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## ‘Victory’ released

**By BAILEY CLINE**  
The Commercial Review

It's a new era for Frye Family Band.

The faith music group with Jay County roots released its latest album, "This is Your Victory," following a Sunday concert in Fort Recovery.

It is Frye Family Band's fifth official album, marking approximately four years since the release of "Things Unseen."

It's also the first album created by the band's latest lineup — father and former Jay County resident Tom Frye, son Jonny Frye, daughter-in-law Mane (Hernandez Ayes) Frye and Port-

### *Fryes came home to launch their latest album*

land resident Eric Reynolds. Previously, Tom Frye's daughters, Maggie Neal and Kaylyn Degler, and his son-in-law Seth Neal performed with the group but have since retired from their roles.

"It's been fun because, you know, we've all kind of gotten to work on it a little bit more," said Jonny Frye. "This is the first record that we've done that we've all been completely a part of ... it's fun to work through that together."

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Frye Family Band members Jonny Frye, Eric Reynolds, Mane (Hernandez Ayes) Frye and Tom Frye perform Sunday at Christ Chapel Church in Fort Recovery. The performance served as a celebration for the group's newly released album, "This is Your Victory."



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### First-day hug

Fourth grader Callie Shaneyfelt hugs resource teacher Jennifer Rupe upon arriving for school Thursday morning at West Jay Elementary School in Dunkirk. Thursday marked the first day of classes for the 2024-25 school year for Jay School Corporation.

## AG files to dismiss lawsuit

**By WHITNEY DOWNARD**  
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The Office of the Indiana Attorney General this week argued a federal judge should dismiss a lawsuit led by university professors and the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana challenging a state law requiring "intellectual diversity" in the classroom.

The plaintiffs assert that Senate Enrolled Act 202 violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution. The measure was adopted by the General Assembly over concerns that conservative viewpoints were being stifled on campuses and signed into law by Gov. Eric Holcomb in March.

"To protect Indiana students in the classroom, our office this week filed additional arguments to dismiss a lawsuit by four professors who say they should not have to provide a classroom environment of free inquiry, free expression, and intellectual diversity," Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita said in an email. "The manufactured fears put forth in yet another illegit lawsuit by the ACLU don't lack imagination, but the professors do lack standing to even bring this action. Our office will continue to defend in court this new law, which enables students to engage in free inquiry and ensures state universities foster diversity of thought."

The office filed as an intervenor. The defendants in the case are the boards of trustees as higher education institutions who will be compelled to enforce 202's provisions by law. They also joined Rokita's office in the latest filing.

As summarized in a June filing, 202 "requires that faculty members be denied tenure or promotion, and threatens them with discipline through and including termination, if they are deemed 'unlikely' to 'foster a culture of free inquiry, free expression, and intellectual diversity' within their institution, or if they are deemed to have failed to foster such cultures in the past."

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## Campaigns focus on Midwest

**By AKAYLA GARDNER and HADRIANA LOWENKRON**  
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Vice President Kamala Harris and her new running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, took their campaign to crucial swing states to sell voters on their economic message — an effort that Donald Trump's running mate, JD Vance, sought to undercut.

The Democratic ticket's rally in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, was the latest stop in a campaign swing covering key battleground states in a bid to seize on momentum for Harris and introduce Walz, her vice presidential pick, to voters. Highlighting the importance of those states, Trump's campaign also deployed Vance to Michigan and Wisconsin, a bid to counterprogram their opponents.

Vance started the day with an event in Michigan, speaking at a local police station in Macomb County, where he assailed Harris over the Biden administration's

### *Harris, Walz and Vance made visits to Michigan, Wisconsin*

immigration policies and response to the U.S.-Mexico border crisis.

Vance then traveled to Wisconsin, landing at a local airport where Harris' plane was already on the tarmac. The Ohio senator, flanked by Secret Service agents and staff, went over to speak to reporters by Air Force Two.

Later, speaking at a manufacturing facility in Eau Claire, Vance said he "went over there because I thought it might be nice to check out this plane that's gonna be mine in a few months if we all take care of business, and I think we will." And he took a jab at Har-

ris, whom Republicans have accused of avoiding the press.

"I wanted to go and say hello to the journalists who are traveling along with the vice president, because I figured they must be lonely because Kamala Harris doesn't take any questions," he said.

Vance's stunt and a press conference where he stumbled in answering questions about what made him smile and if voters would want to have a beer with him threatened to intensify concerns among some Republicans about his candidacy. Republicans have expressed worries that the Ohio

senator is struggling to appeal to voters beyond Trump's dedicated base.

"I'm a normal guy," Vance insisted Wednesday when asked about the criticism.

Harris campaign spokesman Ammar Moussa in a post on X mocked Vance for "flying around the country following" the vice president. "Ummm this is getting weird," Moussa added, repeating an insult Walz has deployed against the Republican ticket.

With Trump largely absent from the campaign trail this week — his next big rally is on Friday in Montana, a state that is solidly in the Republican presidential column — the spotlight has largely been on the tickets' running mates: Walz and Vance.

Vance is seeking to shore up his own standing after a rocky entrance to the campaign that has seen him draw criticism for past remarks mocking people without children, in particular women.

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#### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 75 degrees Wednesday. The low was 64.

Tonight's low will be in the mid 50s. Expect sunny skies Saturday with a high in the lower

70s and winds gusting to 20 miles per hour in the afternoon. Highs are expected to be in the 70s through at least Wednesday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

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

#### Coming up

**Saturday** — Coverage of Friday's Portland Redevelopment Commission meeting.

**Tuesday** — Photos from the JCHS football team's red-blue scrimmage.

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



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Five songs on the album — “Resurrection Sunday,” “Who God Is,” “‘Big Ole Stone,” “This Truth Remains” and “I Will Believe” — are songs Tom Frye co-wrote with other artists.

Referencing the co-writing process, Tom Frye noted it can be hard to be comfortable with changing a piece from its original version. Walking in “open-handed,” he said, is key.

“A lot of times, the idea people have is that God gave me this, and so, you know, I can’t let anybody edit it,” he said. “But the reality of it is, it’s God-inspired. It’s not God-given.”

Prior to Frye Family Band’s release, Dove Award winning and Grammy nominee southern gospel group Triumphant Quartet also released its own version of “Big Ole Stone” with permission from Tom Frye.

Other songs on the album — it’s available on Spotify, and physical copies may be purchased from [fryefamilyband.com](http://fryefamilyband.com) — include “He’s Still There,” “Greater,” “Restless” and “Not a Babe Anymore,” the last of which is a “bonus” track that was originally released as a Christmas single a few years ago.

“(It’s) just like being in a new



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Maggie (Frye) Neal laughs with her son, 4-year-old Indy, after performing with Frye Family Band on Sunday. She and her sister Kaylyn (Frye) Degler and their children joined the group on stage at the end of the show for a reunion song.

era of the band, and now that’s like Maggie and Kaylyn are not in anymore, we were trying to find our sound together, our groove together,” said Mane Frye. “We kind of mixed the older influ-

ences of Tom with the newer flavor of Jonny and I.”

She referenced “Big Ole Stone,” “I Will Believe” and “Resurrection Sunday” as examples with a more modern spin.

Tom Frye remembered when he first proposed “Big Ole Stone” to co-writer Daniel Doss of Nashville and how Doss focused on the now-opening lyrics of the piece, “You are more than the sum of your mistakes.”

“He said, ‘Do you care if we pull that out and chase another idea and kind of make that, you know, the opening line?’” he recalled.

The lyrics and tune changed throughout the writing process, ultimately arriving at a piece about God’s love.

“It’s really just about faith. We can either wrap our identity up in our brokenness and live as a victim, or we can surrender it knowing that God already owns it,” he said. “He bought and paid for it on the cross ... it’s really just encouraging people to walk out that belief.”

The performance Sunday at Christ Chapel Church served as a reunion for family of the band founded by Tom Frye, who moved with his wife, Lisa, to the Nashville area in 2017. Frye Family Band has returned to Indiana and Ohio for shows over the years, including for Jay County Fair’s inaugural faith night in 2020.

The Fries performed in Mio, Michigan, on Aug. 2. Plans are slat-

ed for another local show at Blackford County Fairgrounds’ Jesus Festival starting at noon Sept. 2.

For their last song Sunday, Frye Family Band invited Maggie Neal and Kaylyn Degler, as well as their children, 4-year-old Indy Neal, 2-year-old Ezra Neal and 3-year-old Korbyn Degler to the stage. (Nine-month-old Kalli Degler stayed off to the side.)

Tom Frye recalled how the family band started with himself, his children and wife, and how it has changed over the years to include other family members.

Mane Frye joined the group more than four years ago when she started dating her now-husband Jonny Frye. After their performance at Jay County Fair in 2020, Tom Frye recalled, his daughter-in-law admitted she had always dreamed about being in a family band.

“Getting to make music with your family is pretty special,” he said.

As for Mane Frye, she looks forward to getting to know Jay County each time they visit.

“Most of the sponsors we have, we have here in Indiana,” she said. “So it’s kind of like a homecoming for (our family), and now for me too, every time I’ll come, it’s just like getting to be family.”

CR almanac

Saturday 8/10	Sunday 8/11	Monday 8/12	Tuesday 8/13	Wednesday 8/14
<b>72/54</b>	<b>75/55</b>	<b>77/57</b>	<b>79/59</b>	<b>80/61</b>
Saturday's forecast shows more sunny skies with temperatures in the mid 70s.	More sun is expected Sunday, with the high sitting in the low to mid 70s.	Another day of sun is on the horizon for Monday.	Tuesday looks to be mostly sunny with a high again in the mid to upper 70s.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Wednesday, when the high will be 80.

Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> 6-19-35-47-57 Power Ball: 9 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$201 million	Daily Four: 0-0-3-8 Quick Draw: 2-4-10-15-19-23-30-32-39-42-49-58-61-62-63-64-66-67-72-79 Cash 5: 4-10-15-24-42 Estimated jackpot: \$304,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$398 million	<b>Ohio</b> Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 5-3-7 Pick 4: 5-5-3-8 Pick 5: 7-9-5-2-3 Evening Pick 3: 4-3-5 Pick 4: 0-3-0-4 Pick 5: 2-2-6-6-4 Rolling Cash: 15-16-23-24-38 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 1-7-1 Daily Four: 0-6-3-1 Quick Draw: 3-4-5-6-12-14-17-25-26-32-40-42-50-53-54-58-59-69-76-77 Evening Daily Three: 1-5-0	

Markets

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<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....3.64 Sept. corn .....3.64 Beans .....10.36	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....3.64 Oct. corn .....3.66 Beans .....10.16 Oct. beans .....9.61 Wheat .....4.73

Today in history

<b>In 1972,</b> Nancy Collins sold her grand champion steer for 80 cents a pound to Don Kelly of the Jay County Farm Bureau Co-p during the Jay County 4-H livestock auction.	<b>In 2022,</b> Arts Place was awarded the inaugural Ball State University Community Engagement for the Arts Grant, a \$35,000 allocation.
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Citizen’s calendar

<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, 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. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Local Schools, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler 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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# Lawsuit ...

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Additionally, the law further requires institutions to establish complaint procedures in which school students and staff can accuse faculty members and contractors of not meeting free-expression criteria.

Institutions will have to refer those complaints to human resource professionals and supervisors “for consideration in employee reviews and tenure and promotion decisions,” according to the law. In limited circumstances, complaints could be advanced to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

The ACLU and professors filed the federal lawsuit in May on behalf of two professors at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Steven A. Carr is a professor of communication and the director of the Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. David G. Schuster is an associate professor in the history department.

Since then, two other professors have joined the suit — James Scheurich is a tenured faculty member at Indiana University Indianapolis and David McDonald is a tenured faculty member at Indiana

University Bloomington. Plaintiffs raised concerns that the law would have a chilling effect on their free speech and require them to devote equal teaching time to “debunked” theories alongside “rigorously studied academic analysis.”

“SEA 202 puts Indiana’s professors in an untenable position. Through vague language and the threat of harsh sanctions, including termination, the law strips professors of the academic freedom that the Supreme Court has long recognized they have the right to exercise,” said ACLU of Indiana attorney Stevie Pactor in a May statement. “No professor should have to choose between their employment and their First Amendment rights.”

Through June and July, the parties and Attorney General’s Office wrestled over a motion for a preliminary injunction that would block the law from taking effect. The judge has not ruled on that issue.

Monday’s filing pushes the court to dismiss because harm hasn’t yet occurred, asserting that “Plaintiffs attempt to manufacture an injury by pointing to self-inflicted wounds.”

SERVICES

Saturday

**DeHoff,** Mark: 11 a.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.

**Pfeifer,** Pamela: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W.Windsor St., Montpelier.

Monday

**Patterson,** Margaret: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**McLaughlin,** Barbara: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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# Campaigns ...

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For Walz, the week is a critical opportunity to introduce himself to voters.

Walz, in just his second day on the trail, has already demonstrated he is willing to hit harder against Trump and Vance — saying on Wednesday he was eager to share the debate stage with his GOP counterpart.

“Donald Trump is not for you or your family. And Trump’s running mate shares those same dangerous and backward beliefs,” Walz said.

At a Tuesday rally in Philadelphia, Walz went after Vance with an even cruder attack.

“I can’t wait to debate the guy,” Walz said. “That is if he’s willing to get off the couch and show up.”

Walz will be critical to Democratic hopes of reversing negative perceptions of the current administration’s economic policies that have alienated many blue-collar workers. At the rally, he warned voters Trump would be disastrous for the U.S. economy and their pocketbooks.

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# Education Scholarships are now available

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Available through the Office of the Indiana Treasurer of State, the scholarship provides funding to students with disabilities allowing them to access the educational environment best suited to their needs.

Parents or students may spend the money on pre-approved educational programs, therapies, services, tuition and fees at private schools, curricular materials and other expenses related to the student's education, according to the treasurer's website.

During the 2024 legisla-

## Taking Note

tive session, Indiana lawmakers expanded the funding to siblings of students who have disabilities, even if the siblings do not have a disability, according to Indiana House Republicans.

Scholarships are available to Indiana residents between the ages of 5 and 22 years old who meet financial requirements.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 1. For more information, visit [in.gov/tos/inesa](http://in.gov/tos/inesa).

**Bridge tournament**

Trine University's bridge team hosted more than 100 teams from Aug. 2 through 4 for the Trine University Section of the American Contract Bridge League.

The event featured play for stratified open pairs, limited pairs and open stratified Swiss teams.

Trine students Isaac Braun, a Portland local and chemical engineering major; Cameron Orr, a Hartford City native and master of business admin-

istration student, and Treyton Sederstrom, a Cedar Lake resident and actuarial science major, partnered with retiree Steve Brock from Auburn in the C flight.

The group won four of six matches against A, B and C flight teams, placing fourth in the A flight, second in the B flight and first in the C flight out of 15 teams.

**Field day scheduled**

Davis Purdue Agricul-

tural Center in Randolph County will host a field day from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29.

The event will include speakers on topics including securing equipment on trailers, short corn and regulations. There will also be a farm tour. Lunch will be provided. The center is located at 6230 Indiana 1, Farmland. For more information, contact [ltornnbu@purdue.edu](mailto:ltornnbu@purdue.edu) or call (765) 584-2271.

# Family dynamics can be difficult to explain

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of a daughter, "Rebecca," I placed for adoption when I was a teenager. Long story short, we have reunited. We not only have a wonderful relationship, but I have a great relationship with Rebecca's adoptive mom, and my husband and children (with my husband) all have an open and caring relationship with her.

Fast-forward to my recent visit with Rebecca. She and I were out, and we ran into a friend of hers. She introduced me by saying, "This is Sally, my birth mother." I had no problem with it and received a warm reception from her friend (who, I think, did have some "backstory" knowledge).

However, my later thoughts led me here: If the situation would be reversed, and I would be introducing her to someone, what do I say? There's NO term for our "status." I think of her as my daughter, but most people who have known me and my husband for 30 years or so don't know I had a child as a teenager.

I love Rebecca, who is 50 now. Why isn't there a term to describe who she is to me

## Dear Abby



(without long explanations)? I feel like this relationship needs a term, too. — REUNITED IN LOUISIANA

**DEAR REUNITED:** Try this on for size: When you introduce your daughter to someone who hasn't met her before, say, "I'd like you to meet my oldest daughter, Rebecca."

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DEAR ABBY: I am 43, and I have been talking to this guy for seven months. We agree that we aren't dating, and we are best friends with benefits. But it seems as though we spend all our time together and that we are basically dating, but without the title. How do I get this commitment-phobe to realize we should be together without actually telling him? It would scare him off. — LACKING STATUS IN NEW JERSEY

**DEAR LACKING:** To you, the relationship you have with this guy seems like dating. To him, it's friends with benefits. Nothing will change unless the two of you can have an honest conversation. If his way of handling it is to head for the hills — after seven months — then he really isn't what you're looking for. Sorry.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a woman friend I take out to lunch every once in a while. I often pay the check. When she goes back home to her husband, he's upset that she didn't bring something back for him. He tells my friend, "It's what partners do."

Abby, these people are not without food or the means to get it. Neither one is starving, and he doesn't bring back anything for her when he goes out. What are your thoughts on this? — NOT BUYING FOR TWO

**DEAR NOT BUYING:** The next time you take this friend to lunch, if she asks to order something for her husband, tell her it's fine with you, but his portion of

the check will be on HER.

P.S. And if that's "what partners do" for each other, it shouldn't be a one-way street. What a manipulator!

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DEAR ABBY: My mother has been a drinker for many years, but the past few years it has escalated. She and her partner drink heavily during the day on a daily basis. They embarrass themselves at family gatherings and don't remember conversations.

I live out of state, and 90% of the time I talk with my mom, she is drunk. Family members are concerned, and it is affecting their relationships, but I don't think Mom and her partner recognize it. I have tried talking with her about it and so has my aunt. She avoids the conversation and pretends like it never happened.

She's now in her 70s and retired. I'm not sure there's anything we can do. I'm having a hard time talking with her when she's drunk, and we are drifting apart because of it. Do you have any advice? — TIRED OF IT IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR TIRED:** It isn't surprising that you and your

mother are drifting apart. Dealing with an addict who is in denial is impossible. As much as you would like to, you can't "fix" your mother or her drinking buddy.

You can, however, save yourself tears and worry by finding a chapter of Al-Anon in your community and attending some meetings ([al-anon.org/info](http://al-anon.org/info)). Once you start searching, you will find they are everywhere. Al-Anon, an offshoot of AA, was created for family members and others who are affected by an alcoholic's addiction.

It is important for your own well-being that you do not shoulder responsibility for what is happening with your mother. Once you meet other adults who are coping with the same problems you are, you will understand that.

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# Community Calendar

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

**Today**

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

**Saturday**

ALCOHOLICS 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.

LOCAL'S MARKET — Will be held from 8 a.m. to

noon each Saturday in June through October in the parking lot at Jay Community Center in Portland. For more information, contact Bill Cook.

**Sunday**

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

**Monday**

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. For more information, email [rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com](mailto:rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com).

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Level: Advanced

### Thursday's Solution

8	5	4	9	7	1	2	6	3
9	6	2	4	3	8	7	1	5
3	7	1	2	6	5	9	8	4
4	2	8	7	5	6	1	3	9
5	3	7	8	1	9	4	2	6
6	1	9	3	2	4	8	5	7
2	4	3	6	8	7	5	9	1
7	8	5	1	9	3	6	4	2
1	9	6	5	4	2	3	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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# Next year, we can change tax code

By **RAKEEN MABUD**  
OtherWords

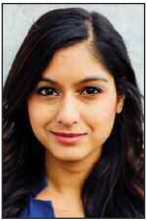
Next year, we'll have to make one of the most important decisions about the future of our economy. Will we hand more power and wealth to big corporations and the rich — or invest in a healthy and resilient economy that works for all of us?

In 2017, Republican lawmakers passed tax loopholes and cuts that primarily benefited the wealthy and big corporations. President Trump signed these giveaways into law, spiking inequality and setting off a wave of corporate profiteering.

Next year, parts of that law will begin to expire, which gives us the opportunity to make changes.

For decades, both parties have created an economy where big corporations and the wealthy aren't pitching in like the rest of us. We've been sold a bill of goods known as "trickle down"

*Rakeen Mabud*



economics. Trickle down goes like this: Feed the rich the best cut of meat and maybe we'll get a bit of gristle that falls on the floor — and we'll thank them for it.

The rich and most profitable corporations aren't just contributing less and less to our collective coffers. They're using their power to enrich themselves further while more of us struggle. Senator Elizabeth Warren recently described this as a "doom loop" for our tax code: the wealthy and corporations get richer from tax giveaways and then use their wealth and power

to boost their profits — and then lobby for more tax cuts.

For example, the 2017 Trump tax cuts dropped the top corporate tax rate to 21 percent from 35 percent (compared to 40 percent in 1987). Supporters argued this would lead to better wages and supercharge economic growth. Instead, economic growth continued at about the same pace as before the tax breaks. And while 90 percent of workers did not see a raise, billionaire wealth has doubled.

In the same period in which corporations have enjoyed lower taxes, they've also raked in record profits. As my colleagues at Groundwork Collaborative have highlighted, lowering corporate tax rates actually incentivized corporate profiteering in the wake of the pandemic, as companies that overcharged us got to keep more of their winnings.

Trickle down theory says these

windfall profits and lower taxes should encourage companies to invest more in workers and innovation. But in an economy run by big corporations with enormous market share, that money ends up being funneled to shareholders instead of increasing worker wages, investing in new or more productive technologies, or holding critical inventories in case of a crisis.

If we want corporations to invest more in wages and productive investments, we should raise their taxes, since wages and research are mostly tax deductible.

In other words, corporate profiteering is not a foregone conclusion. Raising corporate taxes has the potential to boost investment, productivity, and economic growth — and get Americans some of their money back.

The Biden administration has taken critical steps to push back against failed trickle down eco-

nomics and corporate profiteering. It capped the price of essential drugs like insulin, empowered regulators to go after corporations abusing their market power, and made historic investments in a green future. But more can be done by raising taxes on the largest, most profitable corporations.

Fundamentally, the coming tax debate is about who holds the reins in shaping our economy: megacorporations and their wealthy shareholders, or the everyday people who keep the economy humming. Next year is an opportunity for Congress to stand firm against the rich and powerful and build the economy that we want to see.

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# Deter Putin's hostage habit

Bloomberg Opinion  
Tribune News Service

In a complex deal brokered by the U.S. government, Russia has freed reporter Evan Gershkovich and 15 other political prisoners in exchange for the release of eight of its nationals in the West — including Vadim Krasikov, a killer especially valued by Russian President Vladimir Putin who was serving time for murder in Germany.

This agreement was, as President Joe Biden said, a striking diplomatic feat and a testament to effective cooperation among the U.S. and its allies. Unfortunately, if the U.S. and its friends take no further steps, it will do nothing to deter, and might very well encourage, future hostage-taking.

The regimes ruling Russia, China, Iran, North Korea and Venezuela all use opaque and corrupt legal systems to advance their interests, and they've found "hostage diplomacy" especially useful. It works because it weaponizes the value that Western democracies place on the safety of their citizens.

Gershkovich's prosecution was also a direct attack on the principle of press freedom. He was arrested and charged with espionage while reporting on Putin's invasion of Ukraine, a war that has spurred a vicious crackdown on dissent.

In Putin's Russia, journalism is a crime. The regime has banned dozens of media outlets, including the Moscow Times, a highly regarded English-language newspaper that the Kremlin called an "undesirable organization." Most foreign media have pulled staff out of Russia; those remaining are at risk of harassment and arrest.

Western governments have no good options when it comes to winning the freedom of nationals seized by hostile states. It would be inhuman not to work for their release and naive to think that refusing to negotiate would act as a credible deterrent.

## Guest Editorial

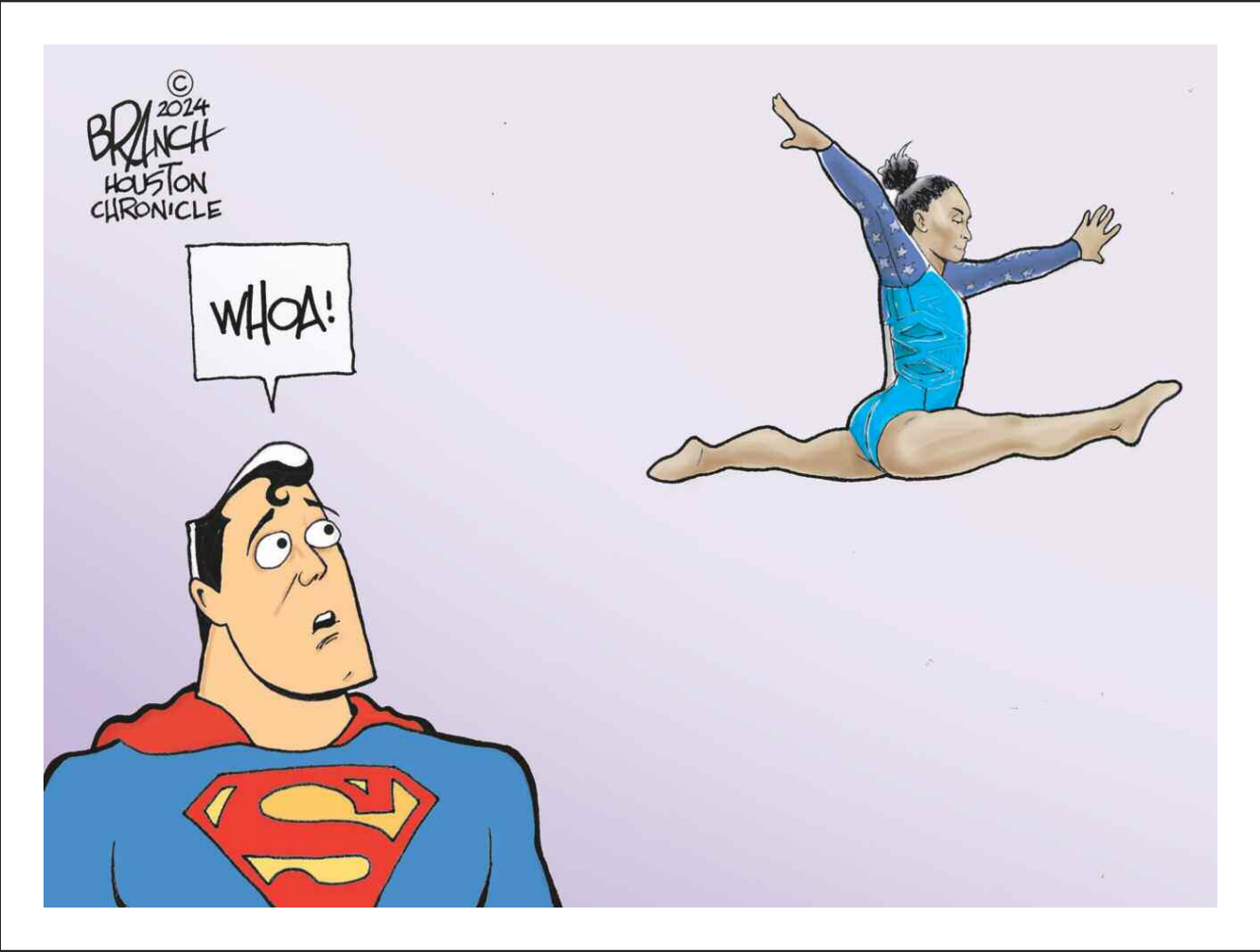
(Invariably, governments that promise not to deal eventually do.)

Still, rewarding hostage-takers puts other potential victims at greater risk — not to mention lets ruthless assassins walk free. In recent years, the U.S. has improved its institutional tools for negotiating and winning the release of its people, led by the State Department's special presidential envoy for hostage affairs. The successes should be celebrated, without losing sight of the fact that many others have been wrongly imprisoned or forgetting the dangers posed by rewarding evil.

What more can be done? Governments need to be more forthright in warning citizens about travel to offending countries. They should publicize arbitrary or wrongful detentions. Most important, the U.S. and its friends need to cooperate in punishing the perpetrators, including mid-level and local officials. Sanctions, travel bans, asset freezes and other measures should be deployed more widely — and, to repeat, in concert.

The United Nations' 1979 convention against hostage-taking was written for a different era and is too weak on the question of penalties. It needs to be recast. Such conventions may seem toothless, but note that Russia and other autocracies take the trouble to cloak their hostage-taking with a facsimile of judicial process. That hypocrisy should be more thoroughly exposed and shamed. The goal should be to increase the costs and risks of such conduct through every available forum.

The release of Gershkovich and the others is cause for great relief. What these victims have suffered is unconscionable. Their freedom shouldn't dim the West's disgust. The U.S. and its allies must hold those responsible for these shameful imprisonments to account.



# Demand ranked choice voting

By **TYLER COWEN**  
Bloomberg Opinion  
Tribune News Service

Ranked choice voting is on many state and local ballots this year, so it's worth considering how it works in practice. Or, as we economists like to say: It's time for some game theory.

There are many ways to run a ranked choice system, but they all basically allow voters to list candidates by order of preference. An algorithm then turns those rank orderings into a winner.

Typically, if one candidate wins a majority of first-place votes, the election is called. If no one gets more than 50% of the votes, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and votes for that candidate are reallocated to his or her voters' second choices. This process is repeated until a winner emerges.

That may sound complicated. But the system has proved workable so long as voters rank the candidates in order of true preference. Alaska and Maine currently use forms of ranked choice voting, and local elections in New York City use a comparable system. Ireland is the most notable international example.

Come November, Idaho, Nevada and Oregon voters will decide whether those states will switch to ranked choice methods. Missouri, meanwhile, is considering banning the system. (1)

One common criticism of ranked choice voting is that it confuses voters. Another is that more sophisticated voters might try to game the system, for instance by giving low ranks to candidates who are their favorite's biggest rivals, rather than listing the candidates by order of actual and sincere preference.

*Tyler Cowen*



These criticisms are not irrelevant. But they are not the most significant effects of the system.

Game theory can help explain how ranked choice voting changes the behavior of candidates, as well as the elites who support them. Consider a ranked choice election that has five or six candidates. To win the election, you can't just appeal to your base. You also can't alienate your opponent's base. You want supporters of other candidates to regard you as "not too bad," because if they hate you, they could rank you very low and get you tossed out of the running quickly.

Candidates are thus encouraged to moderate their positions and their behavior — that is, not to call each other too many names. If the favorite candidate of one voter calls the favorite of another "weird," for example — to choose an example not quite at random — the latter voter might respond by voting down the name-caller to the very bottom.

The result? Negative campaigning diminishes, and politics moderates. The effect can be especially pronounced in party primaries, which sometimes are dominated by the most extreme voters.

The candidates also compete in different ways. In particular, they try to outdo each other when it comes to constituency service, which is a way

of being popular without offending anybody.

The broader evidence on ranked choice voting shows that, when used, it has made U.S. politics more moderate. Alaska's ranked choice voting helped moderate Republican Lisa Murkowski beat her more ideological opponents in 2022. In Idaho, some conservatives regard ranked choice voting with suspicion, fearing it is a plot to neutralize their influence.

In Ireland, politics is fairly non-ideological on most matters of policy, and elections are not typically seen as major, course-altering events. After more than a century with this system, the Irish seem happy to keep it.

The lesson here is that it is not possible to evaluate ranked choice voting in the abstract. It usually makes politics less extreme and less ideological, but those are descriptive terms, not normative ones. I would prefer California's politics to be less ideological, for example, but that is because it embodies an ideology distinct from mine. And sometimes the more extreme and ideological positions are entirely correct, as for instance John Stuart Mill's advocacy of women's suffrage and birth control in the 19th century.

In general, ranked choice voting is best for places where voters feel things are already on the right track and ought to stay there. It is a voting system for the self-satisfied. Which parts of contemporary America might that describe? No voting method yet devised can settle that question.

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Paisley Fugiett, pictured at left, showed the grand champion market beef while Max McClain had the grand champion beef feeder on July 7 during the Jay County 4-H beef show at the Jay County Fair.

# Stout repeats with grand champ female

Kadilynn Stout repeated. Max McClain and Paisley Fugiett earned the other banners.

Stout showed the grand champion beef female for the second year in a row. McClain had the grand champion beef feeder while Fugiett showed the grand champion market beef on July 7 during the beef show at the Jay County Fair.

Jax McClain, Max's brother, showed the reserve grand champion beef feeder. Kaleb Curts had the reserve grand champion beef female.

In addition to his grand champion banner, McClain also won for intermediate showmanship while Ivy Alt was first for junior showmanship. Lily Johnson won senior and advanced showmanship and went on to earn the large animal supreme showmanship trophy.

Other results from the beef show are as follows:

Beef feeders

Heifers

Class 1

1. Jax McClain
2. Paisley Brunswick
3. Max McClain



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During the Jay County 4-H beef show on July 7 at the Jay County Fair, Kadilynn Stout showed the grand champion beef female.

Class 2

1. Max McClain
2. Maria Hemmelgarn
3. Boston Lyons

Champion: Jax McClain  
Reserve champion: Max McClain

Steer

Class 1

1. Max McClain
2. Maria Hemmelgarn
3. Drew Hemmelgarn

Class 2

1. Maria Hemmelgarn
2. Ashlynn Brunswick
3. Londyn Lyons
4. Joseph Hemmelgarn
5. Kenady Lyons

Champion: Max McClain  
Reserve champion: Maria Hemmelgarn

Heifers

- American British White
1. Ella Stockton
  2. Elijah Stockton

Angus

Senior calf

1. Kadilynn Stout

Spring yearling

1. Kadilynn Stout

Junior yearling

1. Kaleb Curts

Champion: Kadilynn Stout

Reserve champion: Kadilynn Stout

Chianina

1. Carter Fugiett

Hereford

1. Elizabeth Brunswick

Limousin

1. Levi Russell

Red Poll

1. Malcom Ray

Shorthorn

Senior yearling

1. Ashlynn Brunswick

Junior yearling

1. Lillian Johnson

Simmental

Winter calf

1. Milee Rickard

Early summer yearling

1. Wyatt Alley
- Spring yearling
1. Payson Rickard

Junior yearling

1. Milee Rickard

Sim-Solution

1. Kaleb Curts

Commercial Heifers

1. Kaleb Curts
2. Ivy Alt
3. Emery Forthofer

Steers

Aberdeen Angus

1. Kaleb Curts

Charolais

1. Levi Russell

Hereford

1. Cole Forthofer

Mini

1. Kinley Brunson
2. Jenna Bricker
3. Jenna Bricker
- Shorthorn
1. Lillian Johnson
2. Ivy Alt

Shorthorn plus

1. Ashlynn Brunswick

Crossbred

Class 1

1. Austin Myers
2. Milee Rickard
3. Joseph Hemmelgarn
4. Maria Hemmelgarn

Class 2

1. Paisley Fugiett
2. Joseph Hemmelgarn
3. Maria Laux

Champion: Paisley Fugiett

Reserve champion: Austin Myers

Market heifer

1. Payson Rickard

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South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♦	Dble*	Pass
?			

\*penalty double

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠AQ863 ♥J93 ♦K5 ♣A82
2. ♠KQJ985 ♥KQJ6 ♦7 ♣J93
3. ♠AQJ72 ♥AKJ4 ♦— ♣KJ85
4. ♠AKJ10532 ♥KQ4 ♦2 ♣KQ

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1. Pass. There is absolutely no reason to override partner's penalty double, so you should pass, expecting anywhere from a two- to four-trick defeat. The K-x of trump should prove especially valuable on defense.
2. Two spades. There is quite a difference between this hand, which is relatively weak on defense, and the preceding hand, which can be expected to produce at least three defensive tricks. In the present case, you probably won't win more than a trick or two with diamonds as trump. You therefore have an obligation to overrule partner, who would normally expect you to contribute three defensive tricks. You should expect to take six tricks if spades are trump, but, viewed defensively, your hand is way below par. The best way of indicating that your opening bid was based primarily on offensive values is to remove the double to two spades.
3. Three diamonds. Here you're entitled to think that two diamonds can be defeated, but in the long run, it is probably wrong to pass. Partner has no idea that you have such a powerful three-suiter, and the best way to tell him about it is by cuebidding diamonds. This picture bid should assist partner greatly in finding the best game or slam contract. The cuebid guarantees a diamond void and a huge hand, one that is likely to produce a bigger plus on offense than on defense.
4. Four spades. You should expect to defeat two diamonds here also, but again it is better to override partner's double because of the extraordinary nature of your hand. You should assume that four spades — and possibly even a slam if partner has two aces — can be made, and that two diamonds doubled will not produce a big-enough penalty to offset this. It should be borne in mind that partner's double of two diamonds is a suggestion, not an absolute command.

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Michigan and five staff members — Harbaugh was not one of them — earlier this year reached an agreement with the NCAA enforcement staff regarding recruiting and coaching by non-coaching staff members, and Michigan agreed it failed to monitor the football program. Michigan was given three years’ probation, a fine of \$5,000 plus 1% of its football budget and a number of recruiting limitations.

Harbaugh was not part of that agreement.

“Today’s announcement mirrors the resolution we negotiated with the NCAA enforcement staff that was subsequently accepted by the NCAA’s Committee on Infractions in April 2024,” Michigan athletic director Warde Manuel said in a statement. “We have accepted the sanctions and have already served many of the penalties outlined in the findings. Our staff has worked to improve processes and we are focused on the future and our commitment to integrity and compliance.”

According to the NCAA release, Harbaugh’s violations during the recruiting dead period were Level II but “his provision of false or misleading information” is a Level I — the harshest levied by the NCAA — and is defined as a violation that seriously undermines or threatens the integrity of the Collegiate Model.

Harbaugh “refused” to participate in

a hearing before the infractions committee.

“Head coaches are presumed responsible for violations that occur within their programs,” the release reads. “Due to Harbaugh’s personal involvement in the violations and his failure to monitor his staff, he could not rebut the presumption, resulting in a violation of head coach responsibility rules.”

The COI panel, in the release, noted Harbaugh’s “intentional disregard” for NCAA legislation and his “unethical conduct amplified the severity of the case.” With that, the NCAA classified Harbaugh’s case as Level I-Aggravated.

In response to this investigation, Harbaugh served a three-game school-imposed suspension at the start of the 2023 season. Michigan’s football program remains under NCAA investigation for a separate issue involving an alleged sign-stealing scheme for which the school recently received a draft of a Notice of Allegations. Harbaugh was suspended by the Big Ten for the final three regular-season games in 2023 as a result of the second investigation that launched last October.

After Harbaugh left for the Chargers job, Sherrone Moore, who served a one-game suspension in the season opener last fall as part of a negotiation resolution with the NCAA in response to the investigation into impermissible visits during the COVID-19 recruiting dead period, was hired as Michigan’s head football coach.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

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## TV sports

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3 p.m. — Olympic beach volleyball (USA)  
4:30 p.m. — Olympic beach volleyball (NBC)  
7 p.m. — NFL preseason: Houston Texans vs. Pittsburgh Steelers (FOX)  
7:30 p.m. — NFL preseason:

Philadelphia Eagles vs. Baltimore Ravens (CBS)  
8:10 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Kansas City Royals (Bally Indiana)

**Saturday**  
2 a.m. — Olympic track & field (USA)  
2:35 a.m. — AFL: Geelong Cats at Fremantle Dockers (FS1)  
7 a.m. — Olympic volleyball: France vs. Poland (NBC)  
9:35 a.m. — Olympic water polo (NBC)  
12 p.m. — NFL preseason: Washington Commanders vs. New York Jets (CBS)  
1 p.m. — NFL preseason: Chicago Bears vs. Buffalo Bills (FOX)  
1 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)  
3 p.m. — Olympic beach volleyball

(USA)  
4 p.m. — NFL preseason: Las Vegas Raiders vs. Minnesota Vikings (CBS)  
4:10 p.m. — MLB: Houston Astros at Boston Red Sox (FS1)  
5 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — NFL preseason: San Francisco 49ers vs. Tennessee Titans (ABC); Seattle Seahawks vs. Los Angeles Chargers (CBS)  
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers (Bally Indiana); Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox (FOX)  
7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Clean Harbors 250 (FS1)  
9 p.m. — USL Championships: Sacramento Republic at Louisville City (ESPN2)  
10 p.m. — Boxing: Luis Alberto Lopez vs. Angelo Leo (ESPN)



Photo provided

# World Series Champ

Pictured, Zoe McLaughlin holds her medal from the Lake of Ozark’s World Series Championship in Camdenton, Missouri. McLaughlin, an eighth grader at Jay County, drove in three runs and only gave up one run over four innings pitched to help the Indiana Phoenix 12-and-younger team to a 7-6 victory.

## 90 SALE CALENDAR

Located: Woman’s Building Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E. Votaw St. Portland, IN Friday Afternoon August 9th, 2024 5:00 P.M.

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## 250 PUBLIC NOTICE

# Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT 2024 TERM No. 38CO1-2407-EU-000020 In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of: Marcia Highley, Deceased NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that Candy Thees and William W. Hinkle were, on July 26th, 2024, appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Marcia Highley deceased, who died on May 20, 2024. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent’s death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 26th day of July, 2024. HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMAUR Attorney Jon Eads Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court, for Jay County, Indiana CR 8-2-9-2024 HSPAXLP

## 90 SALE CALENDAR

**REAL ESTATE AUCTION**  
Saturday, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 9:00AM  
Location 891 W 650 N, Bryant, IN 47326  
Real Estate: \*3 +/- acres \*2305 sq. ft. building

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## 250 PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SECOND PUBLIC HEARING The Town of Redkey will hold a public hearing on August 19, 2024 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Redkey Scout Cabin, 200 Mooney Street, Redkey, IN 47373 to provide interested citizens an opportunity to express their views on the recently completed Master Utility Study. The Master Utility Study was paid for using Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Representatives from the engineering firm, Choice One Engineering will present their findings and recommendations at the hearing. Every effort will be made to allow persons to voice their opinions at the public hearing. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Jodi Hayes, Grant Administrator, Jay County Development Corporation, 118 S. Meridian Street, Portland, IN 47371 or call 260-726-9811 for Jodi Hayes not later than August 16, 2024 Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons. For additional information concerning the public hearing or the Master Utility Study please contact: Jodi Hayes, grant administrator, at the address or phone number listed above. CR 8-9-2024 HSPAXLP

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## 250 PUBLIC NOTICE

# Public Notice

JAY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE Date & Time of Sale: 8-29-24 at 10:00 A.M. Sale Location: 120 N. Court Ste. 305, Portland, IN 47371. Judgment to be Satisfied: \$69,610.11 as of May 2, 2024 Cause No.: 38CO1-2310-MF-000023 Plaintiff: The Farmers and Merchants State Bank Defendant: M. & J. Homestead, LLC By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the date, time, and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana as follows: Legal Description: THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 15 EAST, IN JAY COUNTY, INDIANA, CONTAINING 80 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. EXCEPTING THEREFROM: COMMENCING AT A POINT 448.82 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 15 EAST, JAY COUNTY, INDIANA; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 467.94 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 54 DEGREES 31 MINUTES A DISTANCE OF 256.67 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING LEFT 28 DEGREES 36 MINUTES A DISTANCE OF 437.01 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 82 DEGREES 57 MINUTES A DISTANCE OF 264.73 FEET; THENCE EAST 662.28 FEET TO THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT. CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES. CONTAINING AFTER SAID EXCEPTION 75 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. Commonly Known as: 850 E. Bryant, IN 47326 Parcel No.: 38-04-09-100-004.001-032 Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as cause #38CO1-2310-MF-00023 in the Circuit Court of the County of Jay, Indiana. Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.

Larry R. Newton, Jr., Sheriff Plaintiff’s Attorney Matthew L. Kelsey, Atty. #29313-49 DEFUR VORAN LLP 1315 Broad Street New Castle, IN 47362 (T) 765-216-0181

The Sheriff’s Department does not warrant the accuracy of the commonly known address published herein. It is the buyer’s responsibility to research the legal description and associated legal filings. CR 7-26, 8-2-9-2024 HSPAXLP

## 250 PUBLIC NOTICE

# Public Notice

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The Notice to Taxpayers is available online at [www.budgetnotices.in.gov](http://www.budgetnotices.in.gov) or by calling (888) 739-9826. Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at Administration Office 414 Floral Ave. Portland, IN 47371. Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of JAY COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION, Jay County, Indiana that the proper officers of Jay School Corporation will conduct a public hearing on the year 2025 budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of Jay School Corporation not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, Jay School Corporation shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of Jay School Corporation will meet to adopt the following budget:

Public Hearing Date:	Monday, August 19, 2024 5:00 PM Administration Office	Adoption Meeting Date:	Monday, September 16, 2024 5:00 PM Administration Office
Public Hearing Time		Adoption Meeting Time	
Public Hearing Location:	414 Floral Ave. Portland, IN 47371	Adoption Meeting Location:	414 Floral Ave. Portland, IN 47371

Est. School Operations Max Levy \$3,254,560 Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate \$390,000					
1 Fund Name Estimate	2 Budget Estimated	3 Maximum Funds to be Raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Excessive Levy Appeals	5 Current Tax Levy	6 Levy Percentage Difference (Col. 3/ Col.5)
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0180-DEBT SERVICE	\$5,615,553	\$5,761,000	\$0	\$5,011,705	14.95%
0186-SCHOOL PENSION DEBT	\$444,475	\$135,000	\$0	\$669,397	-79.83%
3101-EDUCATION	\$23,527,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
3300-OPERATIONS	\$11,600,000	\$8,254,560	\$0	\$7,265,593	13.61%
Totals	\$41,487,028	\$14,150,560	\$0	\$12,946,695	

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Jay School Corporation that the proper officers of Jay School Corporation will conduct a public hearing on the year 2025 proposed Capital Projects Plan pursuant to IC 20-40-18-6. Following the public hearing, the proper officers of Jay School Corporation may adopt the proposed plan as presented or with revisions. Complete details of the Capital Projects plan may be seen by visiting the website of this unit of government at the following address: <https://www.jayschoolcorp.org>. Public Hearing Date: August 19, 2024 Public Hearing Time: 5:00 pm Public Hearing Place: 414 Floral Ave, Portland, IN 47371 Taxpayers are invited to attend the meeting for a detailed explanation of the plan and to exercise their rights to be heard on the proposed plan. If the proposed plan is adopted by resolution, the resolution will be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance as per IC 20-40-18-6(d).

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Complete details of the Bus Replacement plan may be seen by visiting the website of this unit of government at the following address: <https://www.jayschoolcorp.org>. Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Jay School Corporation that the proper officers of Jay School Corporation will conduct a public hearing on the year 2025 proposed Bus Replacement Plan pursuant to IC 20-40-18. Following the public hearing, the proper officers of Jay School Corporation may adopt the proposed plan as presented or with revisions. Public Hearing Date: August 19, 2024 Public Hearing Time: 5:00 p.m. Public Hearing Place: 414 Floral Ave, Portland, IN 47371 Taxpayers are invited to attend the meeting for a detailed explanation of the plan and to exercise their rights to be heard on the proposed plan. If the proposed plan is adopted by resolution, the resolution will be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance as per IC 20-40-18-9(d). CR 8-9-2024 HSPAXLP

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# Stronger by the day



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The Fort Recovery High School girls golf team took second at the Gary Broering Invite on Wednesday. Olivia Knapke and Eva Kahlig led the way with scores of 104, which was the fourth-best score in the match. Pictured is the All-Tournament Team. From left are Natalie Kuess (Marion Local), Eleanor Sommers and Lauren Heitkamp (Minster), Emma Smith (Marion Local), Shay Boroff (Parkway) and Knapke and Kahlig.

## Knapke and Kahlig lead Indians to second place at Gary Broering Invite

CELINA, Ohio — The Indians had a disappointing start to their season. They corrected some things on day two, leaving them happy with the progress made. On the third day of the season, they played like the team they expected to be. Fort Recovery High School's girls golf team put together a 423 in its first 18-hole match of the season to place second in the Gary Broering Invite on Wednesday at Mercer County Elks. The Indians trailed Midwest Athletic Conference foe Minster by 16 strokes, as the Wildcats' 407 claimed the top stop at the invite. Fort Recovery's separation with the third-best team was just slightly larger, as the Marion Local Flyers shot a 440 to trail by 17 strokes. St. Henry followed with 448 and Fort Loramie stayed within striking distance at 457. Celina, Coldwater, Parkway and Wapakoneta fell behind with scores of 495, 503, 508 and 511 to round out the standings. Olivia Knapke and Eva Kahlig led the way for FRHS with a score of 104 by shooting a 53 on the front nine and 51 on the back. Knapke and Kahlig also tied with Emma Smith and Natalie Kuess of Marion Local to make the All-Tournament Team. Joining the quartet were match medalist Lauren Heitkamp of Minster (92), Shay Boroff of Parkway (95) and Minster's Eleanor Sommer (97). The invite also acted as a bounce-back for Kahlig, who didn't score on Tuesday for the Indians. For the second day in a row, Georgia Wenning contributed out of the No. 5 position by shooting a 107 for FRHS. Outside of the All-Tournament Team golfers, only Madison Pleiman of Fort Loramie and Rachel Hartings of St. Henry had better rounds than Wenning, both finishing one stroke better with 106s. Rounding out the Indians' score, both Emma Will and Mallory Evers shot 108. Will had better fortune on the front half, shooting a 52 before finishing with a 56, while Evers flipped Will's scores to have a 56 on the front nine and a 52 on the back. Evvie Briner's 127 did not impact Fort Recovery's final.



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FRHS senior Eva Kahlig follows through on her drive during the Union City Classic on Tuesday. While Kahlig's 60 didn't impact the team score on Tuesday, she shot a 104 during the Gary Broering Invite on Wednesday to lead the Indians and make the All-Tournament Team.



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## Harbaugh sanctioned by NCAA in recruiting probe

By ANGELIQUE S. CHENGELIS  
The Detroit News  
Tribune News Service

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Former Michigan football head coach Jim Harbaugh has been punished by the NCAA with a four-year show-cause order and a one-year suspension for violating head-coach responsibility obligations, “unethical conduct” and a failure to promote “an atmosphere of compliance” for his role in an investigation into impermissible recruiting in 2021 during a COVID-19 dead period. The NCAA released its final 52-page public decision from the Division I Committee on Infractions on Wednesday and said Harbaugh failed to “meet his responsibility to cooperate with the investigation.” The show-cause order is from Aug. 7, 2024, through Aug. 6, 2028, and if hired during the show-cause order, Harbaugh would be suspended for 100% of the first season of employment. A show-cause penalty is the way the NCAA makes certain a punishment of a coach is transferred to any other member school that hires the individual while the sanctions remain in effect. The school and coach must report to the NCAA every six months until the end of the show-cause penalty. Harbaugh, now head coach of the Los Angeles Chargers in the NFL, left Michigan in January after nine seasons that included the 2023 national championship. During the show-cause order, Harbaugh, if he were to return to coaching NCAA college football, would be “barred from all athletically related activities, including team travel, practice, video study, recruiting and team meetings,” according to the release. Harbaugh can appeal the decision per NCAA bylaws. “The way I see it, from Coach Harbaugh’s perspective, today’s COI decision is like being in college and getting a letter from your high school saying you’ve been suspended because you didn’t sign the yearbook,” Harbaugh’s attorney, Tom Mars, said in a statement he shared Wednesday on X (formerly Twitter). “If I were in Coach Harbaugh’s shoes and had an \$80 million contract as head coach of the Chargers, I wouldn’t pay any attention to the findings of a kangaroo court which claims to represent the principles of the nation’s most flagrant, repeat violator of the federal antitrust laws.” See Sanctioned page 7