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Celebrating 100



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Herb Heston (center) chats with Phillip Roy on Tuesday amid his birthday celebration at The Waters of Dunkirk. Heston turned 100 years old this week. Herb is a World War II veteran, having served under Gen. George Patton.

World War II veteran and retired carpenter Herb Heston reached triple digits on Tuesday

Tuesday. "Never ever really thought about it." said Herb of becoming a centenarian. "Here I

At 100 years old, Herb Heston enjoys going to watch local sports. He and his son, Randy

and boys basketball games ship. He married his late wife, with some of his notable work together. They also made an Frances, in 1945 before travel- including buildings at Ball A familiar face at Jay Counappearance at some baseball ing to Germany for World War State University in Muncie.

native, turned triple digits he would work all day and years, hauling wrecked vehicome home and try to go to the ball games I had different places," recalled Randy. "He always did that, when we were and supported us.

larly attend Jay County girls Pleasant in Jefferson Town- carpenter most of his life,

ty High School basketball games over the summer.

games just passed a milestone.

Herb Heston, a rural Redkey when I was in high school, and tank driver under Gen.

George Patton for about two 62 years old. tary motor pool.

After the war, returned home and joined the father. kids and all, he always went United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of Ameri-Herb graduated more than ca. (He's celebrating 75 years Heston, and other family regu- I.P. Gray School of New Mount worked in construction as a good man to work for.

Randy, who also chose to go cles and tanks into the mili- into the carpentry business, recalled working on a few construction jobs under his

"I would get the crazy jobs or the rough ones, but that was OK," he teased, noting eight decades ago from Gov. in the union this year.) He Herb was known for being a

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Trump selects Dr. Oz, **McMahon**

President-elect announces more picks for cabinet

By HADRIANA LÓWENKRON

Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — President-elect Donald Trump continues to reach into the ranks of loyalists, allies and television personalities as he fills out the remainder of his Cabinet.

On Tuesday, he chose Cantor Fitzgerald LP Chief Executive Officer Howard Lutnick to lead the Commerce Department, a central position in an administration that will likely be shaped by proposals for sweeping tariff increases.

One of Trump's most prominent Wall Street supporters and a co-chair of his transition, Lutnick had been a candidate to become Treasury secretary, a selection that the president-elect has yet to announce.

Trump picked celebrity doctor Mehmet Oz to lead the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, an agency that manages \$1.7 trillion in annual spending for federal programs insuring more than one-third of Americans.

Oz, who first came to prominence when he was dubbed "America's doctor" on Oprah Winfrey's daytime television show, is a surgeon with no government experience, though he did run for a Pennsylvania Senate seat in 2022, with Trump's endorsement.

Trump also selected Linda McMahon, the onetime CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment who's also in charge of the transition and ran the Small Business Administration in his first term, as his nominee for education secretary.

While the announcements were being made, Vice President-elect JD Vance has been arranging meetings with Matt Gaetz, Trump's choice to become attorney general, and Pete Hegseth, whom he selected to run the Defense Depart-

Allegations and changes overshadow ceremonial start

By LESLIE **BONILLA MUNIZ** and WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacaptitalchronicle.com

Sexual harassment allegations and rule changes overshadowed Organization Day, Tuesday's ceremonial start to the legislative session.

"It's been an awful, frustrating 24 hours. I feel like (the Legislature) is being portrayed in a way that I've never experienced and I certainly would never tolerate the type of behavior that the people who trust us are concerned about," GOP House Speaker Todd Huston said.

It was the day after the Indianapolis Star reported three woman have accused Senate Minority Leader Greg Taylor of sexual harassment, including unwanted physical contact and romantic pursuit of an intern. In the article, Taylor didn't deny the harassment. Instead, he apologized for past behavior that "may have blurred the lines.'

Taylor, known for his rambling floor speeches, offered a cryptic five-minute welcome with a focus on speaking for those "who feel like they don't have a voice."

"We have to recognize that when we fall short, we owe a debt to them," he said. "And so, as a leader, ... my focus, our focus . will be the protection of Hoosiers across

the state." Then, he pivoted to an emphatic con-

demnation of racism. "That's not what this country is about," Taylor said. "That's not what Indiana is about, and I will not tolerate it in my caucus or in this General Assembly.

He took no comments from reporters later, reading long-shot priorities off a typed document.

Though Senate President Pro Tempore Rodric Bray briefly shook hands with Taylor, he told reporters Tuesday that he was "extremely disappointed" in his counter-

part.
"I've expressed that to him," Bray said. higher level than that here in this cham-

Asked if the Senate should investigate Taylor or take any other actions, Bray noted the alleged instances of harassment took place before 2018, when Bray was elected Senate leader.

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Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Axel Schmidt

Against the war

Protesters demonstrate against Putin and Russia's war on Ukraine on Sunday in Berlin. They were demanding an end to the rule of Russian President Vladimir Putin and an end to Russia's war in Ukraine.

Deaths

Duane Starr, 78, Portland

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 68 degrees Tuesday. The low was 46.

Snow showers are expected tonight along with freezing rain. Light snow accumulation is expected with winds gusting up to 25 miles per hour. Friday's high will be in the mid 40s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Winterfest activities kick off Friday with Christmas at the Courthouse at 5:30 p.m. The event will include the lighting of the community Christmas tree.

The Arts Place Holiday Benefit Auction is also Friday, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and the auction to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Coming up

Friday — Details from this week's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS girls basketball game against Bellmont.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Local/Indiana

Obituaries

Duane Starr

Aug. 27, 1946-Nov. 18, 2024 Duane Lee Starr, 78, passed peacefully into the loving arms of his Savior at his rural Portland, Indiana, home, surrounded

by family, on Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, following a courageous 14-month battle stemming from a traumatic fall at his business.



Born on Aug. 27,1946, in Winchester, Indiana, to Ellis and Helen (Rickert)

Starr, Duane was a proud graduate of Driver High School's Class of 1964. He served his country with honor in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, receiving an honorable discharge in 1972.

After earning a certification from Ivy Tech for auto body mechanics, he established P&D (Patty and Duane) Auto, which he co-owned and operated with his wife, Patty. Together, they built a reputation for providing ous community initiatives.

high-quality, low-mileage vehicles, earning the trust and respect of their community. Duane also developed enduring relationships and mutual respect with friends and colleagues in the local auto community.

As a child, Duane grew up helping on his family farm and was deeply involved in the FFA and 4-H programs. These experiences instilled in him a love of agriculture and sparked an early interest in becoming a veterinarian. Though life took him in a different direction, this passion ultimately led him to a meaningful 35-year career with American Breeders Service, where he worked as a technician specializing in bovine genetics and helping farmers improve livestock quality.

Duane was deeply committed to his community. He served on Jay School Board, supported FFA and 4-H programs as an advisor, mentored students in Junior Achievement's Finance Park and championed public fiscal responsibility through vari-

On Feb. 10, 1973, Duane married the love of his life, Patty Ann Denton, whom he affectionately met as his mother's Avon lady. Together, they built a life full of love and service, raising four children — Shawndra, Brent, Jessica and Jonathan and opening their hearts and home as host parents to six foreign exchange students from Denmark and Germany.

Duane was a man of deep faith. For nearly 40 years, he was a dedicated parishioner of the Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene, where he attended with his wife and children. His church community was a source of strength, fellowship, friendship and an opportunity to live out his devotion to God and oth-

A true family man, Duane found joy in supporting his children and grandchildren at their school and sporting events. He loved Indiana University and Indiana Pacers basketball and Indianapolis Colts football, and cherished quiet winter nights cracking hickory nuts for his

favorite pie. He also enjoyed attending reunions and events with his Driver High School Class of 1964, reconnecting with old friends and reminiscing about cherished memories.

Duane's legacy is carried on by his beloved wife of 51 years, Patty; his children, Shawndra Nicodemus (Jason), Jessica Miller (Rowdy), Brent Starr and Jonathan Starr (Lani); his grandchildren, Lyndsey and Kallee Nicodemus, Gabriella Starr, and Chloe, Gunner and Jaxon Miller, and Mackenzie Day (Justin); great-granddaughters Caroline and Abi Drew; extended family including brothersand sisters-in-law, Carolyn Sue Caldwell (Ronald, deceased), Teresa Denton (Dewey Gene, deceased), Debra Kay Nixon (Glen), Kenneth Denton (Rene); and nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He is also fondly remembered by his host-children, Tanja, Jochen, Sebastian. Andreas, Johannes and Annika, as well as his host-granddaughters, Alicia, Marina and Aurora.

Visitation will be held on Fri-

day, Nov. 22, 2024, from 1 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland, Indiana. A one-hour viewing will precede the celebration of life service, which begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, at the Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene.

Memorials may be directed to Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene.

In honoring Duane's remarkable life, his family asks that those who knew him carry forward his spirit of kindness, dedication and love for community.

Condolences may williamsonexpressed at spencer.com.

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There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary serv-

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Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated \$155 million

jackpot:

Mega Millions 5-35-50-51-59

Mega Ball: 8 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$453 million

Hoosier

Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 0-5-4 Daily Four: 5-3-2-0 ышск Draw: 4-7-8-9-11-12-18-19-20-26-27-45-46-49-50-55-56-68-77-79

Evening Daily Three: 8-3-8 Daily Four: 5-8-4-4 Quick Draw: 7-10-13-24-25-27-28-30-33-34-36-37-38-44-47-64-70-74-77-80

Ohio

\$110,000

Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 5-5-4 Pick 4: 9-9-8-1 Pick 5: 5-7-8-0-5 Evening Pick 3: 2-4-7 Pick 4: 7-6-2-7 Pick 5: 7-7-5-4-2

Rolling Cash: 5-27-31-34-39 Estimated jackpot:

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Today in history

Citizen's calendar

In 1620, approximately 41 male passengers onboard the Mayflower signed the Mayflower Compact before landing at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Passengers agreed in the pact to follow the law in the new government they would be creating.

In 1941, Tweety Bird

Soil and Water Conser-

vation District Board,

1331 W. Indiana 67, Port-

4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, air-

5 p.m. — Jay County

mission, auditorium.

Council, Jay County

port, 661 W. 100 North.

Redevelopment

St., Portland.

— Jay County

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Today

land.

4 p.m.

appeared for the first time in Warner Bros. Merrie Melodies cartoon,

"A Tale of Two Kitties." In 1946, "The Best Years of Our Lives" was released. The film, starring Myrna Loy and Fredric March, won an Academy Award for best picture.

Commissioners and Jay

County Redevelopment

Commission joint ses-

sion, auditorium, court-

house, 120 N. Court St.,

6 p.m. — Jay County

Plan Commission, Com-

munity Resource Center,

118 S. Meridian St., Port-

Portland.

Thursday

— The CR

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"He was always a good father, he would not give you something to do if he wasn't willing to do it himself or have done it before, (he is) that kind of guy," added Randy.

Herb has been a member of local chapters of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He served as commander of the Redkey post for many years.

He also helped farmers over the years, explained daughter Luann Fugiett. A picture of his Ford tractor is displayed prominently in his room at The Waters of Dunkirk.

Herb and Frances Heston had five children — three are deceased — and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Randy, 77, and Luann, 69, joined their father for his birthday festivities this week.

Herb moved into The Waters about three years ago. The nursing home hosted a birthday celebration for him on Tuesday afternoon, marking the fourth party he attended for his 100th birthday. Other celebrations included festivities put on recently by Hickory Grove Church, a family gathering Sunday at the Redkey park cabin and him.

'He's done well — I always look up to him. Even though I'm quite a bit taller than he is now, I still look up to him."

—Randy Heston

party Tuesday morning at Ridgeville American Legion Post 507. "He's so sleepy," said Luann on Tuesday afternoon.

Nowadays, Herb enjoys going to events with family and friends, including local sports at Jay County Junior-Senior High School and horse pulls at Jay County Fairgrounds. He's also a fan of jigsaw and sudoku puz-

Family and friends are important to Herb. There isn't a bare space on the wall in his room, which is covered by cork boards filled with dozens of photos of his wife, children, grandchildren, friends and others dear to "This is his life," Luann said.

Randy referenced the similarities between himself and his father, pointing to their shared military background — Randy served in the Vietnam War from 1966 to '69 — and career path as well as the fact they both graduated from the same high school. He recalled their last class reunion, noting his father was the oldest graduate and Randy was the youngest graduate.

"I'm really proud of him for going this long," said Randy. "He's done well — I always look up to him. Even though I'm quite a bit taller than he is now, I still look up to him."

SERVICES

Today

Howell, Martha: II a.m., Grace Community Church, 5513 Indiana 18, Montpelier.

Friday Huntsman, Elwood: 11

a.m., Collett Nazarene Church, 4525 S. 100 West, Portland.

Saturday

Starr, Duane: II a.m., Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene, 401 E. Boundary St.,

Fort Recovery. Wilkins, Riginia: II a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Martyne, David: 3 p.m., Amercian Legion Post 211, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

Dec. 14 Compton, Gail: 2 p.m., Portland Elk's Lodge, 126 W. High St., Portland.

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"Maybe I'll take a look at that. I haven't really done that yet," he said.

Bray said he doesn't support adding a human resources professional or attorney to the Senate Ethics Committee, because

"Accountability is supposed to be on us. We need to own it when it goes badly. We need to take the blame, he said.

Also in the Senate, Bray laid out beefed-up conflict-

It was previously optional for senators to cite conflicts and opt out of votes. Now, they must. They also wouldn't be able to speak about the legislation in committee or on the floor unless they've announced that conflict beforehand "so would

Bray said qualifying conflicts are direct and personal financial interests that have "unique, direct and a substantial" effect on either a lawmaker's own income, or the income of a family member.

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it would "take accountability away" from lawmakers.

of-interest requirements.

that everybody know."

90th Birthday Party for Cletes Rines

Sunday, November 24th, 2024 1:00pm to 3:00pm



At The Women's Building at the Jay County **FairGrounds**

Any and all are invited to come and stop in to say hello and wish her No Gifts please.



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courthouse, 120 N. Court land. t., Portland. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, park cabin, 50 a Happy Birthday. Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm Mooney St.

Arts Place holiday benefit auction is Friday

Jay County Campus of Arts Place is hosting its annual holiday benefit auction Friday.

This year's theme, "Our Favorite Things," stems from Jay County Civic Theatre's upcoming show, "The Sound of Music." The doors open at 5:30 p.m. Friday, with the auction to begin at 6:30 p.m.

All proceeds go toward community programs, including Arts in the Parks, MusicWorks, Art-Works, art exhibits and performances at Arts

Taking Note

Place and Hudson Family Park Amphitheatre Concert Series.

Senior learning

John Jay Center for Learning has another senior learning event coming

Steve Bishop, a Junior for seniors in the commu- impact seniors different- Wonderland and The Oak Reserve Officers' Training Corps leader, and JROTC cadets will share a presentation on the JROTC program offered at Jay County High School. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. with the presentation to fol-

Tickets are \$5 and intended for anyone 55 years old and older.

Wellness initiative

There's a new educational program available

at the Jay County Drug Pre-

vention Coalition office at

100 N. Meridian St., Port-

land. For more informa-

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS — Will meet at 10

a.m. at Zion Evangelical

Lutheran Church, 218 E.

High St., Portland. For

more information, call (260)

251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

tion, call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday

nity. Wellness Initiative for

Senior Education (WISE) is a six-week program for those 55 years old and older to learn more about themselves and make friends.

Participants will learn about the aging process and how to make healthy lifestyle choices, discuss risk factors and behaviors to avoid, examine how alcohol, prescription medication and over-thecounter medications

ly and learn how to use tools to feel empowered about health.

Door prizes and free food will be available during each of the two-hour sessions that will be offered at Jay Community Center.

To learn more, contact Stephanie Patterson of Jav County Drug Prevention Coalition at (260) 251-

Coming to Emens

Ridge Boys have been added to the upcoming lineup for Emens Auditorium at Ball State Univer-

Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, with The Oak Ridge Boys' American Made Christmas Farewell Tour set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

Tickets are on sale now and are available at ticketmaster.com or by call-Cirque Musica Holiday ing (765) 285-1539.

Friendship with hiking buddy bothers girlfriend

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 64-year-old guy. I am single and have two daughters and four grandkids. A young woman ("Sarah"), who is my daughter's age, and I have been hiking buddies for the past five years. I treat her like my third daughter and a family member. Sarah is married, and her husband does not enjoy hiking. Her husband and my daughters accept our friendship and are happy that I found a person I can hike with.

I have been dating a lady ("Toni") who is close to my age. Six months ago, I suggested we should spend our lives together. My daughters and Sarah were happy for me. Toni rejected my some kind of romantic relation- HIKER IN COLORADO

Dear Abby



ship with Sarah. When I mentioned it to Sarah, she distanced from me. I think she thinks she may have interfered with my relationship with Toni. We're still friends but not like before. Should I talk to Sarah and ask why she distanced from me? I feel depressed about this and have some remorse. I should not proposal, citing that I must have have told her what Toni said. —

DEAR HIKER: I don't think and years later, she has become him at all, she's directing all telling Sarah what Toni implied. You have a right to ask any question you wish of your hiking buddy. You won't know why your warm fiveyear relationship with her cooled unless you ask.

What I would like to know is whether you are still dating Toni after she rejected your proposal. If the answer is yes, do you plan to continue, knowing you have no future with her unless you find a male hiking buddy?

friend who has been in my life and part of my group of friends' lives since high school. Years feels any responsibility to Angeles, CA 90069.

you did anything wrong by increasingly negative toward all of us for no reason. Her husband is dying now, and we don't know how to handle it.

She has ghosted all of us because she's so full of hatred and negativity. We had decades of fun and memories, but she wants nothing to do with us. How do we handle the death of her husband? She says we are all phonies, which is all in her head. — PERPLEXED IN OHIO

DEAR PERPLEXED: How long has this woman been becoming "negative"? There may be a reason why she has DEAR ABBY: I have had a changed. Her husband is sick and he's not going to get better. If she loves him and by.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los

of her energies in that direc-

The way to handle this would be for you longtime friends to step forward. Tell her you care. Volunteer to help in any way she will allow, and do not isolate her any more than she has isolated herself. If you haven't done that, I can see why she might have said she thought you were phonies.

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 DearAb-

Community Calendar

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

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

STITCH AND CHATTER Center. Show and teal is at 1 100 North. p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

CÉLEBRATE RECOV-ERY — 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.

ĖN AVANT CLUB —

Thursday of each month. ORGAN TRANSPLANT

SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

MISSISSINEWA CHAP-TER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGH-TERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at Jay County Historical Society at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21. Regent Kathy Selman will present program. For more information, call Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

PORTLAND LIONS QUILT CLUB — Meets CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the p.m. the third Thursday of third Thursday of each the month at Portland month at Jay Community Lions Civic Center, 307 W.

> FORGET-ME-NOT 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

PAST RECOVERY SERV-ICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 Meets at 1 p.m. on the third a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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

FAST 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.

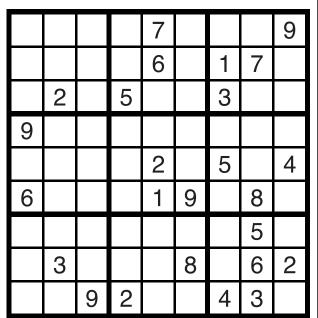
Will be EUCHRE played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS BREAK- SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will Arch St. in Portland.

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.

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY FAMILY MEAL Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E.

Sudoku



Wednesday's Solution

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

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Platform presents state opportunity

By MORTON J. MARCUS

So many ideas have gushed forth from the incoming Trump administration.

One of the most intriguing, from Indiana's point of view, is the de-Washington-ization of federal employment. The concept is easy to understand.

1. Washington is over-crowded, congested and chaotic.

2. The nation's capital should be the nerve center of the country for policy and public access.

3. Many government jobs involve important tasks that can be performed outside the District of Columbia (D.C.) and beyond the metropolitan area.

4. Many governmental tasks could be moved elsewhere without a loss, and perhaps a gain, in efficiency.

5. Numerous places in the source is: the District had

Eye on the Pie



nation are in need of good paying, significant jobs.

Many federal civilian jobs are not reported by the Congressional Research Service. Most legislative and judicial workers and those of the Postal Service are excluded. Also excluded are the FBI, the DEA and many other agencies where personnel are transferred on an as-needed or confidential basis, often connected to national security.

What we do learn from this

ees, Virginia 144,000 and Maryland 143,000. By contrast, Indiana had 25,000 and West Virginia 17,000.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is an interesting case in point. Headquartered Gaithersburg, Maryland, in suburban Washington, D.C., NIST has an association with several thousand academic researchers at or near major universities in College Park and Rockville, Maryland. Other major activities are in Boulder, Colorado, and Charleston, South Carolina.

What's missing at Indiana, Notre Dame, Rose Hulman, Ball State and Purdue?

If we follow the money rather than the people, we find wages and salaries for federal civilian

162,000 federal civilian employ- workers, as a percent of all workers, have declined in the past 20 years (2003 to 2023). They have declined from 33% to 28% in D.C. while growing in Maryland, Virginia and West Vir-

> In D.C., growth of other, nonfederal activities may account for the decline in the share of wages and salaries paid to federal civilian workers. The reasons for these shifts beyond the District may be the increased importance of the work being done or a continuation of decentralization.

> The question Hoosiers must ask is, "Will our newly elected and re-elected state officers press to share in the Trump desire to see federal agencies more broadly distributed across the nation?"

Indiana has been obsessed with luring private investment. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) spent millions to locate firms here, but can you recall any effort to bring significant federal jobs here? Cities and counties forego future millions in tax revenues from private firms, but seem to have no efforts aimed at public employment.

Long ago, former Congressman Lee Hamilton envisioned the Ohio River basin as a coordinated economic entity. Madison and Hanover College are ideally located to host such a project. What has Indiana done about that?

Marcus is an economist. Email him at mortonjmarcus@gmail.com.

Gaetz cannot become our AG

New York Daily News Tribune News Service

Matt Gaetz, the Housewrecking Florida congressman, cannot be U.S. attorney general. No way at all. We know that this isn't a joke because Donald Trump published the proposed nomination on his Social at 3:24 Truth Wednesday afternoon, surflabbergasted prising Democrats and Republicans.

It must not happen. Gaetz, who had been under a DOJ criminal probe for allegations about sex trafficking involving a minor, cannot be the person running the agency, which is supposed to be the guarantor of the rights of all Americans. While the new president is entitled to select his own cabinet, the individuals must be qualified for the important posts they will hold. Gaetz is not.

Trump should withdraw Gaetz's name. If he insists on going forward, the Senate, Republicans and Democrats alike, must say no to any confirmation and if so thwarted, Trump must not use a recess appointment to sneak Gaetz in through the side

In his announcement, America are more important than ending the partisan Weaponization of our Justice System." What he's talking about are the two federal indictments he's facing (for now) over purloined classified documents and for the plot to overturn the 2020 election. That's not "Weaponized Government" but the pursuit of justice. Of course, Trump doesn't mention that the same Biden administration DOJ prosecuted and convicted Hunter Biden.

However, assuming that "Weaponized Government" exists (which it doesn't), Gaetz is not one to neutralize it, but ramp it up. He sees the levers of government not as tools to improve the lot of citizens, but for political warfare. He is single handedly to blame for overthrowing Kevin McCarthy as House speaker only a year ago, throwing the House, the sole bastion of Republican power, into chaos.

So Mr. Chaos, who took down the Republican who was second in line to the presidency, is now going to become Mr. Law and Order?

Republicans and Democ-

Guest **Editorial**

Probity, discretion, fairness, judgment, compassion come to mind, and Gaetz doesn't meet any of those standards ...

The AG doesn't have to have some kind of apolitical legal expert like univerpresident Edward Levi that President Jerry Ford brought in to restore professionalism and credibility after Watergate (when Nixon's AG, John Michell, went to prison), Trump said, "Few issues in but there are minimum standards to be the top law enforcement officer in the nation.

Probity, discretion, fairness, judgment, compassion come to mind, and Gaetz doesn't meet any of those standards, with the exception that he went to law school and has a law license.

The outrageous and outlandish idea of Gaetz atop the DOJ might just be a ruse by Trump to please his furthest right flank that wanted bomb throwers and provocateurs seeded throughout the federal government. "Tear it all down!" they cheer.

When Gaetz fails to become AG, as has to be the outcome, Trump can then still appeal to that energized slice of his supporters that he tried to be true to the cause and was blocked by the establish-

untrustworthy, hyperpolitical and suspect person leading any cabinet agency is an affront to good government. But the Department of Justice, which alone has the power to enforce the law and prosecute, makes it a nightmare. Attorney General Matt Gaetz is the nightrats should shudder at mare come to life.



Counties' refusal shows disdain

the nation — nearly four out of five

Black Hoosier children will be forced

to endure the trauma of a child abuse

Consider all the ways this hurts

Anyone who recalls the anguished

cries of children torn from their fam-

ilies at the Mexican border knows

how much it traumatizes children to

take them from everyone they know

and love. Yes, DCS caseworkers mean

well. But the children they take cry

out the same way for the same rea-

sons. No wonder study after

study finds that, in typical cases, chil-

dren left in their own homes typically

fare better even than comparably-

maltreated children placed in foster

care. And yes, that includes cases

The harm isn't just emotional. Mul-

tiple studies find abuse in one-quar-

ter to one-third of family foster

homes. The rate of abuse in group

homes and institutions is even worse.

wasted on false allegations, trivial

cases and poverty cases is, in effect,

stolen from finding those few chil-

dren in real danger. That's almost

always the real reason for the horror

There are so many ways to do bet-

ter: One of the most effective is high-

quality family defense. Under this

model, families get a lawyer with a

reasonable caseload, their own social

worker, and sometimes a parent advo-

cate who's been through the system

stories that, rightly, make headlines.

And all the time, money and effort

where the issue is substance use.

investigation before they turn 18.

children:

By RICHARD WEXLER Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

The federal government will reimburse county courts for part of the cost of providing lawyers to indigent children and parents when the state wants to investigate those families for alleged child abuse and, possibly, take away the children. Thanks to some excellent reporting by the Capital taken into foster care at a rate 50% Chronicle we now know that one-infive Indiana counties don't even apply for the money.

To which many readers, conditioned by decades of horror stories about parents brutally beating torturing or murdering their children, may say: "So what?" Indeed, that may be why so many counties are not bothering to collect the money. Overloaded lawyers often have so little time and so many clients that families are almost literally defense-less. Perhaps these counties want to keep it that

The problem with this is the problem that has plagued America's entire war against child abuse for decades: Every time we take a swing at "bad parents" the blow lands on their children.

That's because most cases are nothing like the horror stories. In Indiana in 2022, 85% of the time, when children were thrown into foster care their parents were even accused of physical or sexual abuse. Forty percent of the time, there wasn't even an allegation of drug abuse.

Far more common are cases in which family poverty is confused with neglect.

When it comes to tearing apart families, Indiana is one of America's worst offenders. The Department of Child Services brags incessantly about modest progress, but in 2022 Indiana still took away children at a rate 65% above the national average. There is no evidence that Indiana children are 65% safer than the national average.

Black children are hit hardest, herself.

Richard Wexler



like DCS. Once again, the research is clear: This kind of defense reduces foster care with no compromise of safety. That's a key reason why the federal government now allows partial reimbursement for it. above their rate in the Indiana child gating Black families, Indiana leads

For example, 22-month-old Nova Bryant of Indiana was taken from her parents only to die in foster care. There appears to have been no allegation that the parents abused Nova, only that they couldn't cope with her special needs. We don't know what kind of legal representation Nova's parents had, perhaps it was first-rate and nothing would have helped. But we do know that Nova lived — and died — in Clay County, one of the counties that refused to seek the federal funds.

No, it's not to get "bad parents" off;

no-real-services "service

it's to craft alternatives to the cookie-

plans" often dished out by agencies

Between the federal reimbursement and the reduced foster care costs, high-quality family defense also pays for itself. The paperwork is minimal, but it does offer clues to how well, or badly, courts are providing defense for the defenseless.

The federal funds come from the same source as federal aid to pay for placing children in foster care. Getting the foster care funds is far more complicated. But I'll bet no one in Indiana child welfare is turning down that money.

One can only wonder how anyone can survey the enormous damage wrought by this system and turn down federal aid for legal assistance, claiming, as Johnson County Court Administrator Shena Johnson does: "[T]he system we have works well."

There are a whole lot of children who would disagree.

Wexler is executive director of the National Coalition For Child Protection Reform.

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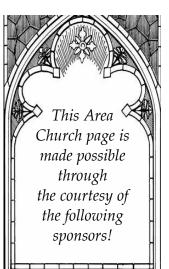
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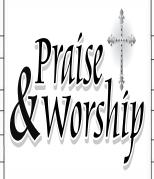


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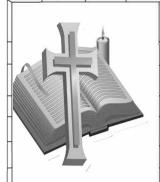
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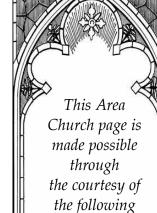
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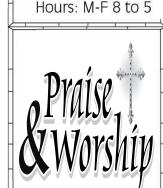
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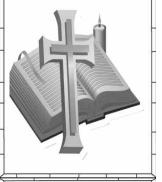
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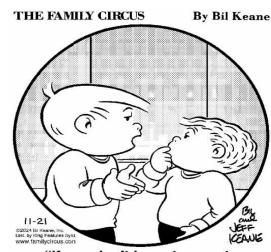


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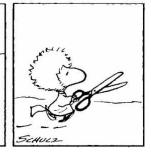
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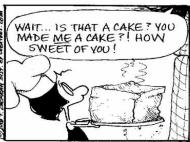


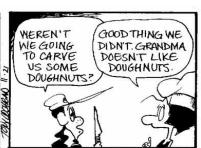


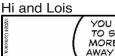


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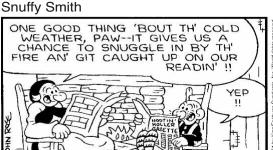


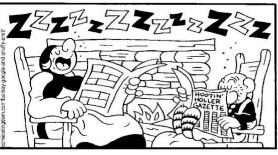












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The bidding: North East Pass 1 NT

3 NT Opening lead - two of hearts.

A reader sends this hand and acknowledges he made a mistake in the play. He wonders how many others would have made the same mistake. West (our reader) led the heart deuce. East took the queen with the ace and — in accordance with convention — returned the five, his original fourth-best heart.

Declarer played the seven, and West won the trick with the eight. cashed the king, South's jack, and also the ten, but

Obviously, East-West could have done better. They could have taken five heart tricks, instead of four, it they had not blocked the suit. Had West won the heart at trick two with the ten and continued with the king and then the eight, the defenders would have scored the first five tricks. West's mistake of winning the second heart with the eight was a perfectly natural one, since it is normal to win tricks as cheaply as possible.

But if, after seeing dummy, West

South took the next nine tricks.

had given proper consideration to his prospects of defeating the contract, he would have realized that there was no hope of stopping three notrump unless his side could score five heart tricks at the outset. Dummy had eight tricks in plain view, and South had to have the ace of clubs for his one-notrump

West's only hope, therefore, was that East had five hearts and South only three — a possibility made even more likely by South's failure to bid one heart rather than one notrump at his first turn. Once West's thoughts were channeled in this direction, taking the seven with the ten at trick two would have ing the suit.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Celtics survive Cavaliers comeback to hand Cleveland its first defeat

By ZACL COX

Boston Herald Tribune News Service

BOSTON — In what very well could be a preview of this season's Conference Eastern finals, the Celtics and Cleveland Cavaliers squared off in a highly anticipated thriller Tuesday night at TD Garden.

Boston is the reigning NBA champion. Cleveland looks like its top Eastern Conference challenger, entering with a 15-0 record that was tied for the secondbest ever to start a sea-

The result: a heavyweight bout that lived up to its considerable pregame hype.

The Celtics nearly squandered a 21-point second-half lead but recovered to win 120-117, handing the visiting Cavs their first defeat of the season and reasserting themselves as the team to beat in the NBA.

Jayson Tatum shot 50% from the floor and 60% from 3-point range to lead Boston, finishing with 33 points, 12 rebounds, seven assists and two steals. Six Celtics scored in double figures, including veteran center Al Horford, who played one of his best games of the season with 20 points, seven rebounds and three blocks.

The victory also kept alive Boston's hopes of advancing to the knockout rounds of the NBA

Cup, as a loss would have all but eliminated Joe Mazzulla's squad from tournament contention. The 12-3 Celtics will play their penultimate game of group play this Friday at the Washington Wizards.

Cleveland had its talented top four intact Tuesday — unlike in the teams' East semifinal series back in May, durwhich Donovan Mitchell missed two games and Jarrett Allen sat out all five — but played without a significant portion of head coach Kenny Atkinson's rotation. Isaac Okoro, Caris LeVert and Dean Wade all were unavailable due to injury.

Mitchell (35 points) and Evan Mobley (22 points, 11 rebounds) had big nights for Cleveland, and the Cavs' abbreviated bench was excellent, with Georges Niang, Ty Jerome and Craig Porter Jr. all hitting double figures. But it a nightmare was evening for Mitchell's backcourt co-star, Darius Garland, who went 3 for 21.

The Celtics opened an

early 12-4 lead despite misfiring on five of their first six shots, getting three points each from Tatum, Brown, Horford and Holiday during that stretch to trigger a Cavs timeout. Tatum powered Boston on both ends in the first quarter, notching eight points, five rebounds, three assists

and two steals.

the NBA leader in shoot- with White, Holiday, from the field and from hitting additional threes 3-point range, but it had in the first four minutes to rely mostly on dunks after halftime. Then, the and layups early in the game. The Cavaliers went 0 for 6 from three in the first quarter and scored a season-low 20 points in the frame, but

they trailed by just six.

The Cavs were much better in that regard in the second quarter but not good enough to repeatedly outrun Boston's avalanche. The Celtics made as many first-half threes (14) as Cleveland attempted and were efficient ruthlessly while doing so. The Tatum, quintet of White, Holiday, Horford and Payton Pritchard went 12 for 15 from deep before halftime — a sterling 80% — as the Celtics built a 65-48 lead.

Pritchard keyed one pivotal second-quarter sequence by scoring five points in 37 seconds out of a Cavaliers timeout. Those were part of a 10point first half for the ascending reserve guard, who's off to the best start of his fiveyear NBA career.

Three minutes later, the 38-year-old Horford denied Garland at the 107-100 lead. rim, and Tatum drilled a give Boston its first dounight. Another Tatum triple stretched that advantage to 17 points just before halftime.

The lead hit 21 early

Cleveland came in as in the third quarter. percentage, both Horford and Tatum all Celtics went cold, and the Cavs found a path back: attacking Boston in the paint.

Despite not hitting a 3pointer for the final 7:36 of the third quarter, Cleveland ripped off a 22-5 run to cut Boston's lead to two. Cavs players attacked backup Celtics center Neemias Queta, who was on the court for the entire comeback and finished as a minus-15.

Even with Queta's struggles, head coach Joe Mazzulla chose not to give minutes to Luke Kornet. Horford and Queta were the only Boston bigs who saw action in the game.

much-needed Α Tatum three at the third-quarter buzzer sent the Celtics into the fourth quarter up 93-88. White made it 102-97 with an and-one make off his own offensive rebound. After a Porter three cut the lead back to two, Tatum drove baseline for a dunk, then found Pritchard for an open three and a

Two Horford blocks three at the other end to and a Brown steal down stretch helped ble-digit lead of the Boston lock down the victory, with Brown adding an acrobatic layup that put the Celtics up seven with 46.1 seconds remaining.

Pats top Jets

The Patriots stumbled in their second game of the season. But they got **Local** back on track when they came home.

The Jay County Junior High School girls basketball teams pulled off a pair of wins against the Adams Central Jets on Tuesday.

The eighth grade team rolled to a 41-8 victory over the Jets.

led the way with 16 points over Adams Central. for Jay County (2-1).

season-high nine points, while Charlee Peters followed with eight. Claudia Dirksen and Schwieterman

roundup

scored a pair of buckets, while Bristol Kahlig rounded out the scoring with two points.

The seventh graders Karsyn Schwieterman pulled off a 30-25 triumph

Boo Towell had a com-Avery Snow scored a ing out party with 15 points, while Bella Barnett, Kahlig and Brenna Weitzel all had four. Emmi Alyvia Clark added three to the both total.

ESPN analysts make wild comments about CFP rankings

By JOHNNY McGONIGAL

pennlive.com Tribune News Service

Putting together a College Football Playoff rankings show can't be easy. You can only talk through resumes and rankings for so long. Maybe it shouldn't exist, and the CFP committee can send out its top 25in a press release. That would save everyone some

But if ESPN is going to continue with its rankings reveal, surely they can do

There were two wild claims made during Tuesday night's CFP rankings show, featuring host Rece Davis and analysts Booger McFarland, Joey Galloway and Greg McElroy.

When comparing Penn State and Indiana — which were ranked Nos. 4 and 5 — McFarland brought up a common opponent. He said multiple times that the Nittany Lions "struggled" against UCLA in their 27-11 win earlier this season. He added that because Indiana beat UCLA by 29 points and Penn State "struggled," the Hoosiers should be ahead in the rankings.

First of all, UCLA isn't the only common opponent on Penn State and Indiana's schedules. The Nittany Lions beat Washingbeat Washington by 14 points.

But specific to McFarland's claim that Penn State "struggled" against UCLA, he couldn't have watched the game. The Bruins fought hard; credit where credit is due. But at it. no point was UCLA a threat to pull the upset on Oct. 5. Penn State had a 27-3 lead until UCLA scored a talk about.

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garbage-time touchdown against backups with 16 seconds left in regulation. Not to be outdone, Gal-

loway later suggested something that set social media into a collective bewilderment. Galloway said, when discussing Saturday's top-five game between Indiana and Ohio State, that should sit star quarterback Kurtis Rourke to avoid injury.

Galloway suggested, because ESPN's metrics give the Hoosiers a good chance to get in the College Football Playoff even with a loss to the Buckeyes, that Indiana should sit Rourke and avoid a situation like Florida State had with injured quarterback Jordan Travis last year. Travis suffered a season-ending injury, and the committee left out the undefeated Seminoles.

When I heard what Galloway said, I did a double take. I had to rewind my TV. What are we talking about? Benching one of the ton by 29 points. Indiana most prolific passers in college football in the team's biggest game, not only of the season, but perhaps program history? Are we being serious? Even McElroy, Galloway's coworker, was in disbelief when Galloway suggested

> But hey, if nothing else, the ESPN rankings show gives people something to

Nadal's career comes to an end By ELEANOR CROOKS ready to cheer on their national hero It was only Nadal's second ever

PA Media/dpa Tribune News Service

MALAGA, Spain — Rafael Nadal soaked in the emotion of a memorable but bittersweet evening in Malaga as his professional career came to an end.

The 38-year-old opted to make the Davis Cup his last event having accepted last month that his body would no longer allow him to compete at the highest level.

He was hoping for one final victory on home soil, but Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp spoiled the party with a 6-4, 6-4 victory, and Spain's quarterfinal elimination was confirmed after van de Zandschulp and Wesley Koolhof defeated Carlos Alcaraz and Marcel Granollers in the deciding doubles.

The Spanish fans, some of whom had paid seven-figure sums for tickets, flocked to the Martin Carpena Arena in the thousands, draped in red and yellow flags and scarves and me.'

Nadal said at a press conference on

Monday that he wanted to leave the emotion for when the end came, with his focus on trying to win Spain a sixth Davis Cup title during his long and historic career, but there were tears in his eyes during a stirring rendition of the national anthem.

"Of course it has been an emotional day nerves before what can be my last singles match," he said.

"Feeling the national anthem for the last time like a professional has been very special. And then of course a little bit of mixed feelings makes things a little bit more difficult. "But that's it. We went on court. We

live that moment. I tried to do my best. I tried to, at the same time, stay as positive as possible in every single moment, to play with the right energy. It was not enough. Congrats to Botic. That's all. He was better than

Davis Cup loss in singles, with the other coming in his debut against Czech Republic's Jiri Novak way back in 2004.

It was later in the same year that Nadal sent waves through the sport by beating Andy Roddick in the final as an 18-year-old, one of 29 straight singles victories until now.

Nadal backed captain David Ferrer's decision to pick him ahead of higher-ranked Roberto Bautista Agut but insisted there was no pressure to do so.

He admitted he was expecting to be dropped if Spain progressed, and added with a smile: "It's in some ways good maybe if that was my last match. I lost my first match in the Davis Cup, and I lost my last one. So we close the circle."

But van de Zandschulp is a quality player, and although Nadal made it tight after trailing 4-1 in the second set, he could not quite conjure the old

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today Jay County — Boys basketball scrimmage at Tri – 6 p.m.; Boys wrestling vs. Columbia City – 6 p.m.; Girls wrestling vs. Columbia City – 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball scrimmage at Celina – 5:30 p.m.; Middle

school boys basketball scrimmage at Fort Lormaie - 5 p.m. Friday

Jay County — Girls basketball (varsity only) vs. Bellmont - 6:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Crestview - 6 p.m.

TV sports Today

12 p.m. — College basketball: Miami at Drake (ESPN2)

2:30 p.m. — College basketball: Oklahoma State at Florida Atlantic (ESPN2)

5 p.m. College basketball: Seton Hall at VCU (ESPN2)

6 p.m. — College volleyball: Oregon

at Michigan State (BTN) 6:30 p.m. — College basketball: UNC Greensboro at Indiana (FS1)

7 p.m. — College basketball: Syracuse at Texas (ESPN2)

7:30 p.m. — College football: N.C. State at Georgia Tech (ESPN)

8 p.m. — NHL: San Jose Sharks at St. Louis Blues (FDSN Indiana)

8:15 p.m. - NFL: Pittsburgh Steelers at Cleveland Browns (NBC)

8:30 p.m. — College basketball: Tarleton State at Michigan (BTN) 9 p.m. — College basketball: Texas

Tech at Saint Joseph's (ESPN2) 11:30 p.m. — MMA: Professional Fighters League (ESPN2)

Friday Formula 1: Las Vegas Grand Prix (ESPN2)

7 p.m. — College football: Temple at UTSA (ESPN2) 7:30 p.m. - NBA: Golden State War-

riors at New Orleans Pelicans (ESPN) 8 p.m. — College basketball: Nebraska at Creighton (FS1); Utah State at Iowa 8 p.m. — College football: Purdue at Michigan State (FOX)

10 p.m. — NBA: Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets (ESPN) 10 p.m. — College basketball: CSU Fullerton at UCLA (BTN)

10 p.m. — College football: UNLV at San Jose State (FS1) 10:30 p.m. -College basketball: Duke at Arizona (ESPN2)

Local notes

Final race The final race in the Adams County 5K Challenge is the Rainbow Lake 5K Run/Walk, will take place on Nov. 26. Registration and check-in will begin at a.m., with the race starting at the

Limberlost Cabin in downtown Geneva at

The race will cost \$20 if registered

prior to the race, or \$25 with registration on the day of the race. For more information or to preregister,

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2024-25 Fort Recovery girls basketball preview

Pictured is the 2024-25 Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team. Front row from left are managers Rihanna Wuebker, Zoey Wendel, Brooklyn Wuebker and Rhea Steinbrunner. Middle row are Brooke Bihn, Emma Schmitz, Madie Schoenlein, Makenna Huelskamp, Ivy Tobe and Paisley Hart. Back row are assistant coaches Brent Niekamp, Mandy Gerlach, Cameron Muhlenkamp, Kennedy Muhlenkamp, Karlie Niekamp, Bridget Homan and coach Tyler Deitsch.



•With the move to the Southwest District, the Tribe will be on the hunt to make its first regional appearance since the 2010-11 season. FRHS has only competed in the district final twice since the previous regional berth.

•Fort Recovery returns 55.3% of its scoring from the 2023-24 season, largely in part due to Karlie Niekamp accounting for 22.6% of all points scored.

 The Indians last won the Midwest Athletic Conference title in the 2019-20 season under coach Holly

Projected lineup

Paisley Hart - Guard Makenna Huelskamp – Guard Kennedy Muhlenkamp - Guard Bridget Homan - Guard/forward Cameron Muhlenkamp - Guard/forward Karlie Niekamp - Forward Emma Schmitz - Forward

Key departures Cali Wendel

9.8 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 2.6 spg, 2.1 apg

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Key returners Karlie Niekamp

8.6 ppg, 8.7 rpg, 2.1 apg, 1.6 spg

Kennedy Muhlenkamp 8.3 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 2.0 apg, 1.6 bpg

Makenna Huelskamp

7.5 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 2.0 spg, 1.7 apg

2023-24 season

In his first season at the helm, Tyler Deitsch led the Indians to an 8-15 record, including a 3-6 record in the Midwest Athletic Conference to tie Coldwater for seventh. Fort Recovery was plagued with injuries including returners Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Kensey Gaerke, as well as starter Makenna Huelskamp, leading to a need for freshmen to fill in minutes. The Tribe's best stretch of the season came early in the new year as it strung together victories against Ansonia, St. John's and South Adams. FRHS got an 8 seed in the playoffs, but fell in the sectional opener to 5th-seeded Wayne Trace 35-30.

Games to watch

Thursday, Dec. 12, vs. Marion Local The Tribe faces the Flyers twice between conference

and the Battle of State Route 119.

Thursday, Dec. 19, at Parkway FRHS picked off the Panthers despite finishing below

them in the MAC standings last season.

Thursday, Jan. 23, vs. Coldwater Coldwater and the Indians tied for seventh in the MAC a season ago, despite CHS claiming a 14-point victory.

Coach Tyler Deitsch says

"We're a young team. We have two seniors and no juniors, so we're going to be playing a lot of sophomores and having some freshmen getting a decent amount of minutes, but really, relying on our senior leadership. ... We've got a lot of length on our team, so being able to use our length and athleticism kind of makes us more versatile, especially defended. sively. We're looking to be relentless on defense ... Our motto this year is 'E.A.T.' - Effort, Attitude and Toughness. Just always giving full effort all the time, having the right attitude in the right situation and building toughness through that is kind of the big thing we're doing. ... We're staying locked in and engaged to make sure we're doing all the little things right so that the big things work themselves out. ... Everybody gets along super well. Everybody does the right things for the right reasons and putting the team over the top of ourselves is a big thing that just easily comes to this group."

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| Friday, Nov. 29 | Indian Lake | 6 p.m. | | | |
| Saturday, Nov. 30 | Mississinawa Valley | 9 a.m. | | | |
| Thursday, Dec. 5 | St. Henry | 6 p.m. | | | |
| Saturday, Dec. 7 | Jay County (V only) | noon | | | |
| Thursday, Dec. 12 | Marion Local | 6 p.m. | | | |
| Tuesday, Dec. 17 | Memorial | 6 p.m. | | | |
| Thursday, Dec. 19 | Parkway (V only) | 6 p.m. | | | |
| Monday, Dec. 23 | St. John's (V only) | 6 p.m. | | | |
| Saturday, Dec. 28 | Marion Local (non-con) | 6 p.m. | | | |
| Monday, Dec. 30 | St. Henry (non-con) | 6 p.m. | | | |
| Tuesday, Jan. 7 | Ansonia | 6 p.m. | | | |
| Thursday, Jan. 9 | New Bremen | 6 p.m. | | | |
| Thursday, Jan. 16 | Minster | 6 p.m. | | | |
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| Thursday, Jan. 23 | Coldwater | 6 p.m. | | | |
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