more fundamental than is suggested by the ordinary differences of opinion that voters have about taxes and tariffs or immigration and inequality.

In fact, the traditional big-government-versus-small-government tension that has characterized American politics since our founding seems almost irrelevant as we flirt with a different sort of government altogether.

This part of the conflict is difficult to describe without betraying

John M. Crisp



my preference for one candidate over the other, so I might as well come clean: I will be voting for Biden. If you're planning to vote for Trump, you and I probably disagree on the quality of Biden's term, but those are the legitimate points of contention inherent in ordinary politics.

Still, I'd contend that Biden is a conventional, left-leaning (not a communist, however!) politician and administrator who's performing at an above-average level in very difficult circumstances. The idea that his administration is a disaster is pure campaign hyperbole.

Is he too old? Maybe. But he's far from a senile, doddering fool. And if he doesn't survive four more years in office, that's what vice presidents are for. (Kamala Harris' "inadequacies" are campaign hyperbole, as well.)

But Donald Trump is not merely Joe Biden's conservative counterpart. He brings something entirely new into American politics. If you're already a committed Trump voter, you may not like this part, but it's difficult to deny that it's accurate.

The ways in which Trump is different from Biden are myriad, but here are two:

All presidents lie at some point. Trump isn't the first president to

cheat on his wife, though he may be only the second to lie about it in public. Trump is also, however, the first president to lie about an election, the first to attempt to change the result of an election and the first to refuse to concede power peacefully or to commit to doing so in the future.

Trump is simply wrong about this, but he tells this lie at every rally, and he requires everyone in his circle, as well as everyone in his new administration, to accept it. His reelection will force our nation to accept it, as well.

Second, Trump has a dubious commitment to the liberal world order that the United States implemented after World War II, which is based on democracy, the rule of law, tolerance, equality and individual liberty. This way of living is far superior to autocratic or theocratic alternatives, but it's also fragile, and it requires constant recommitment.

Of course, millions of Americans share Trump's view of the 2020 election and his wobbly allegiance to the liberal world order. But his reelection will be a genuine break with America's past, a difference in kind, not in degree. It will be a new way of being in the world, one where we can no longer depend on elections or on allies who share our commitment to democracy. It's not an attractive prospect.

Sometimes we like to say that we're better than that. But are we? We'll find out in November.

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# Degrees in three?

## Universities try idea to save students time, money

By ELAINE S. POVICH  
Stateline.org

With college costs rising and some students and families questioning the return on investment of a four-year degree, a few pioneering state universities are exploring programs that would grant certain bachelor's degrees in three years.

The programs, which also are being tried at some private schools, would require 90 credits instead of the traditional 120 for a bachelor's degree, and wouldn't require summer classes or studying over breaks. In some cases, the degrees would be designed to fit industry needs.

Indiana recently enacted legislation calling for all state universities there to offer by next year at least one bachelor's degree program that could be completed in three years, and to look into whether more could be implemented. The Utah System of Higher Education has tasked state universities with developing three-year programs under a new Bachelor of Applied Studies degree, which would still need approval by accreditation boards.

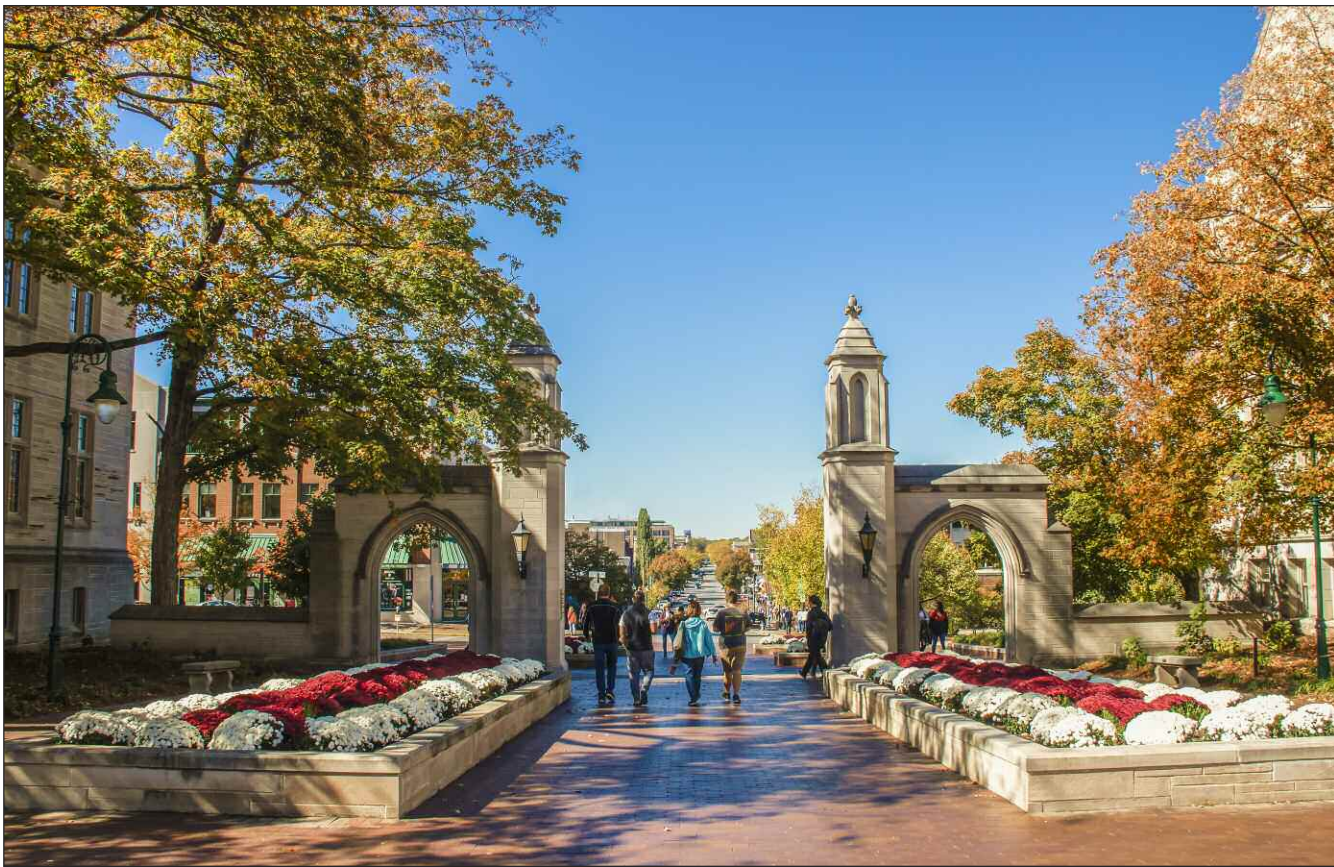
More than a dozen public and private universities are participating in a pilot collaboration called the College-in-3 Exchange, to begin considering how they could offer three-year programs. The public universities include the College of New Jersey, Portland State University, Southern Utah University, the Universities of Minnesota at Rochester and at Morris, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and Utah Tech University.

Proponents of the three-year degree programs say they save students money and set them on a faster track to their working life. But detractors, including some faculty, say they shortchange students, particularly if they later change their minds on what career path they want to follow.

The Utah Board of Higher Education in March approved the new three-year degree category. Various areas of study would be tied to specific industry needs, with fewer electives required. These degrees are broader than two-year associate degrees, but narrower than a full four-year bachelor's.

"We told the institutions to start working on them now and developing the curriculum," Geoff Landward, commissioner of the Utah System of Higher Education, said in an interview. "Also, we want them to find industry partners that would be willing to hire people with bachelor's degrees of this type."

He added: "We created a



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A view of the campus of the University of Indiana in Bloomington in October 2019. Indiana recently enacted legislation calling for all state universities there to offer by next year at least one bachelor's degree program that could be completed in three years, and to look into whether more could be implemented.

sandbox for our institutions to play in."

Once created, individual programs would need both national accreditation and state Board of Higher Education approval.

Landward said he has taken note of criticism that the three-year programs might "cheapen" the bachelor's degree by shortchanging students who wouldn't receive a broad college education. But he said students could save on tuition, get a head start in the workforce and meet the needs of industries that are looking for certain skilled workers to address shortages in the state.

That includes nursing, he said, where requiring a four-year degree means taking lots of electives that have nothing to do with the career.

Utah State University's current four-year nursing program, for example, suggests several electives along with the required anatomy, math and biology courses as prerequisites during freshman and sophomore years.

"We think if we are partnering with industry and they help us develop it, I don't think it cheapens the degree," Landward said. "I think it creates a very specific degree."

Robert Zemsky, a University of Pennsylvania professor and founding director of the university's Institute for Research on Higher Education, began proselytizing for the three-year college movement about a dozen years ago.

He said the idea has got

ten traction recently because "we are wading in the deep waters of righteous anger" at colleges and universities because of the perception that four-year degrees are not worth their high costs.

A Pew Research Center survey released last week found only 1 in 4 American adults said it is extremely or very important to have a four-year college degree as a means to getting a good-paying job. Only 22% of the respondents said the cost is worth getting a four-year degree even if the student or their family has to take out loans.

Zemsky suggested that a shorter time span also would lead to higher college completion rates. More than a third of students who began seeking a bachelor's degree in fall 2014 at a four-year school failed to complete their education at the same institution in six years, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Zemsky said 27 colleges and universities have embarked on creating three-year pilot programs and predicted 100 would be doing so in another year.

Over the past 10 years, Zemsky said, schools have been ignoring the desires of students and instead creating their curricula around the preferences of faculty — which is where most of the opposition is coming from.

Last year, at a conference of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties, a bargaining unit for professors,

President Kenneth Mash said the overwhelming number of college faculty nationwide "have a visceral disdain for the idea."

In an interview with Stateline, he said three-year programs would hurt students too, creating a "two-tiered" system under which wealthy students would get a full four-year education and lower-income students a cheapened three-year degree.

"If it's not going to be a four-year degree, they should name it something that indicates it's not a B.A.," said Mash, who also is a political science professor at East Stroudsburg University. "We don't know that employers will treat them the same."

"I'm on board, as most faculty are, with the notion that people want to increase their job opportunities. But that's not all there is to a college degree," he said. "Degrees prepare you to be a better citizen, a better parent, and on and on."

And he said a broad education is what makes it possible for students to change jobs and careers many times during their working lives. "It's really that baking in liberal arts ... that makes it possible for people to do different things in their lifetimes."

Indiana enacted a law in March that requires each public institution that offers bachelor's degrees to review all the four-year degrees with an eye toward making some of them three years. And the law requires that by July 1, 2025, each

state university offer at least one bachelor's degree that can be completed in three years.

Indiana state Sen. Jean Leising, a Republican who sponsored the measure, pointed out that every extra year of college costs the students, their parents and the state.

But she noted that not all degrees lend themselves to compressed curricula. "If you've got a kid in pharmacy [studies], they are not going to be able to get through it in three years. Engineers aren't going to be able to do it in three years. But some of the other kids will."

Chris Lowery, Indiana's commissioner for higher education, said the law will encourage schools to think about how to create 90-credit-hour bachelor's degrees: "How feasible is this, would you still have the quality, would you still have the agency?"

Three-year degrees allow for choice, he added. His daughter, for example, had enough AP credits after high school to make a college degree feasible in three years, but opted to go to school for four, because she wanted to have enough time to study so that she could get "straight As" as well as to have time for extracurricular activities.

"But for a lot of students, the finances are tighter," he acknowledged.

At both public and private universities, the new three-year degree programs that require fewer credits would need national accreditation.

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, a regional credentialing agency, accredited several three-year bachelor's degrees at two private schools, Brigham Young University-Idaho and Ensign College, last year. The degrees are in applied business management, family and human services, software development, applied health and professional studies.

Sonny Ramaswamy, the commission's president, said in an interview that the three-year programs underwent two years of evaluation before being awarded accreditation.

He said the evaluation showed that competency in many professions could be attained in three years instead of four, and that graduate schools were willing to accept three-year bachelor's as a credential for the pursuit of higher degrees. He noted that European college degrees often are completed in three years.

"We said, 'We will approve you, but this is a pilot,'" Ramaswamy said. The schools will provide data to show their students have earned a good education, he added.

"My intuition is that it will head in the right direction," he said. "The public is calling for innovation."

Michael Poliakoff, president of the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, a nonprofit organization that says its mission is promoting academic freedom, excellence and accountability at colleges and universities, said "fluff" courses strengthen the case against a 120-credit hour bachelor's degree.

"Let people get a good foundation with a strong general education core, strong skills and some electives," Poliakoff said in an interview. "That's what a responsible university should be doing."

The council does an annual survey of higher education institutions and grades them A through F on what the group calls "core curricula" — the proportion of courses dedicated to mathematics, literature, composition, economics, laboratory science, American history and government, and foreign languages.

Poliakoff said the amount of debt students are accumulating over four years is "sinful" and unnecessary. Colleges and universities must meet the concerns of students and their families, he said.

"A 90-credit baccalaureate degree is a pretty good way to tighten up the bolts," he said.

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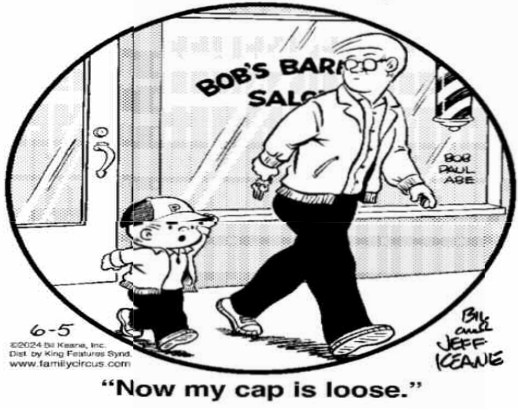
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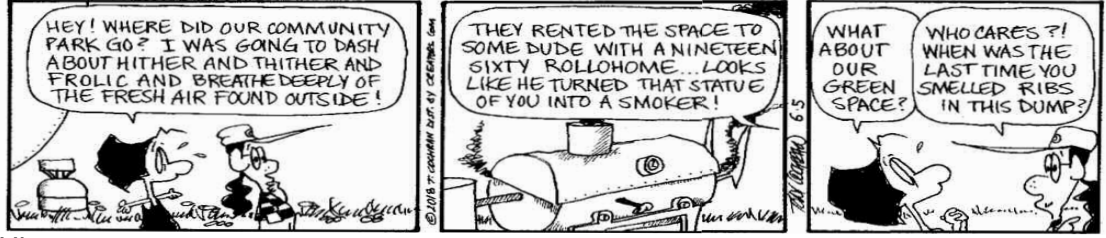
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The first step tells the tale

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: A 7, 8 5 3 2, Q J 5, K J 7 4. WEST: J 9 8 6 2, 6 4, 10 9 6 2, 5 3. EAST: K 10 4, A J 9 7, 7 4 3, A 8 2. SOUTH: Q 5 3, K Q 10, A K 8, Q 10 9 6. The bidding: South 1 NT, West Pass, North 3 NT, East 3 NT. Opening lead - six of spades. It's impossible to play bridge well if you react to situations mechanically. As a case in point, consider this deal played in the 1958 world championship match between Argentina and the United States. B. Jay Becker and Sidney Silodor were East and West, respectively, and Silodor led the six of spades against three notrump. The Argentine declarer followed low from dummy, whereupon Becker played the ten instead of the king! South took the ten with the queen and led a club to the king, won by Becker with the ace. Becker then returned the king of spades (!) to dummy's ace, establishing three spade tricks for Silodor. When declarer later led a heart from dummy, Becker rose with the ace and returned a spade, and three notrump went down one. The same contract was reached at the other table, and West also led the six of spades. But here the Argentine East took the king and returned the ten to dummy's ace. East also took the club ace at trick three and returned a spade, won by South with the queen. West's remaining spades thus became established, but since he had no entry to cash them, the U.S. declarer made the contract. Under the circumstances, the spade ten was clearly the better play at trick one, and Becker rose to the occasion by resisting the natural urge to take his king. Dummy's 11 points and East's 12 points left South with at most 17 points for his one-notrump bid (the Argentines were playing 16-18 notrumps). West therefore could not have more than one point in his hand and given that Becker could see the other three jacks in dummy and his own hand, it could only be the jack of spades. Furthermore, assuming West was leading fourth-best, the only three spades he could have higher than the six were the unseen eight, nine and jack. It followed that the ten-of-spades play at trick one was far more likely to defeat the contract than the play of the king.

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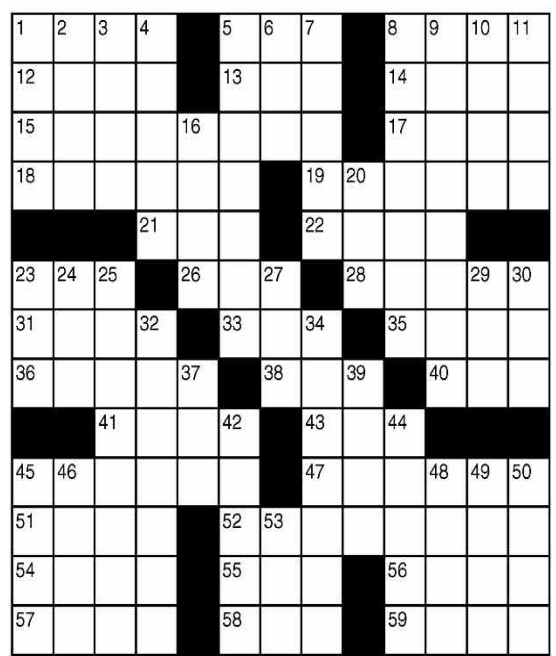
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## Throne ...

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DeRome will also get to move on to the regional, as the top three golfers not already on advancing teams earn regional berths. Joining him will be Winchester's Gunnar Ludwick and Wapahani's Landon Rabenstein, who both had 80s.

DeRome narrowly claimed the sectional crown by shooting an even 70. Yorktown's Christian Groves finished on DeRome's tail with a 71. "It feels good to finally have won an 18-hole event," DeRome said. "That was a big putt on that last hole. I knew when I hit it, that would probably be the match."

The JCHS senior started off strong, shooting one under par through the first five holes as he had birdies on the 204-yard, par-3 second hole

and the 389-yard, par-4 fifth hole.

He then hit his toughest stretch of the day, which still amounted to a pair of bogeys. His second shot on holes No. 6 and 7 both came up weak, but he recovered each time before things spiraled out of control.

"That was probably the stretch I struggled on the most, but a lot of those bogeys were good bogeys," DeRome said. "(Beyond that) I played pretty much perfectly how I wanted to play."

He finished off the front nine with a pair of pars and rattled six more off on the back nine.

DeRome had a pair of birdies on the back nine, coming on the 290-yard, par-4 13th hole and the 570-yard, par-5 18th.

The rest of the Patriots struggled through the

match. Cody DeHoff put up the next best score of 88, which turned out to be a bogey average. The sophomore had five pars, three of which came on the back half.

Gage Sims only managed to score a 91 out of the second position and Liam Garringer shot a 94 to round out the team score.

"I fully expected Gage to advance because he's been playing good golf but he just had a really rough day today," Haines said. "It just takes such a small rhythm thing to get you to where you're just not hitting it well. That's what happened to Gage. He started missing the ball and couldn't figure out what was going on."

Luke Fugiett ended up with 103 strokes, which did not impact the team score.



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JCHS sophomore Cody DeHoff chips onto the third green on Monday morning. DeHoff finished with the second-best Jay County score at 88 strokes.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Boys golf regional at The Players Club — 8 a.m.

**Friday**  
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### TV sports

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3:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Colorado Rockies (Bally Indiana)  
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8:30 p.m. — College softball tournament (ESPN)  
9:40 p.m. — MLB: San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Angels (FS1)

**Thursday**  
11 a.m. — Tennis: French Open (NBC)  
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
7:30 p.m. — College softball tournament (ESPN)  
8:30 p.m. — NBA Finals: Dallas Mavericks at Boston Celtics (ABC)  
8:30 p.m. — College track and field: Women's outdoor championship (ESPN2)

### Local notes

**Date set**  
The 42nd annual Cancer Association of Darke County/Annie Oakley Golf Tournament is set to take place on July 22 at Turtle Creek Golf Course in Greenville, Ohio.  
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# Sports

# DeRome to the throne

*Caleb DeRome becomes first Patriot to earn sectional crown, Jay County golf misses regional berth*

By **ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

**FARMLAND** — Caleb DeRome has been honored as the match medalist plenty of times throughout his high school career.

Coming down the stretch, he knew he had a shot and just had to finish off strong. A clutch putt on the final hole of the match notched him a birdie and the Patriots' first match medalist at a sectional meet.

Yet, it wasn't enough to get the Patriots through to the regional.

Despite DeRome becoming the first sectional medalist in Jay County High School boys golf history, the Patriots fell 14 strokes short of moving on after shooting a 343 on Monday morning at Hickory Hills Golf Course in the IHSAA Sectional 19 hosted by Monroe Central.

The top three teams will move on to Thursday's regional at The Players Club, but the Patriots' 343 left them in fourth place. Yorktown claimed the sectional title with a 310, while host MCHS finished as runner-up with 324. The Delta Eagles claimed the final spot at the regional with a score of 329.

"I'm super excited for Caleb," JCHS coach Dave Haines said. "We had some pretty disappointed golfers because we knew we could have played a lot better today. That's not what we wanted. We needed (14) strokes to come in third place and advance, but that's the game of golf."

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Caleb DeRome of Jay County High School chips onto the seventh green at Hickory Hills Golf Course during the IHSAA Sectional 19 meet on Monday. DeRome shot a bogey on the hole – one of only four on the day – but bounced back after with five pars and a birdie to keep him even and earn the Patriots their first sectional medalist.

## Four Patriots named All-ACAC

The Patriots picked up their first pair of postseason wins in over a decade starting to roll in.

They didn't quite get the job done in the regular season, but still walked away as the runners-up in the Allen County Athletic Conference.

Now they have some postseason accolades starting to roll in.

Four members of the Jay County High School softball team were named to All-Conference teams on Monday morning.

The Patriots had three players named to the First Team All-ACAC, one behind conference champion South Adams.

The Patriots' offensive leader, catcher Jaelynn Lykins, made the first team with an at-large selection. The junior led the Patriots in batting average (0.563) and home runs (4) and had the least amount of strikeouts (4) among qualifying batters. Jozey Shimp and Mor-

### Local roundup

gan Missicano also received first team honors.

Shimp, a junior first baseman, put together a 0.457 average and a team-high 15 doubles. She scored 29 runs and drove in 28 more on the season.

Missicano received the outfield nomination in her freshman year. She split Lykins and Shimp in batting average with a 0.493. She scored 25 runs and stole 17 bases during the season.

Mallory Winner was the only JCHS player named to the Second Team All-ACAC.

The junior pitcher finished the season with a 12-4 record and a 2.99 ERA over 96 innings pitched.

Winner also put together a 0.351 batting average out of the second spot in the order with two home runs and 17 RBIs.

### Offense prevails

Joyce Dayton held on to take down REMC 14-11 in Portland Junior League Rookie softball on Monday.

Ivy Trinidad and Annabelle Wiggins led the offensive onslaught for Joyce Dayton with four hits and four runs each. Both players smacked a triple, a double and two singles.

Renlee Hummer and Adalyn Overla both smashed triples in the game as well. Overla added two singles and scored all three times on base, while Hummer added three base hits and scored once.

Isla Cook and Payten Twigg both hit doubles and scored one run for Joyce Dayton, while Ailayla Money added three hits.

## Padres infielder gets lifetime ban

By **KYLE AUSTIN**  
mlive.com  
Tribune News Service

Baseball's latest betting scandal has an active player looking at a lifetime ban from Major League Baseball.

San Diego Padres infielder Tucupita Marcano has been banned for life from MLB, the league announced on Tuesday.

Four other players received one-year bans in addition to Marcano's punishment.

According to MLB, Marcano in two different periods in 2022 and 2023, Marcano placed 387 baseball bets, including 231 on MLB via a legal sportsbook. Twenty-five of those bets were related to the Pittsburgh Pirates, the team he played for at the time, although he did not appear in any games he bet on (Marcano suffered a

season-ending ACL injury on July 24, 2023).

Placing mostly parlay bets, Marcano lost all of his wagers involving the Pirates and won 4.3% of his MLB bets overall. Those bets totaled more than \$87,000.

Marcano denies that he influenced the outcomes of any games, according to MLB.





Signed by the Padres as a free agent in 2016, Marcano played 149 total games in three seasons with the Padres and Pirates. He had yet to play in 2024 due to his knee injury.

Oakland athletic reliever Michael Kelly also received a one-year ban, as did minor leaguers Jay Groome (Padres), Jose Rodriguez (Phillies) and Andrew Saalfrank (Diamondbacks).

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