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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

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

A familiar face at Jay County High School basketball games just passed a milestone.

Herb Heston, a rural Redkey native, turned triple digits Tuesday.

“Never ever really thought about it,” said Herb of becoming a centenarian. “Here I am.”

At 100 years old, Herb Heston enjoys going to watch local sports. He and his son, Randy Heston, and other family regularly attend Jay County girls

and boys basketball games together. They also made an appearance at some baseball games over the summer.

“I played a lot of sports when I was in high school, and he would work all day and come home and try to go to the ball games I had different places,” recalled Randy. “He always did that, when we were kids and all, he always went and supported us.”

Herb graduated more than eight decades ago from Gov. I.P. Gray School of New Mount Pleasant in Jefferson Town-

ship. He married his late wife, Frances, in 1945 before traveling to Germany for World War II. He served as a mechanic and tank driver under Gen. George Patton for about two years, hauling wrecked vehicles and tanks into the military motor pool.

After the war, Herb returned home and joined the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. (He’s celebrating 75 years in the union this year.) He worked in construction as a carpenter most of his life,

with some of his notable work including buildings at Ball State University in Muncie. He retired from Hagerman Construction of Fort Wayne at 62 years old.

Randy, who also chose to go into the carpentry business, recalled working on a few construction jobs under his father.

“I would get the crazy jobs or the rough ones, but that was OK,” he teased, noting Herb was known for being a good man to work for.

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Trump selects Dr. Oz, McMahon

President-elect announces more picks for cabinet

By HADRIANA LOWENKRON

Bloomberg News
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 one-time 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 Department.

Allegations and changes overshadow ceremonial start

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ and WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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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 women 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 condemnation 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 counterpart.

“I’ve expressed that to him,” Bray said. “We conduct ourselves at a much, much higher level than that here in this chamber.”

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 Belmont.

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



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.



Starr

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

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 various community initiatives.

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 others.

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 brothers and 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 be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

CR almanac

Friday 11/22	Saturday 11/23	Sunday 11/24	Monday 11/25	Tuesday 11/26
44/38	45/34	50/42	55/33	40/25
Friday looks to be mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of showers.	Mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of rain. The low may hit the 30s.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Sunday with a low in the 40s.	Monday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of rain.	Mostly cloudy skies are in the forecast for Tuesday. Slight chance of rain.

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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

a 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 puzzles.

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 him.

"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."

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—Randy Heston

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$155 million	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
Mega Millions 5-35-50-51-59 Mega Ball: 8 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$453 million	Ohio 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: \$110,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 0-5-4 Daily Four: 5-3-2-0 Quick Draw: 4-7-8-9-11-12-18-19-20-26-27-45-46-49-50-55-56-68-77-79	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.46 Dec. corn.....4.41 Wheat.....4.31	Dec. beans.....9.82 Wheat.....5.03
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.49 Dec. corn.....4.49 Jan. corn.....4.51	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.30 Dec. corn.....4.30 Beans.....9.79 Dec. beans.....9.79 Wheat.....5.02
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....4.38 Dec. corn.....4.38 Beans.....9.82	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.33 Dec. corn.....4.33 Beans.....9.57 Dec. beans.....9.64 Wheat.....4.93

Today in history

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

appeared for the first time in Warner Bros. Merrie Melodies cartoon, "A Tale of Two Kitties."
In 1946, "The Best of Our Lives" was released. The film, starring Myrna Loy and Fredric March, won an Academy Award for best picture.

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Citizen's calendar

Today 4 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, 1331 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North. 5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, Jay County	Commissioners and Jay County Redevelopment Commission joint session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. Thursday 6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 Mooney St.
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SERVICES

Today
Howell, Martha: 11 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: 11 a.m., Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene, 401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery.

Wilkins, Rignia: 11 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Martyn, David: 3 p.m., American 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 it would "take accountability away" from lawmakers. "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-of-interest requirements.

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 that everybody would know."

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.

90th Birthday Party for Cletes Rines
Sunday, November 24th, 2024
1:00pm to 3:00pm



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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 up.

Steve Bishop, a Junior 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 follow.

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

Wellness initiative

There's a new educational program available

for seniors in the community. 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-the-counter medications

impact seniors differently 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 Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition at (260) 251-3259.

Coming to Emens

Cirque Musica Holiday

Wonderland and The Oak Ridge Boys have been added to the upcoming lineup for Emens Auditorium at Ball State University.

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 calling (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 proposal, citing that I must have some kind of romantic relation-

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 have told her what Toni said. — HIKER IN COLORADO

Dear Abby



DEAR HIKER: I don't think you did anything wrong by 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 five-year 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?

DEAR ABBY: I have had a friend who has been in my life and part of my group of friends' lives since high school. Years

and years later, she has become 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 changed. Her husband is sick and he's not going to get better. If she loves him and feels any responsibility to

him at all, she's directing all of her energies in that direction.

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 DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

STITCH AND CHATTER QUILT CLUB — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center. Show and teal is at 1 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.

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

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third

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 CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS 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 CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

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

Friday

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.

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 BREAK-

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.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will

meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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.

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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

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 source is: the District had

162,000 federal civilian employees, 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 in 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

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 Virginia.

In D.C., growth of other, non-federal 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 House-wrecking 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 Truth Social at 3:24 Wednesday afternoon, surprising flabbergasted 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 door.

In his announcement, Trump said, "Few issues in 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 Democrats should shudder at

Guest Editorial

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

that.

The AG doesn't have to have some kind of apolitical legal expert like university president Edward Levi that President Jerry Ford brought in to restore professionalism and credibility after Watergate (when Nixon's AG, John Michell, went to prison), 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 establishment.

An 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 nightmare come to life.



Counties' refusal shows disdain

By RICHARD WEXLER
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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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 Chronicle we now know that one-in-five 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 way.

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 not 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,

Richard Wexler



taken into foster care at a rate 50% above their rate in the Indiana child population. When it comes to investigating Black families, Indiana leads the nation — nearly four out of five Black Hoosier children will be forced to endure the trauma of a child abuse investigation before they turn 18.

Consider all the ways this hurts children:

Anyone who recalls the anguished cries of children torn from their families 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 reasons. No wonder study after study finds that, in typical cases, children left in their own homes typically fare better even than comparably-maltreated children placed in foster care. And yes, that includes cases where the issue is substance use.

The harm isn't just emotional. Multiple studies find abuse in one-quarter to one-third of family foster homes. The rate of abuse in group homes and institutions is even worse.

And all the time, money and effort wasted on false allegations, trivial cases and poverty cases is, in effect, stolen from finding those few children in real danger. That's almost always the real reason for the horror stories that, rightly, make headlines.

There are so many ways to do better: 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 advocate who's been through the system herself.

No, it's not to get "bad parents" off; it's to craft alternatives to the cookie-cutter no-real-services "service plans" often dished out by agencies 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.

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.

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.

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asburyministries.org

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Pamela Freeman
Services: 9 a.m.

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Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Boundary St. Paul
Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East
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Services: 9:30 a.m.

Bryant Wesleyan
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bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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nanybell@yahoo.com

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Kevin McClung
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Services: 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God
South Broad Street, Dunkirk
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450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27
Billy Stanton
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Wayne Ward
(260) 726-7714
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190 W. Main St., Pennville
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Evangelical Methodist
930 W. Main St., Portland
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Pamela Freeman
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(260) 726-9184
Services: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community
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Joe Schmit
(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center
200 E. Elder St., Portland
Ronald Willis
(260) 726-4844
Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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Hugh Kelly
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

First American Baptist
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Everett Bilbrey Jr.
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Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.
firstpcportland.org

Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene
401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
(419) 375-4680
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Kids vision and teen ministries: 6 p.m. Wednesday
frnaz@frontier.com

Fort Recovery United Methodist
309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Rev. Carol McKay
(304) 617-0101
Services: 9 a.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle
468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
Robert Thomas
(765) 348-4620
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

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Geneva Nazarene
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High Street United Methodist
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Holy Trinity Catholic
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Fr. Martin Sandhage
Services: 8 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday

Hopewell of Life Ministries
County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
Rev. Ruth Funk
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic
506 E. Walnut St., Portland
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Kingsley Full Gospel
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Stuart Phillips
Services: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

Mary Help of Christians
403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
(419) 375-4153
Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

Mount Tabor Community Church
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
Scott McClain
(765) 768-7273
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist
County roads 600 East and 200 North
Rev. Darrell Borders
(260) 726-4786
Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
4017 W. 200 South
Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship
1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
(260) 251-0063
Services: 10:30 a.m.

New Life Ministries
415 S. Helen St., Portland
Dr. Kay Fairchild
(260) 223-2961
Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
Services: 9 a.m.

Noble Congregational Christian
1964 N. 800 East
Aaron Huey
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove United Methodist
829 S. Indiana 1
Neil Butcher
(765) 760-9085
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Pleasant Hill
9945 N. 800 East, Union City
Bruce Bryan
(765) 964-3664
Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
mypleasanthillchurch.org

Portland Church of Christ
1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
Bob Graham
(260) 726-7777
Bible class: 9:15 a.m.
Services: 10:20 a.m.
Bible School: 6 p.m. Wednesday
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920 S. Shank St., Portland
Steve Cecil
(260) 726-8040
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226 E. Main St., Portland
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.

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4527 E. 1000 North (Jay-Randolph county line)
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Redkey Faith Ministries
9811 W. Indiana 67, southwest of Redkey
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RedkeyFaith.org

Redkey First Christian
Union and Malin streets
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Redkey Church of the Nazarene
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Fred Stevens
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redkeynaz.org
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matt@therockkjc.org

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County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
Fred Stevens
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Walnut Corner
County roads 200 North and 500 West
Steve Rogers
(260) 251-1113
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

West Walnut Church of Christ
204 W. Walnut St., Portland
Gil Alicea
(260) 726-4691
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westwalnutchurchofchrist.org

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

It's all in your mind

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
▲AK4
♥Q
♦AKQ1073
♣Q95
WEST
▲J63
♥K1082
♦J54
♣KJ3
EAST
▲10872
♥A9654
♦8
♣862
SOUTH
♦Q95
♥J73
♦962
♣A1074

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1NT Pass
3NT
Opening lead — two of hearts.

South took the next nine tricks. Obviously, East-West could have done better. They could have taken five heart tricks, instead of four, if 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 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 response.

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 become mandatory to avoid blocking the suit.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Peanuts



Rose is Rose



Agnes



Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



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QSFN-QZPE RSZLZFCGG.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I COULDN'T CONSUME ENOUGH OF THOSE FANTASTIC GRILLED PRAWNS. THEY WERE SHRIMPY DELICIOUS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals W

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 37 Lovers' quarrel (Lat.)
5 — butter carrier
9 Urban carrier
12 Hit on the noggin
13 Greet silently
14 Flamenco cheer
15 Church fundraisers
17 Actress Salonga
18 Cholesterol medication
19 Wisener partner
21 LP successor
22 Manages somehow
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27 "Ben-"
28 Ancient invader
31 Debtor's letters
32 Before
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34 Antelope's playmate
36 Motor homes

DOWN 22 S-shaped, as a road
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24 Succor
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26 Pool hall item
27 German mister
29 La-la lead-in
30 Smack
35 Malarkey
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39 Summary
40 "Dyna-mite" band
41 Lugosi of film
42 Flightless birds
43 Shredded picnic dish
44 Leer at
45 Make mittens
46 Gas brand in Canada
49 Visual communication syst.
50 Zodiac feline

Solution time: 22 mins.

Yesterday's answer 11-21

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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 Eastern Conference 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 second-best ever to start a season.

The result: a heavy-weight 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, during which 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 was a nightmare 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.

Cleveland came in as the NBA leader in shooting percentage, both from the field and from 3-point range, but it had to rely mostly on dunks 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 outrun Boston's avalanche. The Celtics made as many first-half threes (14) as Cleveland attempted and were ruthlessly efficient while doing so. The quintet of Tatum, 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 10-point first half for the ascending reserve guard, who's off to the best start of his five-year NBA career.

Three minutes later, the 38-year-old Horford denied Garland at the rim, and Tatum drilled a three at the other end to give Boston its first double-digit lead of the night. Another Tatum triple stretched that advantage to 17 points just before halftime. The lead hit 21 early

in the third quarter, with White, Holiday, Horford and Tatum all hitting additional threes in the first four minutes after halftime. Then, the Celtics went cold, and the Cavs found a path back: attacking Boston in the paint.

Despite not hitting a 3-pointer 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 repeatedly 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.

A much-needed 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 107-100 lead.

Two Horford blocks and a Brown steal down the stretch helped 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

Local roundup

The Patriots stumbled in their second game of the season. But they got 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.

Karsyn Schwieterman led the way with 16 points for Jay County (2-1).

Avery Snow scored a season-high nine points, while Charlee Peters followed with eight. Claudia Dirksen and Alyvia Schwieterman both

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

The seventh graders pulled off a 30-25 triumph over Adams Central.

Boo Towell had a coming out party with 15 points, while Bella Barnett, Kahlig and Brenna Weitzel all had four. Emmi Clark added three to the total.

ESPN analysts make wild comments about CFP rankings

By JOHNNY MCGONIGAL
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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 25 in a press release. That would save everyone some time.

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

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 Nitany 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 Nitany Lions beat Washington by 29 points. Indiana beat 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 no point was UCLA a threat to pull the upset on Oct. 5. Penn State had a 27-3 lead until UCLA scored a

Johnny McGonigal



garbage-time touchdown against backups with 16 seconds left in regulation.

Not to be outdone, Galloway 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 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 co-worker, was in disbelief when Galloway suggested it.

But hey, if nothing else, the ESPN rankings show gives people something to talk about.

Nadal's career comes to an end

By ELEANOR CROOKS
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

ready to cheer on their national hero one more time.

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 me."

It was only Nadal's second ever 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 magic.

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 Loraine — 5 p.m.
Friday
Jay County — Girls basketball (varsity only) vs. Belmont — 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
1 a.m. — Formula 1: Las Vegas Grand Prix (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — College football: Temple at UTSA (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Golden State Warriors at New Orleans Pelicans (ESPN)
8 p.m. — College basketball: Nebraska at Creighton (FS1); Utah State at Iowa (BTN)

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 8 a.m., with the race starting at the Limerlost Cabin in downtown Geneva at 10 a.m.
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, visit adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

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Sports

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.



Fast facts

•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 Gann.

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

Saige Leuthold

5.3 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 1.9 spg, 1.0 bpg

Sophia Guggenbiller

1.8 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 0.4 spg, 0.1 apg

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 defensively. 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."

2024-25 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Friday, Nov. 22	Crestview	6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 23	Arcanum	6 p.m.
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.
Saturday, Jan. 18	Bradford (2q JV)	10 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 21	South Adams	6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 23	Coldwater	6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25	Franklin Monroe (V only)	11 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 30	New Knoxville	6 p.m.
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