

Tensions flare about education measure

Emotional Senate debate focused on SEL

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Tensions flared Tuesday in the Indiana Senate as conversations around an education deregulation bill devolved into a debate over social-emotional learning, or SEL. In focus was House Bill 1002, a Republican-backed measure that despite its length — 165 pages in the latest draft — would strike multiple sections of current state education code, trimming about 35,000 words in all. Examples include the removal of dozens of “may” provisions, eliminating specific COVID-19 pandemic requirements and striking duplicate code. Republican bill author Rep. Bob Behning estimated that the cuts would reduce state education regulations by nearly 10%.

There was bipartisan concern, however, about the bill’s deletion of existing requirements for teachers to complete training in SEL trauma-informed care and cultural competency. The bill would remove “social, emotional, and behavioral functioning” evaluations from school psychologists’ list of responsibilities. School improvement plans also would no longer be required to incorporate “culturally appropriate strategies for increasing education opportunities” for certain student populations at the school, including different racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups. See Tensions page 2

Paving planned



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

This section of North Street between Middle Street and Western Avenue, adjacent to Haynes Park, is slated for paving through an upcoming project partially funded through a Community Crossings grant from Indiana Department of Transportation. North Street will be paved between Middle and Glen streets. Work on sections of 15 streets is expected to begin Monday. Residents are asked not to park on the streets slated for paving between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Work is scheduled to begin next week

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review  
Street paving will begin next week.

The City of Portland announced in a press release Wednesday that paving for sections of 15 streets will start Monday and continue through May 2, weather permitting. The paving is partially funded through a pair of Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings grants. Portland was awarded a \$741,502.50 Community Crossings Grant in November for the bulk of the streets involved in

the upcoming paving. It received an additional \$76,575 for Charles Street in March. (Charles Street was part of the original application, but was removed to correct an error in documentation.) The complete list of streets set for paving beginning next week is as follows: •First Street — Between Wayne and Munson streets •Franklin Street — From Lafayette Street north to its dead end at Portland Fire Department •Garfield Street — Between First and Water streets

•Hayes Street — From Water Street south to the alley •Jaqua Avenue — From Union Street north to its dead end •Maple Street — Between Silvers Lane and Charles Street •Munson Street — Between First and Water streets •North Street — Between Middle and Glen streets •Seventh Street — From Meridian Street to the western city limits •Shank Street — Between Fifth and Seventh streets •Ship Street — Between Walnut and Votaw streets

•Silvers Lane — Between Maple Street and Olsen Lane •Tyson Road — From Charles Street to the western city limits •Wayside Place — Between Charles and North streets •Western Avenue — Between Seventh and Water streets •Williams Street — Between Water and Walnut streets Residents are asked not to park in those areas between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. during the project in order to all Brooks Construction to complete the work. See Paving page 2



Tribune News Service/The Dallas Morning News/Tom Fox

Shooting aftermath

Parents of Wilmer-Hutchins High School students pickup their children Tuesday from the school stadium following a shooting inside the facility. A 17-year-old suspect was booked late Tuesday night into the Dallas County jail. He is facing a charge of aggravated assault mass shooting, according to online jail records.

China open to talks

Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service  
China wants to see a number of steps from President Donald Trump’s administration before it will agree to trade talks, including showing more respect by reining in disparaging remarks by members of his Cabinet, according to a person familiar with the Chinese government’s thinking. Other conditions include a more consistent U.S. position and a willingness to address China’s concerns around American sanctions and Taiwan, said the person, who asked not to be identified to discuss internal thinking. Beijing also wants the U.S. to appoint a point person for talks who has the president’s support and can help prepare a deal that Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping can sign

Conditions include reining in disparaging remarks

when they meet, the person said. The fate of the global economy and financial markets hinges in large part on whether the U.S. and China can find a way to avoid a protracted trade war. Trump has hit China with tariffs of 145% on most goods since taking office, prompting Beijing to retaliate and threatening to wipe out most trade between the world’s biggest economies. The offshore yuan gained 0.2% against the dollar in the wake of the report. The Australian dollar, a China-proxy currency, also advanced 0.5%. S&P 500 Index futures pared losses from as much as 1.6% earlier in the session. The rapid onslaught of U.S. tariffs has engendered broad public support in China for retaliation, giving Xi a political incentive to rebuff Trump’s repeated demands for a phone call. The U.S. leader on Tuesday again called on China to reach out to him in order to kick off negotiations to resolve the trade fight. See Talks page 2

Deaths

Esther Miller, 84, Geneva  
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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 53 degrees Tuesday. The low was 44. There is a 40% chance of rain tonight with a low in the lower 50s and winds gusting to 30 mph. Expect a high in the upper 70s with continued windy conditions. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Portland Easter Walk is scheduled for 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Hudson Family Park. Attendees can walk around the trail at the park and collect candy along the way. Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St., Portland, will host an Easter Egg Hunt from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of this week’s Portland Board of Aviation meeting.  
Saturday — Results from the JCHS softball team’s game against Norwell.





# Obituaries

**Rebecca James**  
*July 23, 1945-April 13, 2025*  
Rebecca James, age 79, passed peacefully away on April 13, 2025, at The Waters of Dunkirk, Indiana.

Born July 23, 1945, in Indianapolis to Richard T. James and Alice Beard James (later Young), Rebecca graduated from Carmel High School in 1963 and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in elementary education from William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri, followed by a master's degree at the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York. A proud member of Alpha Pi Sorority, she retained many lifelong friends from high school and college.

Rebecca was a dedicated third grade teacher at Holy Spirit School in East Greenbush, New York, where her warmth and

humor touched the lives of hundreds of students. She modeled the value of learning in the classroom and throughout her life, becoming a skilled photographer, genealogist and fiddle player as the years went by. Her curiosity, enthusiasm and keen eye for details were characteristic in all she did.

Rebecca is survived by sons, Peter J. Baldes (Gina Sonderegger) of Richmond, Virginia, and Richard J. Baldes (Elizabeth) of Albany, New York; beloved grandchildren Anna, Charlotte and Polly; and brother, Richard (Sandra) James of Florida.

Predeceased by her parents and stepfather Dwight Young, Rebecca also leaves many beloved relatives in the Young family.

A celebration of life will be held this summer.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Arts Place in Portland or simply take a photo, play a favorite song or spend a moment outdoors in her memory.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home of Portland is handling the arrangements.

**Connie Chowning**  
*May 14, 1947-April 15, 2025*  
Connie Chowning, age 77, a resident of Portland, passed away on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at IU Health Jay Hospital in Portland.

Connie was born May 14, 1947, in Portland, Indiana, the daughter of Thomas and Marjorie (Sanders) Green. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Portland, Portland Moose Lodge Auxiliary and Portland American Legion Auxiliary.

She married Jack Chowning on July 4, 1965.

Survivors include:  
Her husband of 59 years — Jack Chowning, Portland, Indiana  
Her children —

Bill Chowning (wife: Christie), Portland, Indiana, Brad Chowning (wife: Tonya), Portland, Indiana, and Chad Chowning (wife: Brandy), Portland, Indiana

Sister — Linda Hudson (husband: Rick), Montpelier, Indiana

Grandchildren — KaLa Grady, Lacy Chowning, Lita Chowning, Dakota Chowning, Danica Chowning and Dustin Bricker

Nine great-grandchildren  
She was preceded in death by



Chowning

her parents, Thomas and Marjorie Green; and a brother Tom Green.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 4 to 5 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 5 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Portland American Legion Post #211.

Condolences may be expressed at [williamsonspencer.com](http://williamsonspencer.com).

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## CR almanac

Friday 4/18	Saturday 4/19	Sunday 4/20	Monday 4/21	Tuesday 4/22
<b>79/61</b> Mostly sunny skies on Friday when winds will reach up to 35 mph.	<b>63/47</b> Saturday's forecast shows a 90% chance of thunderstorms, with more rain at night.	<b>60/49</b> There's a 50% chance of storms Sunday when the high will be around 60 degrees.	<b>67/45</b> Monday looks to be mostly sunny with a 50% chance of showers.	<b>62/47</b> Mostly sunny on Tuesday when the high will be in the low 60s.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$113 million	Daily Three: 7-1-8 Daily Four: 4-6-7-7 Quick Draw: 3-4-5-8-13-17-20-22-34-36-44-46-50-51-55-57-58-61-62-68
<b>Mega Millions</b> 6-10-13-24-63 Mega Ball: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$112 million	<b>Ohio</b> Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 7-5-0 Pick 4: 9-8-3-0 Pick 5: 8-2-6-6-3 Evening Pick 3: 7-6-5 Pick 4: 3-3-2-9 Pick 5: 6-0-7-3-7 Rolling Cash: 8-24-33-37-39 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 4-8-1 Daily Four: 2-6-2-0 Quick Draw: 1-16-20-22-26-27-28-29-38-40-44-45-46-51-56-57-69-74-76-80 Evening	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.91 May corn.....4.94 June corn .....5.00	May beans .....10.39 Wheat ..... 4.97
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.99 May corn .....5.06 June corn .....5.09	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.90 May corn.....4.92 Beans .....10.38 May beans .....10.41 Wheat .....5.02
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.95 May corn .....4.95 Beans .....10.39	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.81 May corn.....4.86 Beans .....10.26 May beans .....10.26 Wheat .....4.84

## Today in history

In 1492, Christopher Columbus penned his name on a contract with Spain to find the “Indies” and convert people to Catholicism.

In 1965, gay rights activist Frank Kameny led the first picket for gay rights at the White House in Washington, D.C., with the Mattachine Society of Washington, an early national gay rights organization. Kameny had been fired from the Army Map Service about nine years

prior because of his sexual orientation. After the Supreme Court declined to hear his petition of a discrimination claim related to his termination — Kameny co-founded the Washington chapter of the Mattachine Society.

In 2011, “Game of Thrones” premiered on HBO. Based on the novels by George R.R. Martin, the show continued for eight seasons over the next eight years.

— The CR

## Citizen’s calendar

<b>Today</b> 6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	1616 N. Meridian St., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
<b>Monday</b> 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station,	<b>Tuesday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board special meeting, Portland Memorial Park (Runkle-Miller Field), Western Avenue. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 Mooney St.

## Capsule Reports

### Arson suspected

Police are investigating a suspected arson that severely damaged a Portland home about 11 p.m. Tuesday.

Portland Fire Department responded to a call to 134 E. Water St. for a fire that started in the living room and spread throughout the house.

Three firetrucks and 18

firefighters responded to fight the flames, putting out the fire at 2:15 a.m. Wednesday. Portland Police Department and Jay County Sheriff’s Office also arrived to the scene, and the fire department requested assistance from Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

Police located the sus-

pect a few miles away from the scene at 1:22 a.m., according to a Facebook post from Portland Fire Department, and he allegedly confessed to the crime. As of Wednesday morning, no arrest had been made.

One firefighter sustained minor injuries during the incident, the post says, and he was

treated and released back into service on scene.

According to data from Beacon, the county’s Geographic Information System website, the property is owned by Christy L. Hummer.

Damage is estimated between \$80,000 and \$100,000, according to the fire department. The case is under investigation.

## Paving ...

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Additional work in Portland is planned for later this year.

Jay County Commissioners on Monday awarded a \$1.025 million contract with Brumbaugh Construction of Arcanum, Ohio, for rehabilitating and upgrading the Seventh Street bridge over the Salamonie River. The county was

awarded a \$1.03 million Community Crossings grant in March for the project. It includes adding a sidewalk on the north side of the bridge.

Other communities will have paving work related to Community Crossings grants this year as well.

In November, Redkey was awarded \$166,134.75 for paving sections of

George, Elm, Sherman, Butler, Cleveland, Wayne and Ash streets.

In March, Dunkirk received a \$143,126.25 grant for paving Pleasant Street on the west side of the city, Fourth Street, D Street and Lincoln Avenue between Main and Angle streets.

All of the Community Crossings grants require a 25% local match.

## Tensions ...

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SEL, in particular, has been targeted by Republican lawmakers in recent legislative sessions and criticized by conservative groups that say such practices are akin to liberal ideology and should not be permitted in schools.

GOP supporters said the newest proposed rollbacks are in response to federal guidance. A recent U.S. Department of Education letter, for example, said considerations based on race in educational settings is “unlawful.”

“Teachers should be focusing on academic rigor, math, science, reading, writing and technical skills, instead of emotional regulation, empathy,” said Sen. Gary Byrne, R-Byrneville. “Teachers are not therapists, nor should they be treated as such. Trained, licensed mental health professionals are better equipped to handle the social emotional aspects of student life.”

But his colleague, Republican Sen. Ron Altling, of Lafayette, disagreed. He emphasized that “the best counseling

I’ve had in my whole life was from my teachers and my coaches.”

“If it wasn’t for my coaches and my teachers in my life to keep me straight, to keep me going, I’m not sure where I’d be today. I sure wouldn’t be here, I can tell you that,” he said.

“Those of you saying teachers aren’t qualified ... these kids need help ... these kids need someone to love them,” Altling continued, becoming more passionate. “I will leave the room if I hear another senator in this place say that a teacher or coach is not qualified to talk to our kids, or that these kids don’t need to be talked to because they do.”

Across the aisle, Sen. Rodney Pol, D-Chester-ton, pointed to oppositional testimony provided by teachers.

“They thought that removing this requirement was going to be a bad thing for their classrooms,” he said. “I hear, by and large, from a lot of parents and teachers is that behaviors are the problem in the classroom, and that we need help. ... Proponents of

the bill say this is something that the parents should be taking care of at home ... and that teachers aren’t therapists or social workers.”

“Ask a teacher, if they have a kid in their classroom that is having meltdown after meltdown after meltdown, disrupting the classroom, consistently jeopardizing the education of everybody else in the classroom ... I can guarantee you that teacher is going to say, ‘Yes, SEL is probably going to be something that is going to provide some assistance to those students in those classrooms,’” Pol noted.

Democratic Sen. J.D. Ford, of Indianapolis, doubled down that SEL “applies skills to manage emotions, build relationships and make responsible decisions.”

“I have seen this first hand with some of the students that I have been in with schools. Instead of a student striking another student, the educators were able to talk with the students and explain that we need to use our words, as opposed to striking another student. That’s

social emotional learning,” Ford maintained. “That is a life skill that a student is going to need for the rest of their life.”

More than an hour of debate left bill sponsor Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Richmond, on the defensive.

“I agree ... we need counselors in the classrooms and social workers to help with the social-emotional needs of the children. There’s no two ways about it. What I disagree with is that we mandate, from this building, that there’s a certain percentage of your time that you have to counsel,” Raatz said in his final remarks. “The sheer thought that we’re pulling things out that’s going to hurt kids — I take offense. ... We’re talking about kids’ lives and interaction between individuals. And the more the state gets involved, the more troubles we have.”

The bill advanced from the Senate chamber in a 31-18 vote.

Democrats — along with eight Republicans — opposed the legislation, which now returns to the House for final deliberations.

## Felony arrests

### Probation violation

An Eaton man was arrested Sunday for violating his probation.

Landon R. Light, 25, 1065 W. 1000 North, pleaded guilty in Jay Superi-

or Court to a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a prior conviction. He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail.

A petition alleging he violated the conditions of his probation was filed in court April 4.

Light was released on a \$300 bond from Jay County Jail.

## Talks ...

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It’s unclear what will produce a breakthrough to get talks moving. While both sides have indicated they’re open to negotiations, Trump appears determined to get Xi on the phone straight away while China wants any conversation between the leaders to produce a clear outcome.

Even then if they agree on process, fundamental questions persist on what any agreement would look like. Trump’s demands

remain unclear, and tariff levels on China would need to remain high to achieve his goal of balancing trade and attracting manufacturers to the U.S.

‘Difficult’ road ahead

While both China and the U.S. probably want to see tariff rates lowered due to domestic pressure, negotiations are “unlikely to lead to a meaningful deescalation,” said Michelle Lam, Greater China economist at Societe Generale SA.

“There is a bit more clar-

ity on what China is looking from: respect, consistency and a point person,” she said. “So now the ball is in U.S. court on whether they can meet these demands. But that is still difficult — especially if the aim is to contain China’s rise.”

According to the person familiar with Beijing’s thinking, the most important precondition for any talks is that Chinese officials need to know such engagement will be conducted with respect.

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# Try using medication safety tips

By DIANE ROESSNER

Taking medication can be risky, especially if you are elderly, live alone or take multiple prescription drugs, which is quite common for those who have chronic illnesses.

Here are some safety tips for taking medication to help avoid serious medication errors:

•Never take medication prescribed for someone else

Taking someone else's medicine can be extremely dangerous, even deadly. You should never take medication prescribed for someone else and you should never give your medication to someone else. Your medication is prescribed specifically for you. The type and dose is based on your personal health needs including your body type, height, weight and drug allergies.

•Dispose expired or discontinued medications

It is best to dispose of all medications that have expired or been discontinued. Expired medications can lose their effectiveness or potency. And keeping discontinued medication in your home can make it too easy for mix-ups to occur. Be sure to dispose of unused and discontinued medications properly. IU Health Jay and IU Health Black-

## Your Health Matters



ford have Drug Take Back boxes where you can safely dispose medications.

•Never combine multiple drugs in the same bottle

Although you think you may remember which pill is which, anyone can make a mistake that could lead to a dangerous medication interaction.

•Never take medication that is not clearly marked

Taking medication from unmarked bottles can cause you to take the wrong pill in error. If you are ever unsure what a medication is, be sure to see your pharmacist to help identify. Pharmacist can help verify medications based on pill color and markings.

•Make sure to consult with a healthcare provider or pharmacist if you have questions

If you don't know why you are taking a certain medication, you need to ask questions. Your

healthcare provider or pharmacist will be happy to assist you in understanding your medications. They can also review possible side effects so there are no surprises.

•Do not expect immediate results

While some medications produce an immediate effect, most of them take some time to work. Remember too, that any side effects you may experience usually go away after a week or two. Talk with your healthcare provider or pharmacist about any unpleasant side effects before you discontinue taking a medication.

•Do not stop taking your medication just because you feel better again

Although you may start to feel better, do not stop taking your medication unless advised by your provider. It is important to take the medication as prescribed to prevent the infection from returning.

•Keep medications away from children

Medication should always be kept out of the reach of children, regardless of the bottles. Children are smart and can sometimes find ways to open

bottles even if the caps are child-proof. Medication should be kept in a locked cabinet that is too high for children to reach. It is also important to keep away from pets.

•Make sure to read medication labels carefully for every dose

Always read the label, no matter how many times you open the bottle, check the medications label to prevent a medication error.

•Use a seven-day prescription organizer

A seven-day medication organizer may help you keep track of your medications and when you need to take them. There are also smartphone apps which can help with reminders. Keeping a list of medications or a pocket card in your wallet which includes your dosage and how often you take each medication is also helpful. And, including your medical history and any allergies you have will help during an emergency.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't be afraid to ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist, your safety and medications are very important.

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Roessner is a registered pharmacist at IU Health Jay.

# Easter services slated for this weekend

Easter weekend is nearly here. One local church recently announced its services for the holiday.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Portland will host its Good Friday services at 7 p.m. Friday and Easter services at 10:30 a.m. Sunday with pastor Robin Owen presiding.

## Taking Note

### Police participating

Police in Indiana are participating in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's campaign to curb speeding and distracted driving.

Additional patrols to look for offenders will be in place from April 5 through 19.

"Distracted driving isn't just risky, it's deadly," said Indiana Criminal Justice Institute traffic safety director James Bryan in a press release. "Taking your eyes off the road for even just a few seconds can change a life forever."

# Harsh words over text intensify family spat

DEAR ABBY: My daughter-in-law is very opinionated. At times, we get along. But, in the past, she has upset me by accusing me of not doing the right thing. She and my son have two young children together and full custody of his son from another mother.

I complimented my grandson on looking after his little sister at her birthday party and was told that this wasn't the case, as she was being bullied by the other girls while he stood by and watched. My grandson has been through a lot, and I got upset and said to my son, "Perhaps you need to consider the partners you choose!" Bear in mind, this was all done via text.

I have given help with my

## Dear Abby



grandchildren whenever it was requested. My daughter-in-law is now accusing me of preferring my grandson over her children, which is not the case. We now have a fractured relationship and can't seem to resolve it. Please, can you help? — FRACTURED IN AUSTRALIA

DEAR FRACTURED: Your grandchildren all share the same father, regardless of who their mothers are. Your

grandson could have handled the bullying problem better than he did, but he may not have known how to step in. (Or may not have felt he was strong enough to intervene.)

If you weren't fully aware of what was going on, you couldn't have known the compliment you gave the boy was unwarranted. HOWEVER, for you to have told your son what you did about his wife was insulting and unkind. Begin apologizing profusely to her AND your son for losing your temper and saying something so hurtful. If you do, it may begin to heal the breach.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been mar-

ried for 33 years. My husband is great and treats me well. We've had no problems. I recently got in contact with my first boyfriend from 40 years ago. We have been texting on a daily basis. We also talk on the phone and so on and so forth. All the feelings I had for him have resurfaced, which is not a good thing, since I'm married.

I have shed many tears over him (he is also married) and can't stop thinking about him. Do I stay with the husband I have been with for 33 years or take a chance with the old boyfriend? He says he still loves me and has never forgotten about me. Would he divorce his wife to be with me? Probably. I'm torn between two lovers and

feeling like a fool. Advice? — FACING A CHOICE IN THE EAST

DEAR FACING: Who reached out to whom first? If it was you, why did you open Pandora's box looking for this man? And why have you continued these texts and phone calls "and so on and so forth"? I urge you to explore this before blowing up a marriage of 33 years with a husband who is great and treats you well. Would your first love marry you? Who knows? Would your husband ever forgive you? Maybe not. Please run this by a licensed therapist who can help you straighten out the strudel in your noodle.

# 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.

EN AVANT CLUB —

Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SUICIDE GRIEF — Meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. The support group serves to help individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. To register, contact Stephanie Patterson at (260) 251-3259.

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.

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

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet 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.

## 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.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL MUSEUM — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Friday and Saturday of each month at Webster Depot, 132 W. Railroad St.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon Friday, April 18, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

## 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.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

## Wednesday's Solution

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

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

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# Congress should pass ‘Alternatives’

By SEAN COLETTI  
The Idaho Statesman  
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Ammon, a small town near Idaho Falls where I serve as mayor, is a community where families and businesses thrive. We're friendly people who value hard work but appreciate a small-town lifestyle. But like so many places across the country, Ammon is not immune to the devastating impact of the opioid crisis.

This crisis doesn't discriminate. It affects working parents, young people and seniors — many of whom end up dependent following a prescription for opioids to manage pain after surgery. As mayor, I see how this cri-

sis impacts our public resources. Our community hospital systems are heavy-hit, and our law enforcement officers are likewise strained.

In 2023, 264 Idahoans died from opioid-related overdoses. Each death represents a family shattered and a life cut short. More alarmingly, half of these deaths involved fentanyl, a



Sean Coletti

reality that keeps many of our first responders up at night. But what concerns me most is how many of these tragedies began in the most innocent way possible — with a senior trying to manage severe pain.

Despite providers' best efforts, the reality is that too many seniors see opioids as their only way to manage post-surgical pain because they are cheap and easy to access, even though there are alternatives on the market. To break the cycle of addiction and lower overdose deaths, we need to make sure seniors can access all FDA-approved pain treatments available. That's why I'm asking Idaho's Congressional delega-

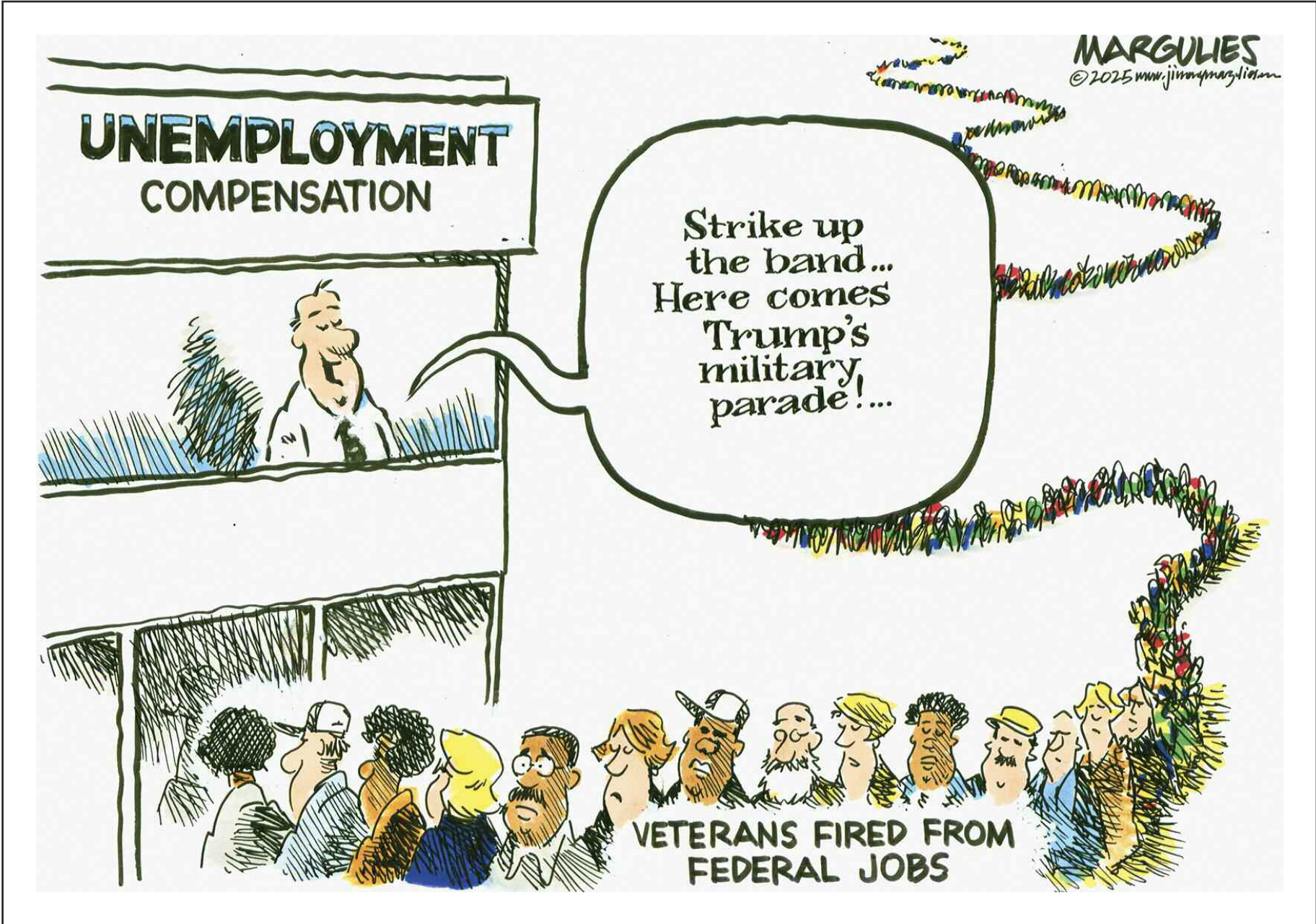
tion to support the Alternatives to Prevent Addiction in the Nation (PAIN) Act this Congress.

Cost is one of the biggest obstacles to accessing opioid alternatives. A system that makes opioids the cheapest available option is not a system that is working. The Alternatives to PAIN Act would fix this and make sure that seniors never have to spend more out-of-pocket for a non-opioid than they would for generic opioids. There is no reason for effective alternatives to be financially out of reach.

The current system also forces seniors and their providers to navigate a maze of bureaucratic

requirements if they want to access alternatives for pain management. They must meet prior authorization requirements and sometimes even attempt opioids first, a practice known as step therapy. Why should a senior in pain wait for days or even risk addiction before getting access to safe alternatives? The Alternatives to PAIN Act eliminates these requirements.

We're going up against a system that stacks the deck against seniors who need safe and effective pain relief. The Alternatives to PAIN Act will fix that system, protect seniors, and help ease the burden on our law enforcement and healthcare systems.



# Congress should reclaim tariff power

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

The GOP is vacillating between contradictory claims that President Trump's tariffs are either negotiating tactics designed to end tariffs everywhere or a long-term strategy to onshore U.S. manufacturing. We have no evidence that either approach has worked anytime, anywhere in the past 250 years. Assuming this time isn't different, we should measure the costs of Trump's tariffs.

Indiana imports over \$100 billion in manufactured goods, most of it used to produce other manufactured goods. Two months ago, the average effective tariff rate was about 2.5%. Early last week, that rate across the 50-plus countries our manufacturers purchase from rose to 20.3% (my calculations). Then, mid-week, it dropped to about 18%.

This whipsawing of tariff rates has unnerved financial markets, which on Wednesday, were toying with a liquidity crisis. That should be unsurprising.

Trump's 90-day pause on many tariffs, announced Wednesday, merely delayed a tax on Hoosier factories that would be equivalent to a 40% hike in labor costs or a 15.5% value-added tax on our manufacturing production. It is just about as large as all the state taxes we collect in a year.

We've seen some of this

Michael J. Hicks



before. Trump's first round of tariffs in 2018, which were a fraction of those we have now even after his pause, caused Indiana manufacturing employment growth to stall within nine months. By the start of 2019, we were in a factory recession and lost 10,000 jobs by the start of COVID-19. Indiana today is 20,000 factory jobs short of when Trump first imposed tariffs.

Even the lower rates are enough to push Indiana into a recession.

Overall costs of these tariffs on American household income range close to \$2,500 this year. That is how much more goods and services will cost due to tariffs working through the economy. It is pretty easy to see how these tariffs will affect manufactured goods, but the effect will also slip into services.

For example, automobile production costs will rise by 8% to 15%, so auto insurance firms will have to raise prices. Expect your car insurance to bump up by double digits by fall. It will be more expensive to build or

repair a home, so your homeowners plan will rise, probably more like 5% to 7%.

Don't mistake these price increases for inflation. As everyone knows inflation is bad, but inflation affects both prices and wages. Tariffs will only work on prices. This will be far more unpleasant.

The stock market is down, as well. As I write, this is a wealth reduction of about \$10 trillion. The stock market response is a rational determination of the long-term declining value of American companies. It is also a response to the stunning uncertainty that Trump's immature decision-making process is imposing on the world economy.

Households observing declining wealth cut back on spending. The consumption losses are modest — maybe 5% of the total lost wealth. But that is \$800 billion, a spending cut of more than 2.8% of gross domestic product.

That, folks, is sharp recession. But, the specter of history is much worse.

The best modern example of this the now infamous Smoot-Hawley Tariffs, passed by a Republican Congress in 1930. These tariffs deepened and lengthened the Great Depression — by how much is a matter of academic analysis, but whether it did so is a sure thing.

The electoral effect of Smoot-Hawley was swift and clear. In

1932, the Democrats ran on an anti-tariff platform, picking up 97 House and 12 Senate seats.

Of course, the damage was done. The trade war pummeled economies around the world, fueling the rise of fascism and communism — and brought us a world war. The Smoot-Hawley tariffs weren't wholly to blame, but American voters saw fit to give the GOP congressional majorities for only four of the next 50 years.

A major post-war goal of American foreign policy was free trade. We did so not out of kindness, but out of clear-eyed understanding that trade builds alliances and military partnerships.

The post-World War II world order served America and Americans well. Our economy has consistently outperformed the remainder of the world in every decade of the post-war era. We have run a trade deficit almost constantly since the 1940s with no ill effects.

Manufacturing employment worldwide has been shrinking for decades — it peaked in China 20 years ago. The argument that America has shipped millions of jobs overseas in a highly globalized market is easy to understand, appealing to folks living in Rust Belt cities, and offers a low-cost remedy. But it is wrong.

American factory employment peaked in 1979, but factory

production has been near a record for each of the Biden years. We would've hit a new record in 2025 if Trump was not so woefully uninformed.

We are great at making things — so good, indeed, we do so with far fewer workers. Calling this deindustrialization is abuse of the language. For every factory job we lost, we created more than 10 non-factory jobs, which, on average, pay better, have more stable employment and less health risk than manufacturing. Still, many places and people have failed to adapt to these changes.

The Midwest is full of places that did not adapt. I know it is tempting to blame free trade for their problems, and plenty of demagogues exploit that fiction. There are even plenty of good people who believe them. But, they are wrong.

The challenge before us is to end this tariff nonsense once and for all. This Congress should take back the president's ability to impose tariffs. If they don't, then the next one, with veto-proof majority, almost surely will.

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Joe Boggs  
(260) 726-8464  
Services: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.  
asburyministries.org

**Bellefountain United Methodist**  
440 S. 600 East  
Pamela Freeman  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Bluff Point Friends**  
80 E. 650 South  
Services: 10 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**Boundary St. Paul**  
Corner of Treaty Line  
Road and county road 300 East  
Ava Gannon  
(260) 726-2373  
Services: 9:30 a.m.

**Bryant Wesleyan**  
209 S. Hendricks St.  
Paul VanCise  
(260) 997-6231  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.  
bryantwesleyanchurch.com

**Calvary United Methodist**  
301 N. Main St., Dunkirk  
Susan Durovey-Antrim  
(765) 499-0368  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
susan.duroveyantrim@inumc.org

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(419) 733-1469  
christchapelfr.com

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8472 S. 800 East, Union City  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**Church of God of Prophecy**  
797 N. Creagor Ave., Portland  
Nanette Weesner  
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Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
nanybell@yahoo.com

**Church of the Brethren**  
Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland  
Kevin McClung  
(260) 729-7295  
Services: 10 a.m.

**Church of the Living God**  
South Broad Street, Dunkirk  
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**Collett Nazarene**  
450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27  
Billy Stanton  
(260) 251-2403  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

**Cornerstone Baptist**  
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Wayne Ward  
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Services: 10 a.m.

**Cornerstone Church of Pennville**  
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David Davidson  
(260) 202-9718  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Dunkirk Nazarene**  
226 E. Center St., Dunkirk  
Tom Fett  
(765) 768-6199  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

**Evangelical Methodist**  
930 W. Main St., Portland  
Steve Arnold  
(260) 251-0970  
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

**Fairview United Methodist/Jay County**  
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Pamela Freeman  
Lay leader: Beth Stephen  
(260) 726-9184  
Services: 10:15 a.m.

**Faith Community**  
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk  
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

**Fellowship Baptist**  
289 S. 200 West  
Hugh Kelly  
(260) 726-8873  
Services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.  
Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

**First Church of Christ**  
1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery  
David J. Nicholson  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.  
fccftrrecovery.org

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341 S. Meridian St., Redkey  
Everett Bilbrey Jr.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.  
Services: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; 7 p.m. Wednesday

**First Free Will Baptist**  
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

**First Presbyterian**  
402 N. Ship St., Portland  
Rev. M. Rex Espiritu  
(260) 726-8462  
Services: 9:30 a.m.  
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

**Geneva First United Methodist**  
100 W. Line St., Geneva  
Barry McCune  
(260) 368-7655  
Services: 9:30 a.m.

**Geneva Nazarene**  
225 Decatur St., Geneva  
(260) 525-8609  
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.  
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

**Gilead Church**  
County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren**  
Indiana 1 and Indiana 26  
Earl Doll  
(260) 731-4477  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**High Street United Methodist**  
435 High St., Geneva  
Rev. Joseph Hampton  
(260) 368-7233  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Holy Trinity Catholic**  
7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant  
Fr. Peter Logsdon  
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  
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**Immaculate Conception Catholic**  
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**Mount Tabor Community Church**  
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**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  
portlandcoc.com

**Portland First Church of Nazarene**  
920 S. Shank St., Portland  
Steve Cecil  
(260) 726-8040  
Services: 10:45 a.m.

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Herb Hummel  
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Services: 10 a.m.  
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RedkeyFaith.org

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**Redkey United Methodist**  
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Lori McIntosh  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Redkey Church of the Nazarene**  
801 W. High St.  
Fred Stevens  
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redkeynaz.org  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

**River of Life**  
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matt@therockjkc.org

**Salamonia Church of Christ**  
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Services: 9 a.m.

**Second Chance at Life Ministries**  
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Mike Eads (260) 703-0733  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

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346 S. Broad St., Dunkirk  
Rev. Kevin Hurley  
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

**St. Paul Catholic**  
517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery  
Rev. Alexander Witt  
Services: 11 a.m. Sunday

**St. Peter Catholic**  
1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery  
Rev. Alexander Witt  
Services: 9 a.m. Sunday

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
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Bible study: 6 p.m. Wednesday

**Sugar Grove Church**  
County roads 600 South and 1150 West, Dunkirk  
Scott McClain  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Temple Baptist**  
17920 Indiana 167, Dunkirk  
John Elam  
(765) 768-7708  
Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Services: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday  
7pillarsdirector@gmail.com  
templebaptistin.com

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churchatwestchester.org

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Robin Owen  
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pastorrobino@gmail.com

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Dan Vore  
(260) 726-8391  
Sunday school: 9 a.m.  
Services: 10:15 a.m.  
portlandtrinity.com

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6200 N. 375 West, Bryant  
Interim Pastor Chris Kruchkow  
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Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

**Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene**  
County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)  
Fred Stevens  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

**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.

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204 W. Walnut St., Portland  
Gil Alicea  
(260) 726-4691  
Services: 10 a.m.  
westwalnutchurchof-christ.org

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1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — two of hearts.

Some of the great defensive plays you hear or read about might cause you to think that the defenders had seen all four hands. It is true that in practice we'd all defend better if we saw everyone's cards, but in most cases, it shouldn't matter whether you see the missing cards or not.

Here is a typical example from a match played many years ago on Bridge-O-Rama before a large audience. Faced with a difficult opening lead, West selected a heart even though South had bid the suit.

Declarer took East's king with the ace and led a low diamond toward dummy at trick two. At this point, even before West had played to the trick, the Bridge-O-Rama commentator — who, together with the audience, could see all four hands on the giant screen — said: "If West takes the king and returns the jack of clubs, South will go down one."

These words were scarcely uttered before West went up with the king of diamonds and returned the jack of clubs! Declarer then quickly lost four club tricks in succession and so went down one.

Actually, West's jack-of-clubs lead was not as astonishing as it might seem. Far from being a shot in the dark, the club shift was well reasoned.

East's king-of-hearts play at trick one had made it clear that South started with the A-Q, and possibly the A-Q-J, of hearts. It was also obvious from declarer's diamond lead at trick two that he had the ace. And it was probable from the bidding and South's failure to attack spades at the outset that he had the ace of spades. It followed that South could not also have the ace of clubs, or he would have bid more strongly. Therefore, the attack on declarer's apparent weak spot, clubs, offered West the only real chance to beat the contract.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT YOU CALL NOODLES IF THEY WERE PRODUCED FROM THINGS OTHER THAN WHEAT? IM-PASTAS.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS		DOWN	
1 Not barefoot	33 Wrinkly fruit	1 Relaxing refuges	23 "Awe-some!"
5 Actor Holbrook	34 Leg, in slang	2 Port lead-in	24 — apart
8 Boot camp	35 Actress Arthur	3 Valhalla VIP	25 Shadow Droops
12 Mani counter-part	36 Small hill	4 Chart	27 Wax-coated cheese
13 Judge Lance	37 Unctuous flattery	5 Dharma follower	28 Courtier of ancient Syracuse
14 Work hard	40 Glasses holder	6 Devoured	32 Nukes, perhaps
15 Others (Lat.)	41 "My turn"	7 Detested	33 Anonymous
16 Museum-funding org.	45 Has a bug	8 Fab Four drummer	35 "Butter" K-pop band
17 \$ dispensers	47 Do sums	9 Pep rally shout	36 Carrier to Amsterdam
18 Burned slightly	49 Sandwich cookie	10 Singer McGraw	38 Desert haven
20 Empty truck's weight	50 Two, in German	11 Mercedes-Benz extension	39 Quinn of "Elementary"
22 Early version of a manuscript	51 — Maria	12 Hospital	42 Rocker Clapton
26 Auto style	52 Hospital extension	13 Throw	43 TV's "Warrior Princess"
29 Speed (up)	53 Throw	14 Ages and ages	44 Forum wear
30 Goat's cry	54 Do wrong	15 Pt. of speech	45 HIV-treating drug
31 Leading man?	55 Final Four		46 — Jima
32 Wine selection			48 Cato's

Solution time: 24 mins.



Yesterday's answer 4-17

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“So, glad we got the win. There were some positives tonight, but also a lot of things we still have to work on.”

Entering the fifth inning in a scoreless ball game, New Castle (1-5) turned any momentum the Patriots had gained by shutting down a pair of opportunities with runners in scoring position.

Following a pair of consecutive strikeouts from Cormack Stilwell that left the bases stranded, Jayden Sticco led off the fifth inning with a double to deep center field. JCHS pitcher Joe Geesaman — he had a quality start, throwing 4.1 innings of scoreless baseball with only two hits — induced a groundout to second base before walking Aarin Murray to end his night on the mound.

Myers trotted in from right field to relieve Geesaman, and walked his first batter to load the bases. Stilwell worked a 2-1 count before sending a ground ball to Wyatt Foster at second base. Foster fielded the ball and flipped it to shortstop Carter Fugiett for the out at second, who then in turn fired it to first for an inning-ending double play to keep the game tied at 0-0.

“I really rely on my defense,” Myers said. “I’ve got all these guys out there behind me that can make plays. I just have to go out there and throw strikes so they can make plays.”



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JCHS senior A.J. Myers fires in a pitch during the fifth inning against New Castle Tuesday. Myers avoided letting any runs score in the frame, despite the bases being loaded and went on to earn the win in 2 ⅔ innings of work.

Jay County took advantage of the tides turning back in their favor as Aiden Phillips and Kade Sommers led off the bottom half with back-to-back walks. Leighton Brown also reached base on an error by Murray at shortstop to load the bases again, this time with no outs.

Foster got called out on a squeeze attempt for the first out, but JCHS got a run on the board as Fugiett's fly ball to center field was deep enough for Phillips to tag up and score.

Looking to extend the Patriots' lead, Grant Wendel came to the plate. As he battled with Gannon Harris, the weather started to

take a turn with rain coming down. Yet, Wendel had just enough visibility to poke a ball into right center field, scoring Brady Jetmore — he was running in place of Sommers — and giving Jay County a 2-0 advantage.

“I ended up getting two strikes on me so I’m like, ‘Alright, here we go,’” said

Wendel, who came into the game for Gavin Byrum after getting hit by a pitch in the mouth in the second inning. “So I’m protecting and the rain starts coming down and I can’t see. I’m wiping my eyes about every 10 seconds. I just really had to fight through and give everything I had to make sure to help my team.”

The Patriots added one more run in the sixth when Geesaman stole home while Rylee Sollars got in a rundown between first and second base.

Myers got into one final jam in the top of the seventh as an error and two walks loaded the bases. The Jay County senior got Brayden Hancock to fly out to Garrett Bennett in right field, pushing New Castle's first run across the plate while also pushing them to their final out. Two pitches later, Stilwell hit the ball on the ground to Wendel, who retired the side and gave the Patriots their second win.

The Trojans made multiple opportunities to make a run and take advantage of momentum, but every time Jay County had an answer to keep the game under its control.

“We’ve talked multiple times about staying off the scoreboard and just focusing on doing your job and giving a great effort,” Farr said. “When you do those things, good things tend to happen. This game

Box score

New Castle Trojans  
vs. Jay County Patriots

New Castle (1-6)

	ab	r	h	bi
Murray 3b	2	0	1	0
Hancock cf	1	0	0	1
Stillwell p	4	0	0	0
Mefford c	3	0	0	0
Harris ss	3	0	0	0
Bell 2b	2	0	0	0
Regan rf	2	0	0	0
Hastings 2b	1	0	0	0
Sticco lf	2	1	1	0
Pribble 1b	3	0	0	0
White pr	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	1	2	1

Jay County (2-4)

	ab	r	h	bi
Brown dh	2	0	0	0
Foster 2b	3	0	1	0
Fugiett ss	2	0	1	1
Byrum 3b	0	0	0	0
Wendel 3b	2	0	1	1
Myers rf	2	0	0	0
Geesaman p	3	1	1	0
Schemenaur c	3	0	1	0
Sollars cr	0	0	0	0
Phillips lf	1	1	0	0
Jetmore cf	1	1	0	0
Sommers ph	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	3	5	2

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LOB — New Castle 8. Jay County 6.  
2B — New Castle 1 (Sticco). Jay County 1 (Geesaman). SB — Jay County 1 (Geesaman).

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New Castle

Stillwell	4	2	1	0	3	5
Harris	1	2	2	1	1	0
Hancock	1	1	0	0	0	2

Jay County

Geesmn	4.1	2	0	0	3	5
Myers	2.2	0	1	0	3	2

can flip on you like it's nothing and be cruel. So, you've got to keep a level head to be in ball games like this late in the year so good on the guys.”

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Boys golf at Wapahani — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Yorktown — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Track tri meet at home — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Junior high softball vs. Elwood — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high track quad meet at Blackford — 5 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Baseball at New Bremen — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. New Bremen — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. New Bremen — 5 p.m.; Middle school track vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.

**Friday**  
Jay County — Softball vs. Norwell — 5 p.m.; Junior high baseball at Eastbrook — 5 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — JV baseball at New Knoxville — 5 p.m.

## TV sports

**Today**  
12:40 p.m. — MLB: Seattle Mariners at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)  
4:30 p.m. — Women's college gymnastics: NCAA Championship (ESPN2)

6:40 p.m. — MLB: Kansas City Royals at Detroit Tigers (FS1)  
7 p.m. — NHL: Washington Capitals at Pittsburgh Pirates (ESPN)  
7:10 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at New York Mets (FDSN Indiana)  
8 p.m. — Women's college lacrosse: Northwestern at Michigan (ESPN2)  
9 p.m. — Women's college gymnastics: NCAA Championship (ESPN2)  
9:30 p.m. — NHL: Calgary Flames at Los Angeles Kings (BTN)

10:30 p.m. — College volleyball: USC at UCLA (BTN)

**Friday**  
9:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Saudi Arabian Grand Prix (ESPN2)  
1 p.m. — Formula 1: Saudi Arabian Grand Prix (ESPN2)  
5 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Black's Tire 200 (FS1)  
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7 p.m. — NBA Playoffs Play-In: TBD at Atlanta Hawks (TNT)  
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9:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs Play-In: TBD at Memphis Grizzlies (ESPN)

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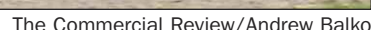
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