



Patriot prom

Morgan DeHoff and Luke Fugiett were crowned as the Jay County High School prom queen and king Saturday night during promenade. DeHoff was also the homecoming queen this fall.

The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Moratoriums put in place

County puts freeze on new solar and battery storage facilities to review and develop ordinances

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review
Moratoriums on future solar energy farms and battery storage facilities will be in place for up to a year.
Jay County Commissioners approved ordinances Monday establishing one-year moratoriums on commercial solar and battery storage operations in the county.
Their decision follows recommendations from Jay County Plan Commission made earlier this month. The moratoriums prevent developers from creating new battery storage and solar facilities in Jay County for one year.
Four companies — Invenergy, Scout Clean Energy, Leeward Renewable Energy and Hodson Energy — have underwent the county governmental process and received approval for solar farms in Jay County.
Commissioners heard from a few visitors Monday regarding solar energy and battery storage facilities.
Ben Vollmer, vice president of development with Sonder Energy, noted his company has been developing plans for a solar farm east of Pennville since 2021.
The 644-acre project in Penn Township amounts to approximately 0.3% of the total farm land in Jay County, he added.
That ground is not permanently lost, but revenue rolled in a temporary use, he said.
The land can be returned (to) farm ground at the end of the project's life.
Vollmer also pointed to additional tax payments and economic development dollars the county would see from the project.
He noted Randolph County committed at least \$1 million in dollars from renewable energy projects toward renovations to its fairgrounds, which started in August.
Sonder Energy is currently the only solar energy facility undergoing a study with regional transmission organization PJM Interconnection, according to Vollmer.
He said his company has invested \$800,000 into the project and voiced concerns about it coming to fruition with uncertainty on its future.
The consequence will likely not be a pause but rather the end of solar development in Jay County, he said.
Julie Forcum, a Hartford City resident and participating landowner in Sonder Energy's project, pointed to tax revenue for the county and Jay School Corporation that would result from the project.
She and Shane Houck, another participating landowner, shared worries about the future of solar energy in Jay County if a moratorium were to be enacted.
Addressing various tax changes with the state's enacted Senate Bill 1, Forcum said Sonder Energy's project could serve as a "lifeline" to replace funding cuts.
She suggested commissioners could exempt Sonder Energy from the moratorium.
See Moratoriums page 2

Dunkirk's Kreps will be a part of tribute

A local firefighter will be among those honored at a national event this weekend.
Dunkirk firefighter Michael Kreps Jr. is one of eight Indiana firefighters who will be recognized Saturday and Sunday at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, Maryland.
The tribute will include more than 70 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2024 as well as 70 who died in previous years.
Kreps died in October 2021 of complications from COVID-19. He was also superintendent of the city's street/parks department.
This weekend is a powerful reminder of the extraordinary courage and commitment of those who put their lives on the line to protect others, said Troy Markel, chair of the National Fallen Firefighters board of directors in a press release.
We come together not only to remember the fallen, but to stand in solidarity with their families and departments, letting them know their loved ones will never be forgotten.
Also among those to be honored are Winchester firefighter Rick Sanders, who died in December when he had a heart attack while fighting a residential fire, and Muncie firefighter James Hathaway, who died of cancer in March.
The firefighters will be honored during a National Fallen Firefighters Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and a National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 4.
The events will be live streamed at firehero.org and on the National Fallen Firefighters pages on Facebook and YouTube.

Mourners honor pope

dpa
Tribune News Service
ROME — Pope Francis was buried in the Basilica of Saint Mary Major on Saturday afternoon, after hundreds of thousands of people from global leaders to the impoverished and marginalized paid their respects to the man celebrated for his humility and humanity.
The rites for the pontiff, who died at the age of 88 earlier this week, were more modest than for past popes, as he wished, and he was laid to rest in his favorite church in Rome after a two-hour funeral service held in St. Peter's Square.
Some 150,000 people bid farewell to the pope from the roadside as his funeral procession passed through central Rome, according to estimates by the Vatican.
His coffin was brought to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, the pope's favorite church in central Rome, in a converted popemobile, following the funeral service.
The convoy first traveled through the center of Rome, passing some of its best-known sites including the Forum and Colosseum, accompanied by several escort vehicles and police motorbikes.
See Pope page 2



Tribune News Service/dpa/Oliver Weiken

Pallbearers carry the coffin from St. Peter's Square to St. Peter's Basilica after the funeral mass of Pope Francis in Vatican City. The Argentine pontiff, who led the Catholic Church from 2013, died on Easter Monday at the age of 88, leaving a lasting legacy and a profound global impact.

Deaths: Caleb Conley, 24, Portland; Rose Ann Post, 87, Celina, Ohio; Ernest Girod, 2 months, Berne. Details on page 2.

Weather: Jay County had a high temperature of 64 degrees Sunday. The low was 52. Tonight's low will be in the upper 40s with rain expected, thunderstorms possible and winds gusting to 30 mph. Expect a high in the upper 60s Wednesday with a chance of showers. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review: Jay County Public Library's next session for its Club 55+ will feature Emily Kring of Purdue University's Extension Office in Jay County talking about plant propagation. The event is set for 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, May 1, at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

Coming up: Wednesday — Details from Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting. Thursday — Results from the JCHS girls tennis match against Union City.



Obituaries

Caleb Conley
July 31, 2000-April 23, 2025
Caleb Carlton Conley, age 24, of Portland, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.
He was born on July 31, 2000, in Portland to Chris Conley and Lisa (McClellan) Fischer.
He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Chester Conley and Ofelia “Mary” Conley; and his brother, Carrollton Fischer.
He was a 2020 graduate of Jay County High School. After grad-

uation, he served in the United States Army from Oct. 13, 2020, to April 18, 2024, as a 19 Kilo M1 Armor Crew Member. He was employed at Ardagh Group in Dunkirk, Indiana.
In addition to his parents, Caleb is survived by his companion, Breanna Foster; brothers Jacob (Ciara) Conley of Portland, Christopher (Tasha) Fischer of Union City, Indiana,



Conley

Johnathan (Emily) Fischer of Portland, and Christian Fischer of Portland; maternal grandparents Paul David and Karol McClellan of Portland; and several aunts, uncles, cousin, nieces and nephews.
Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at Randolph Friends Church, 6531 N. 300 West, Ridgeville, Indiana. A funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Jonathan Edwards officiating. Burial, with full military honors, will be at Lawndale Cemetery in Ridgeville.

Flowers may be delivered to the church on Wednesday between 9 and 11 a.m.
If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the church in Caleb's honor.
For additional information and to view Caleb's online obituary and memorial video, please visit churchfuneralsdirect.com.
Rose Ann Post, Celina, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1938-April 25, 2025. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Ernest M. Girod, Berne, the son of a Bryant woman, Feb. 22, 2025-April 25, 2025. A funeral service was held Saturday.
.....
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

Wednesday 4/30	Thursday 5/1	Friday 5/2	Saturday 5/3	Sunday 5/4
69/60 There's a 50% chance of showers Wednesday.	74/58 Thursday has a 90% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies.	65/47 Friday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers throughout the day.	60/43 Saturday looks to be mostly sunny with highs in the lower 60s.	69/48 Sunny skies are in the forecast for when the high may jump to the upper 60s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	26-30-33-34-36-37-40-42-44-51-63-65-68-79-80 Cash 5: 28-32-33-37-45 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$70 million	
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 6-7-2 Daily Four: 1-8-0-5 Quick Draw: 1-15-16-17-19-27-29-34-36-37-43-44-53-56-59-65-66-70-77-79 Evening Daily Three: 4-6-3 Daily Four: 2-0-0-7 Quick Draw: 7-15-18-	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 1-0-1 Pick 4: 5-9-1-7 Pick 5: 6-7-5-9-0 Evening Pick 3: 2-3-5 Pick 4: 2-1-8-7 Pick 5: 2-8-1-4-8 Rolling Cash 5: 2-21-22-26-34 Estimated jackpot: \$217,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.92 May corn4.97 June corn4.99	May beans10.66 Wheat 4.82
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.01 May corn5.01 June corn5.05	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.88 May corn.....4.88 Beans.....10.57 May beans10.59 Wheat4.87
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.87 May corn4.87 Beans10.66	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.92 May corn.....4.92 Beans.....10.37 May beans10.37 Wheat4.79

Today in history

In 1429, Joan of Arc and her troops entered the city of Orleans in France during the Hundred Years' War.

In 1770, British explorer James Cook landed in Australia for the first time at Botany Bay.

In 1792, Matthew Vassar, founder of Vassar College, was born in Norfolk, England. Vassar donated 200 acres in Poughkeepsie, New York, and half of his brewing fortune to establish the college.

In 1899, Duke Ellington was born Edward Kennedy Ellington in Washington, D.C. He gained his nickname as a child and became one of the greatest jazz performers in history.

In 1933, singer Willie Nelson was born in Fort Worth, Texas. He first gained success as a song writer and then as a singer in the 1970s when

he and Waylon Jennings led the outlaw music movement.

In 1998, Freshman Erin Smith went the distance for the Jay County High School softball team in its 10-4 victory over the Huntington North Vikings. She struck out two batters and did not allow a walk.

In 2013, more than \$1.5 million in scholarships, including \$213,795 from local sources, were presented to Jay County High School seniors during honors night.

In 2018, “The Simpsons” became the longest-running scripted prime-time show in U.S. history when it aired its 636th episode. It surpassed “Gunsmoke,” which ran from 1955 to 1975.

In 2022, Kaelin Overman and Korbin Dues were crowned Fort Recovery High School's prom queen and king.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, council mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
--	---

Moratoriums ...

Continued from page 1
John Hemmelgarn, Jay/Portland Building and Planning director, said Sonder Energy has not approached his office yet despite beginning the development process four years ago, noting two other companies that aren't as far along as Sonder Energy have already connected with his office.
Hemmelgarn said he would like to review the county's standards for decommissioning agreements with solar companies, suggesting the county attach a lien to participating properties as a part of the process.
Lillian Floutsis, field representative with Indiana Land & Liberty Coalition, said her organization believes a moratorium isn't necessary to enact while creating an ordinance for battery storage. (She later indicated the same applies to making amendments to the ordinance for solar energy facilities.)
Floutsis urged officials to instead consider 90-day or six-month moratoriums instead of one-year moratoriums. She offered resources from the coalition for drafting renewable energy ordinances.

“Bottom line, we want the best for your community,” she said.
Deb Grider of rural Hartford City argued otherwise, saying ordinance creation is not an easy process. She pointed to extended timelines in other Indiana communities as they drafted solar ordinances.
Commissioners Doug Horn, Duane Monroe and

‘Ultimately, I think it’s their property, I don’t want to take advantage of their property, I feel like that’s their right, but I feel like the setback needs to be moved back.’
—Duane Monroe, Jay County Commissioner

Chad Aker suggested reviewing setbacks from property lines for solar energy projects as well as taking setbacks into consideration with the new battery storage ordinance.
Monroe noted he brought up the moratorium discussion initially, sharing concerns about current setbacks for solar energy facilities. He said he would like to see 200-foot setbacks from property lines and a vegetative barrier put in place.
Addressing concerns from Sonder Energy and participating landowners, Monroe said he sees the additional revenue as “just a supplement, it's not the answer” to budget cuts.
“Technology is changing all the time, I'd hate to see someone put up with something for 45 years possibly when there's an answer maybe right around the corner,” he said. “Ultimately, I think it's their property, I don't want to take advantage of their property, I feel like that's their right, but I feel like the setback needs to be moved back.”

Horn said he believes those previously involved in creating the solar ordinance did the best they could do. But now, six years later, he said it's time to take a step back and review the ordinance.
Horn questioned if the county should enact a shorter moratorium on battery storage and extend it later if needed — he voiced concerns about the legislation getting put on the “back burner” over the next year — but said having a moratorium in place while creating an ordinance is the “safest way” to approach the issue.
Monroe, who is also a Jay County REMC employee, said the county needs to take its time on creating an ordinance for battery storage. He noted potential advantages for battery storage in Jay County, such as additional tax dollars as well as benefits to those who are members of Jay County REMC.
Aker reiterated that the county currently does not have a battery storage

ordinance in place and advocated for a moratorium to be in place amid its creation. A full-time firefighter at Portland Fire Department, he also noted safety concerns with battery storage facilities.
Aker asked Hemmelgarn if plans are to create a committee to discuss the legislation, with Hemmelgarn saying Jay/Portland Building and Planning will put together a potential draft for plan commission members to review.
Addressing concerns from Horn about timeliness on the matter, Hemmelgarn noted his office is juggling research into a handful of other ordinances the county does not have, such as those dealing with carbon sequestration and electric vehicle charging stations.
“Top shelf right now is battery (storage) and solar (energy),” he said. “But there (are) also other things we're working on in our office as well ... we'll be working on it as fast as we can, but give us some time,” he said.

Pope ...

Continued from page 1
Some 250,000 gathered for the funeral service, both in St. Peter's Square itself and in the surrounding streets.
In total, the authorities counted around 400,000 people, Italian Interior Minister Matteo Piantadosi said, according to media reports.
Among them were leaders and dignitaries from around the world who listened as Italian Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re led the Requiem Mass in the forecourt of St. Peter's Basilica on Saturday morning.
More than 200 cardinals and some 4,000 other clergy also attended the service.
“He touched hearts,” the cardinal said. “Countless were his gestures and exhortations in favor of refugees and displaced persons and he was also tireless in his commitment to the poor.”
Re thanked the mourners for coming and for the global outbreak of

sympathy following Francis's death on Easter Monday.
Before carrying the coffin away from St. Peter's Square, the pallbearers briefly raised it slightly to allow Francis a final look upon Rome, in keeping with Vatican tradition.
Onlookers in the square and surrounding streets applauded as the ceremony came to end. Many had watched the service on large screens nearby. Civil defense staff distributed bottles of water near the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, where people stood shoulder to shoulder in the blazing sun.
The late pontiff's burial was closed to the public. Francis' close associates, cardinals and his personal nurse are among those in attendance, along with some poor and homeless people at the pope's request.
During the funeral service, Re also highlighted Francis' opposition to violence and conflict.
“In the face of the many wars raging in recent years, with their inhu-

man atrocities, their countless deaths and their immeasurable destruction, Pope Francis raised his voice incessantly to ask for peace and to call for reason,” the cardinal said.
“After war, the world is always worse off than before. It is always a painful and dramatic defeat for everyone.”
Among the state guests at the funeral service was Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, as his nation continues to struggle against a full-scale Russian invasion.
Re said that Francis had always urged people to build bridges “and not walls.”
The late pope shared people's fears, suffering and hopes “with great human warmth and deep sensitivity,” the cardinal said.
European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen praised Francis as a bridge-builder after his funeral service. “Pope Francis built bridges,” she wrote on X. “May we walk them.”

Clemency hearings scheduled

Indiana Capital Chronicle
Clemency hearings for Indiana death row inmate Benjamin Ritchie will take place in the coming weeks as the condemned man's legal team fights to delay or stop a pending May 20 execution.
With clemency, the governor — in tandem with Indiana's Parole Board — can elect to commute a death sentence to life imprisonment or grant a pardon.
The parole board announced two clemency hearings for Ritchie to consider his petition: one on May 5 at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City; and another on May 12 at the Indiana Government Center in Indianapolis.

SERVICES

Wednesday

Post, Rose Ann: 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Catholic Church, 471 St. Anthony Road, Fort Recovery.

Conley, Caleb: 1 p.m., Randolph Friends Church, 6531 N. 300 West, Ridgeville.

Saturday

Faller, Peg: Noon, Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

Service listings provided by

PROGRESSIVE DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS

120 N. Meridian St.
Portland, Indiana 47371
(260) 726-9201
progressiveofficeproducts.com

OUT OF THIS WORLD DEALS!

75% OFF ANY FULL-PAGE AD

THAT MEANS:

\$460 FOR A FULL-PAGE COLOR AD

FOR A FULL-PAGE BLACK AND WHITE AD **\$409⁵⁰**

Contact Lindsey at L.Cochran@thecr.com
OR (260) 726-8141

Rates do not apply to special sections
Ads must run in 11 day

BUY ANY 3x3 AD GET ONE FREE

The Commercial Review

Columnist becomes impatient for next step

By **CHRIS SCHANZ**
The Commercial Review

I'm starting to get a bit impatient.

Before we visited Ireland last month, my sister-in-law Lori and her husband John got some toys for Baby Schanz to play with while we were there.

There were bath toys, a play table, random sensory items and a learning walker, among other toys.

My daughter took to most of them rather quickly. The walker, however, was nothing more than a noisemaker.

At the time, she could stand, so she'd occasionally do so to reach the higher buttons.

Then one day, almost as if she'd done it a hundred times, she reached up to

Parental Ponderings



grab the handle, stood up and started to walk.

Her first (aided) steps came in Ireland just days before her first birthday.

When we returned state-side, it was my goal to get her walking as soon as possible.

My mother helped the cause by buying her newest grandchild a play walker.

Of course, "some assembly required," but it didn't take too long.

And then my mission truly began. Some of the other infants in her day care class are already walking, and I didn't want her to be left behind.

With her new toy ready to go, Baby Schanz cruised around the living room, grinning from ear to ear at the skill she had just recently unlocked.

Days passed, and I made sure she spent time every day working on her walking strength either by using the walker or having her surf the couch and ottoman.

Yet every time Chrissy or I tried to grab her hands and aid her in walking, she wasn't interested. She'd just plop down on the floor or not stand up altogether.

All I want is for her to take her first steps!

A couple weeks ago, I was sitting on a chair in the living room with Chrissy on the end of the ottoman with our daughter.

The youngster, who was facing my wife at the time, turned toward me and appeared to take a couple steps.

Unfortunately, it was hard to tell if they were steps, or she just lost her balance and fell into my lap.

We were ecstatic. We tried to get her to do it again — this time with a phone propped up to record it — however she wasn't interested in giving it another shot. That seems to be the case if she

doesn't have anything to hang on to.

A couple days later, she was crawling around the house and stopped at one of the kitchen chairs.

She stood up, reached for the seat and began to proceed to push it around the dining room and kitchen all by herself. It wasn't until she began to whine because she got hung up on the mat for our dog's water bowl that I noticed what she was doing. I got her unstuck, then proceeded to guide her to make sure she wouldn't encounter anything to impede her progress.

For the entire duration of the five minutes she was exploring the house on two feet, she was two-

tooth smiling and laughing that oh-so-cute infant laugh.

Now that we know she's grasped the concept of walking, we just want her to be able to do it on her own. While we enjoy helping her learn, it'll be more joyous — or terrifying — when she gains a little bit more independence.

I just wish it'd happen sooner rather than later since she's already 13 months old.

My impatience is getting the best of me.

Chris Schanz is a former CR Sports Editor who is about to have a more independent toddler. Send advice to christopher.schanz@gmail.com.

Grandparents concerned for toddler's safety

DEAR ABBY: Our son and his girlfriend had our first grandchild 18 months ago. We helped them move out of their rental house before the baby was born and buy a cute little house, which we made sure was in good shape before they moved in. (They had ruined the rental property with a couple of cats they had and their refusal to clean it at all.) We told them they had to keep the new house clean for themselves as well as our new grandson.

The new house is now disgustingly filthy and filled with trash and the smell of cat urine. We watch our grandson several times a week, even keeping him overnight. We don't ask them for anything, and they don't offer. We feel he's better off staying with us rather than in their nasty house.

We have gone over several times to help clean their place and purchased many items to help them keep the place cleaner;

Dear Abby



to no avail. We are at our wits' end. We don't want to involve children's protective services, but we don't know what we can do to get them to understand the gravity of this situation. What do you suggest? — CAREFUL GRANDPA IN OHIO

DEAR GRANDPA: By now it should be clear to you that your son and his girlfriend have no intention of keeping their house clean, even for the baby's sake. As I see it, you have three choices: Turn a blind eye to what is happening and do nothing, hire a cleaning crew once or twice a

month to do what they are unwilling to do, or contact child protective services because the home is a danger to your grandchild. Please let me know what you decide.

DEAR ABBY: I am the only daughter in a family with four brothers. My family treats me like I don't exist. My father constantly hurts my feelings intentionally. When I express how he (and the others) make me feel, I am ignored. It hurts deeply knowing my father doesn't even like me. It feels like knives in my heart and my back.

I have been dealing with this for 44 years. I am sad all the time. I don't trust anyone because of the lies and hate I get from my family. I have done nothing to deserve this treatment. All I do is exist. My husband and I are both ill, but we receive no compassion. I can't afford a psychologist. If I could, I would go to one. My heart

aches for someone in my family to care about me. How can I make this pain go away? — FAULTED FOR BEING HERE

DEAR FAULTED: I am sorry for your pain. You may be able to get the help you need by contacting your county health department and asking about low-cost counseling services, or by reaching out to the nearest college or university that has a department of psychology and asking if any of their graduate students could see you (under supervision). I cannot fix your family — no one can. But that doesn't mean you can't strengthen yourself, which is what you may need to do in order to stop hurting and find your indignation.

DEAR ABBY: As I approach my 100th birthday, I wish you would educate people that a gift certificate for a meal from a

restaurant or a donation to feed the hungry would be far more appreciated than bouquets of expensive flowers that wilt and die. It would also be a thoughtful gift to my caretaker, who prepares my meals and could use a break. Choices for seniors become fewer as we age, and good meals are one of the simple pleasures left. Thank you. — CENTENARIAN IN GEORGIA

DEAR CENTENARIAN: Warmest congratulations as you near your milestone birthday. Your suggestion that a restaurant gift certificate is far more practical than receiving flowers (or an automatically renewing magazine subscription) is a good one. I hope readers will appreciate the spirit in which it was offered. I especially like the fact that you would use it to spare your caregiver the pressure of preparing at least one of your meals.

Community Calendar

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

Today

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indi-

ana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Wednesday

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

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

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

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for

all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

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

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

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

SAVE \$350 when you transform your patio into an outdoor oasis.

- Instant shade—at the touch of a button.
- Enjoy more quality time with family and friends.
- Up to 10-Year Limited Warranty.

Call 1-855-801-2797 now to SAVE \$350 TODAY!

America's #1 Awning!

summer FAIRS, FESTIVALS & EVENTS Special Section

Our summer festivals special section will be distributed in:

The Commercial Review (Portland), The News-Gazette (Winchester), The News Times (Hartford City) and The News and Sun (Dunkirk)

1/2-page color – \$450 (limited availability)

1/2-page B&W – \$375

1/4-page color – \$350 (limited availability)

1/4-page B&W – \$250

Big business card (3x3.5) – \$100

Business card (2x2) – \$60

Space for color ads is limited and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Deadline for ads is Monday, May 12.

Contact Lindsey at L.Cochran@thecr.com or (260) 726-8141

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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.

TRANSFORM YOUR CONCRETE FLOOR IN JUST ONE DAY!

SPECIAL OFFER!

60% OFF INSTALLATION

OR

60 MONTHS 0% FINANCING*

+

\$60 GIFT CARD

REVAMP uses a Polyspartic coat that keeps your concrete looking good for a lifetime!

CALL NOW! REQUEST A FREE QUOTE!

1.877.554.1662

*Credit approval is not guaranteed. Offer not available everywhere or combinable with other offers. Offers subject to change. Financing offer available through lenders under terms of applicable loan program. All our lenders start your payments after your flooring is complete. If you repay your entire balance before the end of the promotional period, all interest billed to your account during the promotional period will be waived. If you do not repay the entire purchase balance before the end of the promotional period, you will be responsible for repaying the interest that was billed to your account during the promotional period and any interest that is subsequently billed to your account. Terms and conditions apply. Offer expires 7/31/25.

Hegseth is a big liability for Trump

By **JOE BATTENFELD**
Boston Herald
Tribune News Service

Donald Trump can't get rid of Pete Hegseth fast enough as the tough talking former Fox News host looks more and more like a huge liability and a soft target for Democrats.

The White House has already begun looking to replace the Pentagon chief, according to AP, after the latest scandal involving him sharing classified information in a Signal chat with his wife and brother.

In his brief time at Defense and before he was even confirmed, Hegseth has spent more time defending himself than defending the country.

He came into the Pentagon battling allegations of womanizing and drinking and now fac-

Joe Battenfeld



ing more serious charges of sharing intelligence information inappropriately and risking U.S. military lives.

What seemed like an out of the box choice for President Trump to lead the Pentagon — a tough talking, tattooed weekend news host — now just seems like a routine blunder — nothing new for the president. Hegseth is a two-bit amateur who has projected weakness to our allies and enemies.

Trump can only stand by these liabilities for so long before he needs to cut bait.

Hanging on to Hegseth only risks a major political disaster in the mid-term elections. After slowly cutting ties with Elon Musk, Trump now has to get rid of his second biggest problem in Hegseth.

Hegseth used the Signal messaging app on his personal phone to detail information about airstrikes on Houthi targets in Yemen with his wife and brother around the same time he shared classified information on another group chat with a journalist, according to reports.

Before the reports of Hegseth being replaced, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt denied the Defense Secre-

tary was being pushed out and said concerns about the group chats were a "waste of time."

Even Trump had come to Hegseth's defense in the last few days, saying "He's doing a great job — ask the Houthis how he's doing," Trump said at the annual Easter Egg Roll.

Hegseth on Monday portrayed the effort to get rid of him as a media slash and burn job.

"It's not going to work with me," he said.

Apparently it did.

The Pentagon actually dismissed three senior advisers last week after they were accused of leaking information about Hegseth to the press.

The Hegseth disaster has provided fodder for Democrats like Elizabeth Warren who have

been flailing around looking for something to attack Trump on.

It's bound to become a major issue for Trump in the days and weeks ahead and could lead to long-term damage to the Republican president.

He may stand by Hegseth publicly, but the longer it goes on the more it becomes a liability.

"We must not forget that ultimate responsibility here lies with President Trump for selecting a former weekend TV host, without any experience leading a large and complex organization, to run our government's biggest department and make life and death decisions for our military and country," New Hampshire Sen. Jeanne Shaheen said.

Time to move on.

We will miss pope's message

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

Amid a world with growing rancor and discord and hate and war, we have lost a needed voice for peace and human compassion with the death of Pope Francis on Easter Monday, leaving behind a church marked by the imprint of his humble and caring character.

"Blessed are the peacemakers" says the Gospel of Matthew, and Francis was a world leader whose message most often transcended the particulars of his own faith.

While his views and public sermons were, of course, always rooted in his vision of his Catholic faith, it was his constant theme of respect, of acting always with a view toward the least among us and the beaten-down, that resonated across and beyond religious belief.

His message of understanding that none of us are ever all that removed from the plight of the poor, the outsider, the disabled is one that could land for Protestants, for Jews, for Muslims, for people with no religion at all. He had no problem delivering this sermon to all, whether crowds of believers or directly to powerful business interests and world leaders he felt were not upholding this moral imperative. His flock was all 8 billion members of the human family.

Anger and resentment seep through politics in democratic societies all over the world, poisoning the dialogue. Francis said no to such debasement of the debate.

The pontiff's pursuit of fairness and criticisms of the powerful preying on the vulnerable didn't just extend out past the church's own walls but also turned inward, including with perhaps the institution's most delicate issue, the scandals involving the abuse and cover-up of children by clergy.

While some advocates criticized aspects of Francis' response as insufficient, he was the first pontiff to make explicit changes to church rules encouraging victims to come forward and took the historic step of defrocking a cardinal who had been found guilty of sexual abuse, unimaginable in an earlier era of the church.

The pope reversed historic stances condemning LGBTQ people and instead preached acceptance, with the instantly memorable

Guest Editorial

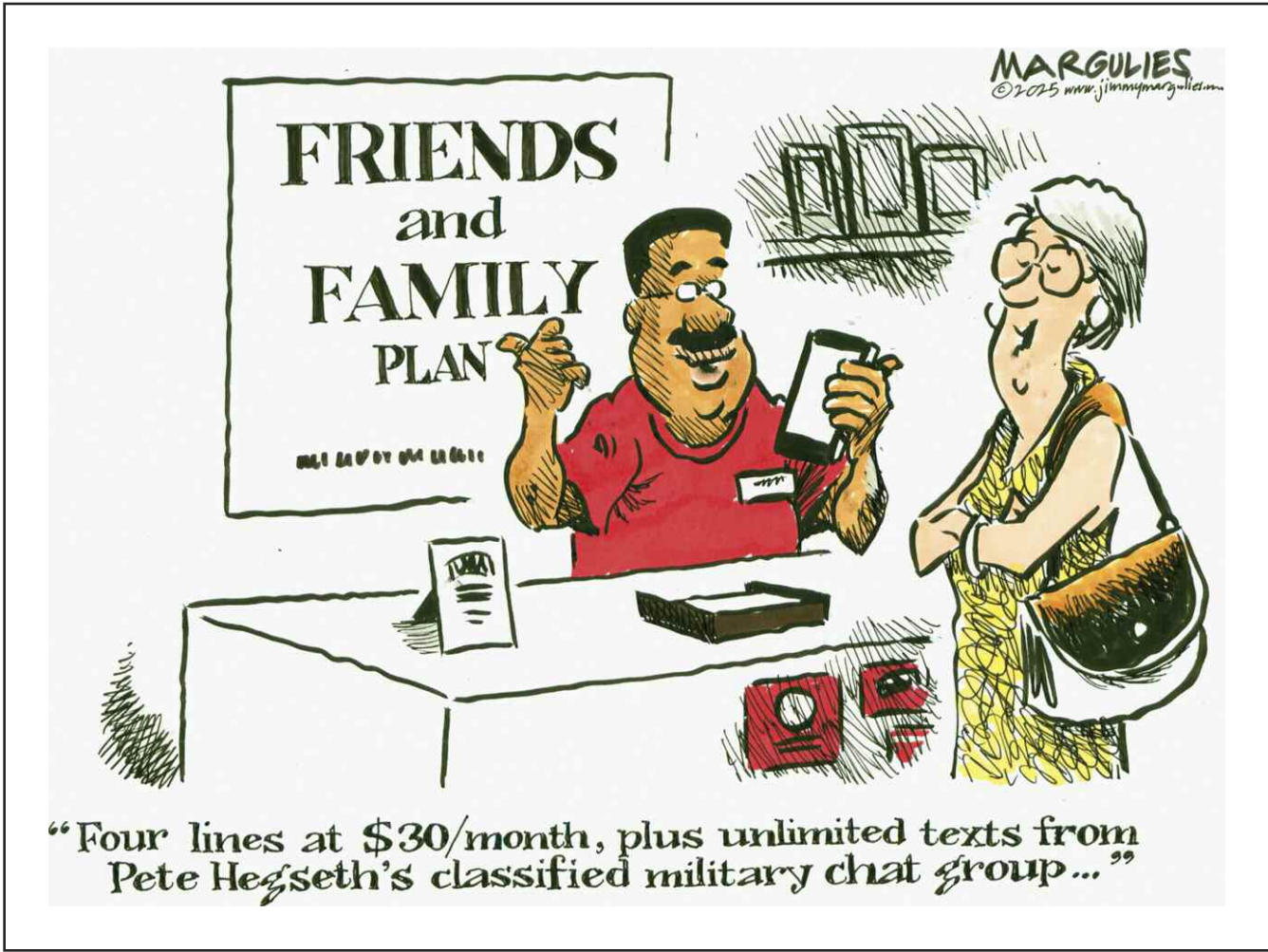
... it was his constant theme of respect, of acting always with a view towards the least among us and the beaten-down, that resonated across and beyond religious belief.

line, early on in his tenure: "who am I to judge?" Francis also expanded the roles of women within the institution's hierarchy, moving the institution into some aspects of modernity. He never let the trappings of the papacy change his worldview, which remained committed to global peace and humility.

It's also a message that, unfortunately, increasingly became an against-the-grain one as elements of our society became coarser and more ruthlessly individualistic over the dozen years of his leadership. As the years went by, countries around the world hardened to humanitarian migrants and embraced extreme right-wing leaders that promised to take things back to bygone eras.

In this country, we've now reached the point of a group of billionaires slashing social services from the poor, restricting the rights of women and LGBTQ people and terrorizing immigrants. There is war in Europe for the first time in eight decades.

Yet Francis reminded us all that everyone from a common priest to the leader of a global religion can continue to forcefully defend peace, respect, compassion and equality until the very end.



Orders are coming quickly

By **NIKI KELLY**
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

If there is one thing we have seen a lot of during Gov. Mike Braun's first 100 days, it's executive orders: 63 of them, to be exact.

If you are keeping track, that's already more than the 56 former Gov. Mike Pence issued across his four-year term.

And it's on the way to exceeding totals from former Govs. Eric Holcomb and Mitch Daniels, who both served eight years.

Holcomb issued 164 executive orders in all, though around half dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic. Daniels issued 175, with many being pardons for convicted Hoosiers; the issuance of pardons has dropped significantly since Indiana adopted an expungement statute.

Braun and Daniels have one thing in common — using executive orders in the first year to try to reshape state government.

Daniels took over in 2005, after 16 years of Democrats in the governor's office.

His first 20 executive orders were significant alterations. One took away the right of state employees to collectively bargain; another required the Indiana Department of Administration to post written state contracts online; others created the Indiana Department of Child Services and the Office of Inspector General. Many of those had immediate impacts that Hoosiers could see.

Braun has done the same, even though Republicans have controlled all of state government since 2011. You would think that would mean fewer changes, but apparently not.

He used executive orders in the first few weeks to establish his new cabinet structure and to require state employees to return to work in the office, rather than working remotely.

Niki Kelly



But he has also used many orders to simply draw attention to priorities.

And then there is the nationalization of federal politics. For instance, Braun declared there are just two genders, male and female, and eliminated state diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) efforts.

"The tone of state politics has shifted with this polarization," said Michael Wolf, a political science professor at Purdue University Fort Wayne. He noted that Braun's order switching DEI to MEI — merit, excellence and innovation came just before President Donald Trump's inauguration.

"(It) received a ton of national media attention — and it was straight from the hymnal book that is popular with the Republican chorus," Wolf continued. "That's not to question how genuine those beliefs are, it is just noteworthy that this theme has been so important in the national narrative and Braun was able to be right out front with the executive order, where legislation would have taken considerably longer."

Braun also has ordered various studies on topics such as employment best practices, diet-related chronic disease, and laws and policies that disincentivize marriage.

Just this week, the governor added two more executive orders to develop a statewide water planning framework and create a body to investigate the recovery of rare earth elements from Hoosier coal sites.

Elizabeth Bennion, chancellor's

professor of political science at Indiana University South Bend, noted governors usually use executive orders to "circumvent" the Legislature or "in response to delegation from" the Legislature" — but said "neither of these seems to be the major reason that the Braun administration is issuing executive orders."

"Instead, the governor seems to be responding to expectations of policy leadership," Bennion said. "These expectations are, to a large degree, self-created through his own desire to lead the state in a specific policy direction and his promises on the campaign trail."

She added that the substantive impact of the orders is not yet known.

Wolf observed that Indiana is one of only a handful of states that has no constitutional or political tradition of legislative oversight of executive orders.

"Hoosier governors can reorganize government through executive order and have no formal provisions restricting the use of EOs, where many or most other states have some restrictions by procedure or by legislative check," he said. "Even the structure of the cabinet system is based on gubernatorial power and not derived from the Constitution or statute."

Executive orders themselves aren't a bad thing, but the increasing reliance on them is something to keep an eye on.

Braun is using them heavily to score political points. At this pace, he will blow by his predecessors.

Kelly, editor-in-chief of Indiana Capital Chronicle, has covered the Indiana Statehouse since 1999.

Indiana Capital Chronicle is an independent, nonprofit news organization. Its website is indianacapitalchronicle.com.

The Commercial Review



US PS 125820

HUGH N. RONALD (1911-1983), Publisher Emeritus
JOHN C. "JACK" RONALD (1948-2022), Publisher Emeritus

RAY COONEY
President, editor and publisher

TONIA HARDY
Business manager

LOUISE RONALD
Board chair

BRIAN DODD
Production manager

The Commercial Review is published daily except Sundays, Mondays and four holidays (New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas — holidays are observed on Tuesday when they fall on a Monday) by The Graphic Printing Co. Inc., 309 W. Main St., Portland, Indiana 47371. Periodical postage paid (USPS 125820) at Portland, Indiana. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Commercial Review, 309 W. Main St., P.O. Box 1049, Portland, Indiana 47371 or call (260) 726-8141.

We welcome letters to the editor, which are accepted by email only to letters@thecr.com. They should be 700 words or fewer, signed, with city/town of residence and include a phone number for verification purposes. We reserve the right to edit for content and clarity.

VOLUME 151—NUMBER 259
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

www.thecr.com

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have government without newspapers or newspapers without government I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."
—Thomas Jefferson

Subscription rates

Internet-only: Three days — \$3; Monthly auto-pay — \$10; 13 weeks — \$32; six months — \$60; one year — \$108.
City (walking — where available): Monthly auto-pay — \$12; 13 weeks — \$37; six months — \$70; one year — \$125.
Motor route (where available): Monthly auto-pay — \$13; 13 weeks — \$45; six months — \$76; one year — \$144.
Mail: Monthly auto-pay — \$14; 13 weeks — \$51; six months — \$83; one year — \$156.
Home delivery problems: Call (260) 251-9588

Hosbach leading state association

A local health care provider is leading a statewide organization.

Dr. Edward Hosbach of Mercer Health was recently inducted as the president of the Ohio Osteopathic Association. During the Ohio Osteopathic Symposium in Columbus.

Hosbach, a primary care physician, works out of Mercer Health Medical Group offices in Fort Recovery and St. Henry. He has also been chief medical officer for EverHeart Hospice and the team doctor for the Fort Recovery and St. Henry high school athletic programs.

In 2022, the Ohio American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians honored Hosbach with its Distinguished Service Award.

Hosbach has also served as a Mercer County Health District board member.

Business roundup

•112 N. Meridian St., Portland
•211 W. Pearl St., Union City
•101 W. Washington St., Hartford City

“In recent years, our book drives have collected thousands of volumes to foster improved financial literacy in our communities, and we’re proud to continue this campaign as another way to help our clients and communities thrive,” said Roddell McCullough, chief corporate responsibility officer for First Financial Bank, in a press release.

More than 4,000 books were collected in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois last year.

Hosting event

Ball State University will host a public beam signing event for the new Center for Innovation and Collaboration from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 1.

The new facility is part of the university’s Village revitalization project. Planned at 31,400 square feet, the building will serve as a hub for BSU programs beginning in fall 2026. It will include a prototyping studio, an immersive technology lab and various meeting and co-working spaces.

“I had a vision of our University providing a location like this one to facilitate greater interactions between our faculty, staff, and students and the people and companies in our community that want to engage with them,” president Geoffrey S. Mearns said in a press release. “When the Center opens, we will empower more people — our faculty and staff, students, graduates, neighbors and friends — to see themselves as innovators, in their own way.”

Thursday’s event is open to the public.

Director named

Bowen Health has named Brianna Myers as its new director for Jay, Blackford, Delaware, Adams and Wells counties.

Myers was one of six individuals named to man-

agement positions at Bowen. She has worked for the organization for eight years.

Bowen Health is a non-profit community health system that works with the underserved in Indiana.

Alliance launches

The Economic Development Alliance of Muncie-Delaware County is launching a new brand identity that will roll out through its communications, social media and print materials. A new website will also be launched later this year.

The organization, which works with businesses, investors and community stakeholders, intended to focus its new identity and new businesses and site selectors, existing businesses and local stakeholders.

“Our new brand is more than a new logo or color scheme,” said Traci Dutton, the organization’s vice president of economic development, in a press release. “It’s a reflection of who we are and the value we bring to the businesses, people, and communities we serve. We are focused on growing Delaware County’s economy in ways that

are strategic, collaborative, and community-minded. Whether we’re working with a new business, supporting an existing company, or partnering on quality of place efforts, our mission is clear and consistent.”

New item introduced

McDonald’s has added McCrispy Strips to its menu.

The new item has been introduced at some restaurants already and will be available nationwide by May 5. It is the first new permanent menu item for McDonald’s since 2021.

Also being added is a new Creamy Chili Dip.

“Since stepping into my new role as a leader of the U.S. business this year, I’ve been excited for fans to get to experience our additional chicken offerings,” said McDonald’s chief marketing and customer experience officer Alyssa Buetikofer in a press release. “The demand for chicken strips has been remarkable to see across the industry, so we knew we had to deliver something so craveable that it was worth the wait. We took our time, listened to our fans and cre-

ated a product we knew they would crave. And the best part is we’re just getting started.”

Company suing

Eli Lilly is suing four companies for allegedly selling illegal copies of its weight-loss drug Zepbound.

Lilly, a pharmaceuticals firm based in Indianapolis, filed lawsuits last week against Mochi Health, Willow Health, Fella Health and Delilah and Henry Meds. Firms were allowed to sell copies of the drug during a shortage. Lilly alleges that the companies sold the drug after the shortage expired.

“Anyone continuing to sell mass compounded tirzepatide is breaking the law and deceiving patients,” Lilly said in a company statement sent to National Public Radio. “We will continue to take action to stop those who threaten patient safety and urgently call on regulators and law enforcement to do the same.”

Does your business have news to share? Email us at news@theocr.com to be included in our weekly business roundup.

Consumer sentiment on the decline

Final April index falls to fourth-lowest since late '70s

By NAZMUL AHASAN
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

U.S. consumer sentiment fell to one of the lowest readings on record and long-term inflation expectations climbed to the highest since 1991 on fears of the economic fallout from tariffs.

The final April sentiment index fell to 52.2 from 57 a month earlier, according to the University of Michigan. While a slight improvement from the preliminary gauge of 50.8, the latest figure is the fourth-lowest in data back to the late 1970s.

Consumers anticipated inflation will rise at an annual rate of 4.4% over the next five to 10 years, the data out Friday showed. They expect prices to rise at a 6.5% pace over the next year. While down from a preliminary reading of 6.7%, year-ahead price expectations are still the highest since 1981.

The survey began March



Tribune News Service/The San Diego Union-Tribune/Nelvin C. Cepeda

Consumer sentiment surveys have taken a considerable drop. Pictured, shoppers at the Uniqlo store in University Center in October.

25 and concluded April 21, a period that included President Donald Trump’s announcement of a 90-day pause on higher tariffs for dozens of U.S. trading partners. He also raised duties on Chinese goods to an eye-watering 145%.

In addition to stoking fears of higher inflation, the Trump

administration’s trade policies are elevating anxiety about the economy and labor market. The university’s expectations index slumped to 47.3, the lowest since 2022, as 60% of respondents offered unsolicited comments about the hit from tariffs.

“Labor market expectations remained bleak,” Joanne Hsu,

director of the survey, said in a statement. “Even more concerning for the path of the economy, consumers anticipated weaker income growth for themselves in the year ahead. Without reliably strong incomes, spending is unlikely to remain strong amid the numerous warnings signs perceived by consumers.”

The decline in consumer expectations was broad across demographic, income and political groups, the survey showed. Moreover, expectations for the economy, incomes, the stock market and homebuying conditions worsened from a month earlier.

About two-thirds of respondents see their inflation-adjusted incomes falling in the year ahead. Nearly as many expect unemployment to rise.

Corporate leaders are warning of more financial pain ahead for shoppers as companies pass along higher tariffs and commodities costs. Procter & Gamble Co. estimated on Thursday that the current and proposed levies could add between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion to its annual costs. The consumer goods giant plans to counter that in part by raising prices on its products.

“Tariffs are inherently inflationary,” P&G Chief Executive Officer Jon Moeller told CNBC.

Expectations decreased in the University of Michigan survey across political lines. For Democrats and political independents, they worsened to a fresh record low. Among Republicans, expectations dropped to a five-month low.

The current conditions gauge declined 4 points from a month earlier to 59.8, but improved from the 56.5 preliminary reading due to the pause in tariffs.

Home Idea Center
901 Industrial Dr.
Ft. Recovery, OH
419-375-4951
www.ehomeidea.com

Baird Freeman
Funeral Home
221 N. Meridian St.
Portland, IN
260-726-7171

Sisters
Sweet Escape
41 W 275 S
Portland, IN 47371
260-202-9591

Fortkamp Foam
3216 Wabash Road
Fort Recovery, OH 45846
419-852-1390
Fortkampfoam.com

Hopkins Repair,
LLC
Auto & light truck repair
Mon-Fri. • 7am-4pm
Call Scott Hopkins
260-251-0459

J Wood Products
For Sale
Sawdust & Firewood Call
or Text 260-251-1154.
415 W Water St. Portland.
7:00 am-3:00 pm.

All Weather
Heating and Air
Conditioning

(260)726-4822
24 hr Emergency Service
Serving Portland
& Surrounding Areas

All Circuit
Electrical, LLC
5510 N. US 27, Bryant, IN
260-997-8336
www.allcircuitelectrical.com

Display Craft Signs
630 E. Votaw St.
Portland, IN
260-726-4535

Vormohr Family
Dentistry
1413 W. Votaw St.,
Portland
260-726-7822

Jay County Drug
Prevention
Coalition

100 N. Meridian St.,
Portland, IN 47371
260-251-3259
Email:
jcdpcccontact@gmail.com

Dunn Family
Dental Care
110 W. North St.
Portland, IN 47371
260-726-8007

Brigade

You're safer
with us

1976 W. Tyson Road,
Portland, IN 47371
(260)766-4343
brigade-electronics.com/en-us

Ohio Valley Gas
129 E. Main St.,
Portland
260-726-8114
www.ovgc.com

Williams
Auto Parts, Inc.

1127 Detroit Ave.
Portland, IN
8-5:30 Mon-Fri,
Closed Sat & Sun.
Used auto parts
since 1951
(260) 726-8001
www.williamsautoparts.com

Find
Local
Businesses
&
Services

This local business listing runs
4 times a month with packages of either
\$25, or \$50.
Give us a call at 260-726-8141 to be included

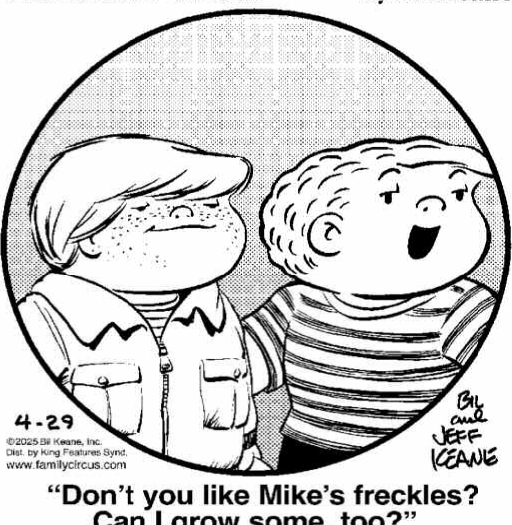
SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

How to improve your game

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10
♥ 6 3
♦ A K Q 10
♣ K Q J 4

WEST
♠ 6 5 2
♥ A K J 9 4
♦ J 7 3
♣ A 8

EAST
♠ K 4
♥ Q 10 8 7 2
♦ 9 4
♣ 10 9 5 2

SOUTH
♠ J 9 8 7 3
♥ 5
♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ 7 6 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1♥ Dble 3♥ Pass
Pass Dble Pass 3♠
Pass 4♠

deal.
Now let's assume that the same deal had occurred in a team-of-four match, and the bidding and play at the first table went exactly as described above. North-South would score 420 points for bidding and making a nonvulnerable game. The hand would then be passed to the second table, where the opposing team's North-South pair would also get to four spades. Again, West would lead the king of hearts, but let's say that this West, a shrewder defender than his counterpart at the first table, then shifted to the ace and another club!

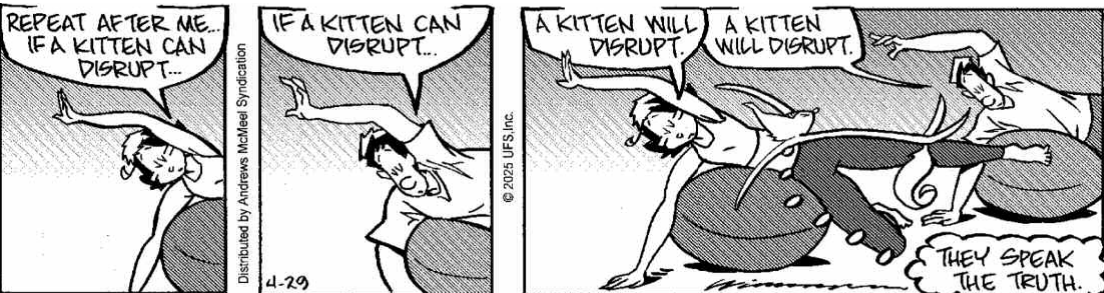
As a result, South would go down one. Whenever East gained the lead with the king of trump, he would return a club for West to ruff. So the East-West pair at the second table would be plus 50 instead of minus 420, and their team would gain 470 points. When the teams later gathered to compare their results, the West player at the first table would learn that he had botched the defense by leading the ace of hearts at trick two. He would belatedly realize, as his counterpart had, that to have a realistic chance to defeat the contract, his partner would have to have the king of spades and then proceed accordingly.

Tomorrow: Two shots are better than one.
©2025 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Peanuts



Rose is Rose



Agnes



Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



4-29

CRYPTOQUIP

QW CXMFM GMFM E HAKQTMKK
QT GXQSX GBFIMFK CQMU
ZMBZRM'K KXBMRESMK, QC

GBARU HM E ITBC-WBF-ZFBWQC.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MARIONETTE THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO RESEMBLE A VULCAN "STAR TREK" OFFICER: A SPOCK PUPPET.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals F

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

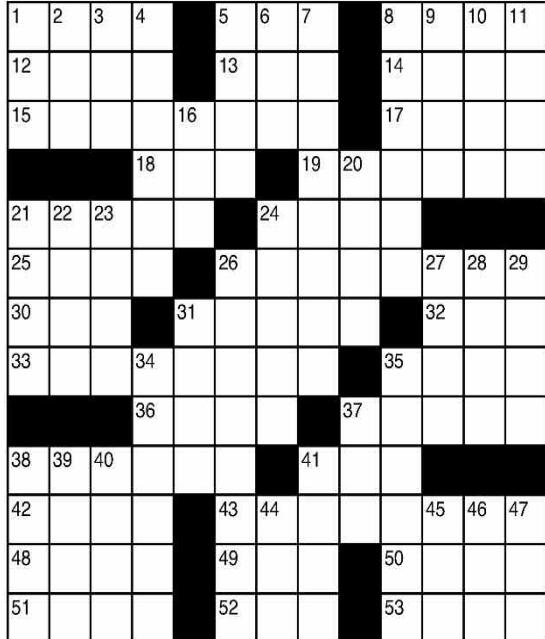
ACROSS
1 Loyal
5 Billboards
8 Portnoy's creator
12 Née
13 Recline
14 Smell — (suspect)
15 Short recital piece
17 Steerer's place
18 Guest's bed
19 Piece of parchment
21 Like riverbeds
24 Prolonged sleep
25 "Les États- —"
26 "Send in the Clowns" composer
30 JFK's predecessor
31 Brown shade
32 Bearded antelope
33 Lark, for one

DOWN
1 "Conan" channel
2 Kanga's kid
3 Ornate vase
4 Puts into law
5 Landed with a grin
6 Cacophony
7 Experienced
8 Gung-ho
9 Sweet sandwich
10 Towering
11 Web-master's code
16 Stocking stuffer
20 U.S. Navy rank
21 Beer, slangily
22 — -Euro-pean
23 Property claim
24 Hooded snake
26 Greets with a grin
27 Novelist Jennifer
28 Early Peruvian
29 Soggy porridge
31 Taxi alternative
34 Port city of Poland
35 Australian opera house city
37 — tai (cocktail)
38 Squarish
39 Madame Bovary
40 Gradually withdraw
41 Tizzy
44 Eggs
45 Asian language
46 Request
47 Teeny

Solution time: 22 mins.



Yesterday's answer 4-29



Little JJ's Tree Service
Tree Trimming, Removal, Stump Grinding.
Firewood available
765-509-1956

E and E Construction
Amish Crew
BARN RESTORATION
Specializing in metal roofs, decks & more
FREE Estimates
260-301-1777

Wendel's
Carpets & Upholstery Cleaning
Von Schrader Dry Foam Cleaning
For Quick Drying, Residential & Commercial
Green Seal® Approved
Donna Wendel
Cell: 260-251-1077

Bricker's Flowers & More
414 N. Meridian St. Portland
Call or text to order 260-703-0304
Open 9:30-5:00 Monday - Friday
9:30-3:00 Saturday

MAY FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
• Life • Health
Employee Benefits
• Dental • Vision
• Medicare Supplements • Annuities
MATT FRANKS
your home ownership agent
(260) 729-5200
111 W. Main Street, Portland, IN

BAIL BONDS
Travis Weaver
260-726-3189
across street from Jail

Dave's Heating & Cooling
Furnace, Air Conditioner
Geothermal Sales & Service
260-726-2138
Now accepting MC/Disc/Visa

BOOLMAN'S
Auto Sales & Service, Inc.
Highway 67 W,
Portland, Indiana
260-251-9735

00 CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED ADS
260-726-8141
ADVERTISING RATES
20 Word Minimum
Effective 07/01/2018:
Minimum charge....
\$12.40
1 insertion.....62¢/word
2 insertions.....81¢/word
3 insertions.....96¢/word
6 insertions.... \$1.14/word
12 insertions. \$1.52/word
26 insertions. \$1.77/word
Includes
Online.....FREE
Classified Display \$6.95/ per column inch
No borders or logos allowed on Classified Page
Card of Thanks Up to 100 words.... \$13.00
In Memory Up to 100 words.... \$13.00
Advertising Deadline is 12:00 p.m. the day prior to publication.
Pre-Payment required for: Rummage sales, business opportunities, jobs wanted, boats and sporting equipment, wanted to rent, motorized vehicles, real estate and mobile homes.

40 NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to check your ad the first day it appears. We cannot be responsible for more than one days incorrect copy. We try hard not to make mistakes, but they do happen, and we may not know unless you call to tell us. Call before 12:00 pm for corrections. The Commercial Review, 309 W Main, Portland, Indiana 260-726-8141.

60 SERVICES

J. L. CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING LLC. Amish crew. Custom built homes, new garages, pole barns, interior/ exterior remodeling, drywall, windows, doors, siding, roofing, foundations. 260-726-5062, leave message.

SEAMSTRESS NAN HOMEMADE Sewing and Alterations, Quilts, Baby Blankets, AppliquÉ, Zippers, Hemming, Memory T-Shirt, Special Orders, Wedding & Prom Gowns. 260.766.9334

GOODHEWS ALL SEASON Construction- Specializing in standing seam metal roofs. When Quality Counts, Count On US. A company you can trust. Member of the BBB. New Installation and repairs. Call Rodney Thornbury, owner 765-509-0191

SUBSCRIBE

TO THE

COMMERCIAL

REVIEW

up to

49%

off

Newsstand prices

Subscribe at

thecr.com

or call

260-726-8141

Draft ...

Continued from page 8

Notable undrafted free agents: Seth McLaughlin, C, Ohio State; Caleb Etienne, T, BYU; Howard Cross III, DL, Notre Dame.

The lowdown: Stewart has one of the highest upsides in this draft, and the Bengals also bolstered their linebacker corps and interior offensive line, both weaknesses last season. However, they didn't address their porous secondary at all.

Cleveland
Grade: B+
Draft picks: 1 (5), Mason Graham, DL, Michigan; 2 (33) Carson Schwesinger, LB, UCLA; 2 (36) Quinshon Judkins, RB, Ohio State; 3 (67) Harold Fannin Jr., TE, Bowling Green; 3 (94) Dillon Gabriel, QB, Oregon; 4 (126) Dylan Sampson, RB, Tennessee; 5 (144) Shedeur Sanders, QB, Colorado.

Notable undrafted free agents: None.

The lowdown: Adding a first-round pick in 2026, and still landing a top 5 player (Graham) in this draft deserves praise. I'm a huge fan of every selection that wasn't a quarterback in this group, but somehow taking Gabriel in the third (!) and

Pittsburgh
Grade: A-
Draft picks: 1 (21) Derrick Harmon, DL, Oregon; 3 (83) Kaleb Johnson, RB, Iowa; 4 (123) Jack Sawyer, Edge, Ohio State; 5 (164) Yahya Black, DL, Iowa; 6 (185) Will Howard, QB, Ohio State; 7 (226) Carson Bruener, LB, Washington; 7 (229) Donte Kent, CB, Central Michigan.

Notable undrafted free agents: Sebasian Castro, S, Iowa.

The lowdown: I would've liked to have seen the Steelers add some depth to their O-line, but I appreciate GM Omar Khan not taking the bait on a QB in the first round. There's value and potential early impact with every player in this group.

AFC SOUTH
Houston
Grade: B+
Draft picks: 2 (34) Jayden Higgins, WR, Iowa State; 2 (48) Aireontae Ersery, T, Minnesota; 3 (79) Jaylin Noel, WR, Iowa State; 3 (97) Jaylin Smith, CB, USC; 4 (116) Woody Marks, RB,

USC; 6 (187) Jaylen Reed, S, Penn State; 6 (197) Graham Mertz, QB, Florida; 7 (224) Kyonte Hamilton, DL, Rutgers; 7 (255) Luke Lachey, TE, Iowa.

Notable undrafted free agents: Eli Cox, C, Kentucky; Aijah Huzzie, CB, North Carolina.

The lowdown: GM Nick Case-rio added a 2026 third-rounder by trading out of the first round, allowing the Giants to jump back in to select QB Jax-son Dart. I love the Texans' first three picks, especially keeping Higgins and Noel together in the pros, but both Trojans (Smith and Marks) were reach-es.

Indianapolis
Grade: C+
Draft picks: 1 (14) Tyler Warren, TE, Penn State; 2 (45) JT Tuimoloau, Edge, Ohio State; 3 (80) Justin Walley, CB, Minneso-ta; 4 (127) Jalen Travis, T, Iowa State; 5 (151) DJ Giddens, RB, Kansas State; 6 (189) Riley Leonard, QB, Notre Dame; 6 (190) Tim Smith, DL, Alabama; 7 (232) Hunter Wohler, S, Wis-consin.

Notable undrafted free agents: None.

The lowdown: I was mildly

surprised Warren actually made it to the Colts, but it was an obvious choice once he did. Tuimoloau, Travis and Giddens are solid picks by GM Chris Ballard, but Walley was a reach, and Indy needed a new starting right guard.

Jacksonville
Grade: A-
Draft picks: 1 (2) Travis Hunter, WR/CB, Colorado; 3 (88) Caleb Ransaw, CB, Tulane; 3 (89) Wyatt Milum, T, West Vir-ginia; 4 (104) Bhayshul Tuten, RB Virginia Tech; 4 (107) Jack Kiser, LB, Notre Dame; 6 (194) Jalen McLeod, LB, Auburn; 6 (200) Rayuan Lane III, S, Navy; 7 (221) Jonah Monheim, OL, USC; 7 (236) LeQuint Allen, RB, Syracuse.

Notable undrafted free agents: Seth Henigan, QB, Memphis; Jabbar Muhammad, CB, Oregon.

The lowdown: The Jaguars trading up to select Hunter was a stunning development in the first round, but it would soon be swept away by the story of Shedeur Sanders' shocking fall. Some may think the Jags over-paid, but if the Heisman winner pans out, it was a bargain. GM James Gladstone also

added my 7th- and 9th-ranked running backs in this class, Tuten and Allen, to an already crowded group that includes Travis Etienne and Tank Bigs-by.

Tennessee
Grade: A
Draft picks: 1 (1) Cam Ward, QB, Miami; 2 (52) Oluwafemi Oladejo, Edge, UCLA; 3 (82) Kevin Winston Jr., S, Penn State; 4 (103) Chimere Dike, WR, Florida; 4 (120) Gunnar Helm, TE, Texas; 5 (136) Elic Ayomanor, WR, Stanford; 5 (167) Jackson Slater, IOL, Sacramento State; 6 (183) Marcus Harris, S, California; 6 (188) Kalel Mullings, RB, Michigan.

Notable undrafted free agents: Xavier Restrepo, WR, Miami; Brandon Crenshaw-Dickson, T, Florida; Cam Hors-ley, DL, Boston College.

The lowdown: GM Mike Bor-gonzi secured the Titans a fran-chise QB and two ascending defenders with his first three picks. Then he focused on stockpiling weapons for Ward with his next three picks. I especially like them adding Restrepo, Ward's top target at Miami, as a priority free agent.

Better ...

Continued from page 8

The largest improve-ment came from Griffin, who finished with a 95 at Yorktown and shaved 13 strokes off his score for an 82. His score was good enough to crack the top 10 and land him in a three-way tie for fourth place with Cohen West (Monroe Central) and Declan Grieser (Bluffton). (He was two strokes behind the three golfers that tied for match medalist honors.)

"I'll be honest, I didn't even think I was going to make top 10," Griffin said. "So, I guess I'm happy but like I said, I should have been higher up on the plaques but I'll take it at the end of the day."

Griffin started the match off well with back-to-back pars on the 410-yard, par-4 fifth hole and the 346-yard, par-4 sixth. He said on the fifth he drove to the point of a layup, hit a wedge onto the green, messed up his third shot before chipping in. The senior made par more

conventionally, capped off with a 10 foot putt on the sixth hole he said. He went on to make par six more times and a birdie on hole No. 2, a par 5.

It was putting that burned Griffin in the match. He sighted three instances where he strug-gled with the short game and it led to a lower score than he'd wanted.

"I go back and look at three shots," Griffin said. "I three-putted for par on a hole, so I should have birdied that. I missed a 1-foot birdie putt and I three-putted from 10 feet. So real-ly, that would have been 79 easily just right there. I'm not overall mad about how I played, but I definitely could have been better."

Cody DeHoff and Daw-son Goldsworthy also made strides forward, cut-ting 10 and eight strokes off their previous scores, respectively.

Similar to Griffin, DeHoff got off to a hot start, shooting a bogey on the sixth hole, before earn-ing pars on the seventh

and eighth. He made three more pars and bogeys en route to a 95.

Goldworthy's highlight came on the 120-yard, par-3 15th hole, in which he shot a birdie. He supplemented the hole with three pars and five bogeys to finish with a 97.

The final Patriot score came from Isaac Homan with a 96. He made par four times, including the 146-yard, par-3 18th hole. His drive landed him on the front left corner of the fringe, just eight yards away from the cup. He chipped up to within five feet before sinking the putt for par.

Beckett Brandenburg, who was making his varsity debut, finished with 111 strokes that didn't impact the final.

"I thought players' atti-tudes were good today," said Houck. "An 18-hole match is a long, long day. Being mentally sharp is one of the main things in shooting a good score and I thought we did that well today."



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Beckett Brandenburg hits one of his irons on the fairway of the 522-yard, par-5 17th hole at Wabash Valley Golf Club on Saturday. Brandenburg finished with a 111 in his varsity debut.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls tennis vs. Union City – 5 p.m.; Track vs. Heritage – 6 p.m.; Junior high soft-ball vs. Eastbrook – 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track quad meet at Fort Loramie – 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. New Knoxville – 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Anna – 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3 p.m. — UEFA Champions League soccer: Arsenal FC at PSG (CBS)

6 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Milwaukee Bucks at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)

Wednesday
3 p.m. — UEFA Champions League soccer: FC Barcelona at Inter (CBS)
3:15 p.m. — Women's Super League soccer: Manchester United at Chelsea Women (ESPN2)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)
7 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Montreal Canadiens at Washington Capitals (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Montreal Florida Panthers at Tampa Bay Lightning (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions Cup soccer: Inter Miami at Vancouver Whitecaps (FOX)
9:30 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: St. Louis Blues at Winnipeg Jets (ESPN)

Local notes

Registration open
Registration for the 35th annual Flat 50 Plus bicycle ride in Adams County is now open. To register, visit RunSignUp.com.
There are rides ranging from 20 to 100 miles long.

The event will be held at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 21. It will start at Bellmont High School and will have stops in Willshire, Geneva and Monroe with refreshments.

Challenge set
The Adams County 5K Run/Walk Challenge is set to begin May 10.
The Challenge includes seven races and the Challenge Series award will be given to the first 100 participants over the age of 19 to compete in five or more events.
Registration forms are available at www.adamscounty5kchallenge.com and can be

submitted to Debra Gerber at 656 W Van Buren St., Berne, IN 46711.
The series fee is \$125 with a t-shirt included in each race or \$90 without it. For students under the age of 18 registering, the cost will be \$100 with the t-shirts or \$80 without.
The first race, Monroe Lions 5K, is set for May 10 at 8:15 a.m. For more information contact Alan Arnold at (260) 216-1101 or email pamalarn@myfibersolution.com.
.....
To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	110 HELP WANTED	190 FARMERS COLUMN
PUBLIC AUCTION Located 620 N Pierce Street, Portland IN Saturday Morning MAY 24, 2025 9:30 A.M. REAL ESTATE 3 Bedroom manufac-tured home with approxi-mately 1400 square feet of living area sitting on concrete crawl space. This 1994 home fea-tures 2 full bathrooms, gas forced air furnace, central air, metal roof, and attached carport with approximately 736 square feet. This home is situated on a 136í x 173í corner lot which is equivalent to 3 city lots. Property also has 2 out-door storage sheds. This home is located at the east end of Portland near the Jay County Fairgrounds which allows you to live in the city limits while enjoying the rural sitting. For more information or private showing contact GARY LOY, AUCTION-EEER at (260) 726-5160 or KIM LOY, REAL ESTATE BROKER at (260) 729-2213.	ELDON MILLER By Ron Miller POA And ROWENA MILLER, DECEASED Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 Kaden Khayyata AU12400069 PUBLIC AUCTION Located: 505 West Line Street, Geneva, IN Saturday Morning MAY 3, 2025 REAL ESTATE WILL SELL AT 9:30 A.M. Personal property will sell immediately follow-ing real estate. REAL ESTATE: 1 Ω story home with 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath-room and 1426 square feet of living area. Home has gas forced air furnace with central air, gas water heater, a water softener and a partial basement. The kitchen has nice oak cabinets with space for	a table along with a din-ing room. There is a 24i x 26i 2 car detached garage with heat and water, a small utility barn with a walk in cooler and a 32i x 48i pole barn that has a workshop with heat and water. This property sits on 2.06 acres. This prop-erty has been well main-tained and has a spa-cious yard. For more information or private showing contact LOY REAL ESTATE KIM LOY BROKER 260-726-2700 OR GARY LOY AUCTIONEER 260-726-5160 HOUSEHOLD GOODS ñ OLD & COLLECTOR ITEMS Whirlpool refrigerator; GE washer & dryer; Coldspot freezer; vin-tage Fridgidaire refrigera-tor; vintage upholstered occasional chair; deer head mount; Coke and 7Up wood cases; JEWELRY: 10k ladies ring (4.7g), 14K ladies ring (7.3g), COINS: Sil-ver Dollars (1881,1885,1922), Walk-ing Liberty Silver Half	Dollars (1927,1934,1935,1936,1939,1941,1942,1943), along with other coins not listed. BOOKS ñ TRI STATE MEMORABILIA Large collection of Gene Stratton Porter Books (80+), ; Tri State belt buckles, collector engines, mugs, books and other assort-ed items. MOWERS ñ TRAILER - TOOLS Cub Cadet 1250 Hydro-stat mower; International tiller for garden tractor; Craftsman gas blower; US 1941 and 1945 hatchets; screws; wash-ers; bolts; nuts; wood and metal pulleys; fish-ing poles; antlers; hoes; shoves; corn jobber; hammers; galvanized cans; and other items not listed. AUCTIONEERS NOTE: We will be running 2 rings most of the day. KEN & MARCELLA DOHERTY, Deceased By Lois Debolt and Penny Hirschy Loy Auction AC#31600027	Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 Kaden Khayyata AU12400069 100 JOBS WANTED AMISH CREW LOOK-ING FOR any work. No job is too big or small. Pole barns, roofing, remodeling. 260-849-2489. 110 HELP WANTED PORTLAND WATER PARK is accepting appli-cation for CERTIFIED lifeguards for the 2025 season. Applications are also being accepted for concession stand work-ers. No certification is required. The Water Park is open 7 days per week and employees will be expected to work week-ends. Applications are available at Portland City Hall, The City of Portland website, and Portland Water Park Facebook page. 2025 season runs May 24th through mid to	late August. Applications will be accepted at City Hall, 321 N. Meridian St., until Friday, May 2nd at 4:00p.m. The City of Portland is and Equal Opportunity Employer. 130 MISC. FOR SALE SCRATCH PADS ARE BACK various bundles sizes and XL pads. \$1.25 plus tax. Pick up at The Commercial Review Tuesday thru Friday 10am to 4pm. PAPER END ROLLS FOR SALE Various sizes and prices. Call The Commercial Review at 260-726-8141 for more information. ALUMINUM SHEETS 23"x30",.007 thick. Clean and shiny on one side..35 cents each or four for \$1.40, plus tax. The Commercial Review, 309 W Main, Portland 260-726-8141. LUMBER SALE, DRIED RED OAK , White Ash, American Elm @ 6565 S 000 Road, Berne, IN.	AG RENTAL Spreaders: BBI, Artsway Vertical. New Holland 228 skid loaders w/full cab, heat/ac. Fort Recovery 419-852-0309 200 FOR RENT LEASE SPACE avail-able, Coldwater, OH. Manufacturing, ware-housing, assembly, dis-tribution, offices, inside and outdoor storage. Easy access to major highways and railroad docks with loading cranes available. Con-tact Sycamore Group, 419-678-5318, www.sycamorespace.co m 230 AUTOS, TRUCKS WE PAY CASH for junk autos. We pick up at your location. 1-765-546-2642 or 1-765-857-1071. Slocumis Salvage

Visit Us At:
thecr.com

Jay County track competed at Ansonia on Friday, see story below

FRHS baseball hosts New Knoxville today, see Sports on tap

Sports

Better by 40

Jay County shaves two scores off 18-hole performance at South Adams Invite



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Dawson Goldsworthy of the Jay County High School boys golf team chips onto the 18th green at Wabash Valley Golf Club on Saturday during the South Adams Invitational. Goldsworthy finished off the Patriots' team score of 370 that placed seventh with a round of 97.

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

GENEVA — Only one of the Patriots played well enough in their first 18-hole event to break 100 strokes.

Two weeks later, they got another crack at a full round of golf. Two of the players that shot over 100 broke the century mark, a new golfer to the line-up brought in a similar score and Tucker Griffin shaved 13 strokes to plant himself in the top 10.

The Jay County High School boys golf team shaved 40 strokes off its previous 18-hole score to finish with a 370 and net seventh at the South Adams Invitational on Saturday at Wabash Valley Golf Club.

Bluffton won the event with a score of 331, followed closely behind by Fremont with 335 strokes. The rest of the top five was made up of Norwell (352), Northeastern (352) and Monroe Central (358).

The only other school to finish ahead of the Patriots in the 11-team field was Adams Central, which shot a 366. While JCHS didn't manage to climb any higher than seventh, a combined effort from the Patriots improved their previous 18-hole score of 410 strokes at the Yorktown Invitational by 40.

"I was pleased with everybody," said JCHS coach Jay Houck. "I think everybody that played at Yorktown improved by a good amount of shots, so I was pleased with that. Tucker, our No. 1, had never played this course before and shot a pretty good round. I was pleased with everyone overall and how we played."

See Better page 7

Jumps lead Patriots at Ansonia Tiger Relays

ANSONIA, Ohio — The girls' legs led them to the top three, while the boys only slipped a little further.

The Jay County High School track teams competed at the Ansonia Tiger Relays on Friday, with the girls placing third and the boys finishing sixth.

The top finish for the girls came from the girls 4x100-meter shuttle hurdle relay team, composed of Morgan DeHoff, Kali Newell, Mya Kunkler and Maria Hemmelgarn. The four combined for a time of 1 minute, 14.81 seconds, which claimed second place.

The girls team also added a slew of third-place finishes, those coming in the 4x800 relay, distance relay, 4x100 relay, 4x400 relay and the high jumpers. (Jenna Dues was second as an individual in the high jump with a mark of 4 feet, 8 inches.)

The best finish for the boys came from John Cook, Caden Gambill, Adam Alig and Garrett

Local roundup

Hidy in the 4x100 relay. A time of 46.92 seconds earned the squad third place.

The Patriots couldn't crack the top three in any other events, but as an individual, Alig would have scored third in the high jump at 5 feet, 6 inches, but dropped to eighth without a partner in the event.

Clark leads

The Jay County Junior High School tennis team hosted Randolph Southern and South Adams on Saturday and won all but one match.

Maddie Clark led the way with a 5-0 record as the only Patriot to play in five matches.

Right behind Clark with perfect records of 4-0 were Macy DeHoff,

Claudia Dirksen, Henry Dirksen, Paul Dirksen and Parker McCoy.

Maria Laux and Ellie Byrum also went undefeated, netting records of 3-0. Cadly Henry and Aubrie Weitzel each picked up three wins, but also suffered the sole loss for Jay County.

Roster announced

The Jay County Junior High School cheerleaders for the 2025-26 season were announced on April 23.

Athletes who made the cut were Emalee Aker, Kenzlea Bentz, Raegan Blalock, Adalyn Broering, Avery Carpenter, Jordyn Champ, Veronica Dirkson, Miley Duncan, Aubrey Hunley, Taylor Lee, Ali Luna, Bailey Muhlenkamp, Journey Reynolds, Claire Schmiesing, Leah Steed, Lillian Stephen, Charli Stephens, Aubrey York and Jenna Walker.

Coaching the team will be Brea McClain and Kenna Kalig will serve as assistant coach.

NFL Draft grades for AFC North, AFC South

By EDDIE BROWN
The San Diego Union-Tribune
Tribune News Service

AFC NORTH

Baltimore
Grade: A+

Draft picks: 1 (27) Malaki Starks, S, Georgia; 2 (59) Mike Green, Edge, Marshall; 3 (91) Emery Jones Jr., T, LSU; 4 (129) Teddy Buchanan, LB, Cal; 5 (141) Carson Vinson, T, Alabama A&M; 6 (178) Bilhal Kone, CB, Western Michigan; 6 (186) Tyler Loop, K, Arizona; 6 (203) LaJohntay Wester, WR, Colorado; 6 (210) Aeneas Peebles, DL, Virginia Tech; 6 (212) Robert Longerbeam, CB, Rutgers; 7 (243) Garrett Dellinger, IOL, LSU.

Notable undrafted free agents: Nash Hutmacher, DL, Nebraska; Chandler Martin, LB, Memphis; Jay Higgins, LB, Iowa.

The lowdown: Another vintage performance by GM Eric DeCosta and the Ravens' front office. Pairing Starks with Swiss Army knife Kyle Hamilton could lock in the gains Baltimore's defense achieved during the second half of last season by having Hamilton defend the slot, and play closer to the line of scrimmage.

Cincinnati
Grade: B

Draft picks: 1 (17) Shemar Stewart, Edge, Texas A&M; 2 (49) Demetrius Knight Jr., LB, South Carolina; 3 (81) Dylan Fairchild, IOL, Georgia; 4 (119) Barrett Carter, LB, Clemson; 5 (153) Jalen Rivers, IOL, Miami; 6 (193) Tahj Brooks, RB, Texas Tech.

See Draft page 7

Portland's Largest Selection of

FRESH CUT

QUALITY MEAT

AWARD WINNING MEATS

While supplies last, no rain checks

Fisher Gift Cards available for purchase! They can be used at either Portland or Muncie locations and never expire.

<p>Fresh Hamburger</p> <p>\$4.49</p> <p><small>Boneless</small></p>	<p>Pork Chops</p> <p>\$3.49</p> <p><small>Boneless</small></p>
<p>Roasts</p> <p>\$6.69</p> <p><small>Boneless Arm</small></p>	<p>country style ribs</p> <p>\$2.99</p> <p><small>Boneless</small></p>
<p>Patio Steaks</p> <p>\$6.99</p> <p><small>Prime to Choice</small></p>	<p>Baby Swiss Cheese</p> <p>\$6.99/lb</p> <p>American Potato Salad</p> <p>\$2.99/lb</p>
<p>NY Strip Steaks</p> <p>\$14.99</p> <p><small>lb</small></p>	

From Fisher's Smokehouse

Smoked Pork Chops\$4.99/lb

Boneless Smoked Turkey Breast\$4.99/lb

-sliced or shaved

Pepper Loaf\$5.69/lb

***while supplies last, no rain checks, sale prices reflected at the register**

300 W. Walnut St., Portland, IN

(260) 726-7355

Monday - Friday 8 am-5 pm • Saturday 8 am-1 pm • Closed Sunday

Call your order in today!

Freezer bundles are also available. They offer the perfect mix of our most popular cuts of meat in quantities small enough to not crowd your freezer or cramp your budget.

Save time and energy with call ahead ordering and have your order ready to go when you arrive.

www.fishermeats.com