

## Indiana opts out



Photo from Lance Cheung for the U.S. Department of Agriculture

Indiana will no longer participate in a program to feed schoolchildren through direct family payments during summer vacation. The program provides financial assistance for food for children when schools are closed.

### State will not participate in SUN Bucks program, which provides food assistance money for children

By **WHITNEY DOWNARD**  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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Last summer, hundreds of thousands of Hoosier families who qualify for food benefits and reduced-price school meals got a summertime boost: \$120 per child monthly for food while schools were closed.

But relief for those 669,000 children may only have been a one-time blip. Indiana won't participate in a federal sum-

mer food service program, known as SUN Bucks, in 2025.

"We made a great step forward last summer in giving families the ability to purchase the food that they need for their kids when they need it. And it just feels like a giant leap backwards to take this program away that the federal government is still operating and we could opt into it," said Kate Howe, the executive director of the Indy Hunger Network. "But Indiana has

decided that they don't want to."

Awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, SUN Bucks can be combined with free summertime meals and meals-to-go programs to ensure schoolchildren don't go hungry. School breakfasts and lunches are often the only reliable source of nutrition for many students, and they lose access when the academic year ends.

Thirteen states opted out of the SUN Bucks in 2025, mostly

those that didn't participate in 2024. Indiana, however, has withdrawn after a year of participation, the state confirmed.

Indiana notified the federal oversight agency that it wouldn't be participating on Feb. 20, but didn't rule out future years, according to a letter signed by the deputy director of the Family and Social Services Administration and housed on the Department of Education's website.

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## Getting to know each other

### New JCDC leader holds orientation with board

By **RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

Meet Ceann.  
The full Jay County Development Corporation board of directors held its first meeting with new executive director Ceann Bales on Tuesday, hearing a report about what she has done in her first weeks on the job and going through an orientation process.

Bales, who was hired last month to take over following the resignation of Travis Richards in November, talked with the board about the importance of having tangible ways to measure success and said she'll be including a "mission moment" in meetings to regularly reinforce striving toward the organization's mission.

She mentioned needs early in her tenure as creating a new strategic plan, getting some "quick wins" and updating the Jay County Development Corporation website. She added that she'll be presenting the board with a list of meetings she's been involved in to provide a snapshot of her activity and allow follow-up questions or information.

"I love to be out and about," Bales said. "I love to meet people. I love engaging with people. I've had the best last month. It's been so much fun meeting with everyone."

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## Conclave underway

By **CRISTOPH SATOR, ROBERT MESSER and MARTINA HERZOG**  
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Tribune News Service

ROME — More than 130 cardinals from around the world gathered in the Vatican on Wednesday morning for the last major Mass before the election of the new pope begins.

The Mass, known by its Latin title "Pro eligendo romano pontifice" ("For the election of the Roman pontiff), in St Peter's Basilica was led by the dean of the College of Cardinals, the Italian Giovanni Battista Re.

Re, 91, said they had gathered to ask for the Holy Spirit's assistance in the election. He reminded the cardinals eligible to vote — all dressed in red — of the "exceptional importance" of their choice.

"This is a human act for which every personal consideration must be set aside, keeping in mind and heart only the God of Jesus Christ and the good of the Church and of humanity," he said.

Re will not participate in the conclave itself, which begins in the afternoon, as only cardinals

### College of Cardinals began process to elect new pope

under the age of 80 are allowed to vote.

The decision on the successor to pope Francis, who passed away on Easter Monday, lies in the hands of 133 eligible cardinals, who will gather in the Sistine Chapel, strictly isolated from the outside world.

The electoral body is larger and more international than ever before, and must reach a two-thirds majority to elect the 267th pontiff in two millennia of Church history. He will lead the estimated 1.4 billion Catholics worldwide.

Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, 70, who holds the second highest rank in the Catholic Church, is to lead the conclave. The media and bookmakers consider him to be the favourite, though the list of poten-

tial successors to Francis have been growing longer by the day.

The cardinals are expected to hold the first ballot in the afternoon.

Probably around 7 p.m., smoke will rise from the chimney on the Sistine Chapel's roof. It is expected to be black — indicating no candidate has been successful — as a quick decision is not anticipated.

When a new pope has been chosen, white smoke will rise from the chimney.

Many observers expect there to be a new pope this week as all conclaves since the 1960s have produced a decision within two or three days. However, Francis appointed many new cardinals from across the world, meaning many of the electors do not yet know each other well.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

### Snow-y hug

Jay County High School senior Maddy Snow hugs her uncle Matt Snow during Honors Night on Monday after he presented her with the Jay Lodge #87 Scholarship.

#### Weather

The high temperature was 29 degrees Tuesday in Jay County. The low was 52.  
The forecast calls for a low in the upper 30s tonight.  
Expect sunny skies Friday

with a high in the mid 60s. High temperatures are expected to be in the 70s Saturday and Sunday under sunny skies.  
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

Tickets are on sale for Jay County Civic Theatre's production of the Disney musical "Freaky Friday." Performances are scheduled for June 5, 6, 7 and 8 at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place. Get tickets by going to bit.ly/JCCTFreakyFriday, calling (260) 726-4809 or visiting Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

#### Coming up

**Friday** — Results from the JCHS softball game at South Adams.

**Saturday** — Details from the JCHS girls tennis match against Union City.

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



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With several new board members also in their first meeting Tuesday, Bales led a board orientation during which she pointed out that she likes that “quality of life” is in the first few words of Jay County Development Corporation’s mission statement. She shared some of the history of the organization, which was formed in 1985, and detailed the changing face of economic development as it has grown to include workforce development and community development.

She also discussed some of the barriers and challenges that rural communities face while also highlighting their role in manufacturing, renewable energy and agriculture.

Bales also emphasized that success often stems from overcoming fear of change and a willingness for leaders to have the courage to make the best decisions for the community even in the face of opposition.

Referring to organizational dynamics, she noted the board’s role to direct, protect and enable the organization while the staff leads, manages and accomplishes.

Bales finished her presentation with two words: “Let’s go.”

“Progress requires belief, action and the courage to show up,” she said. “And that’s how we’re going to move Jay County forward.”

The board also approved its 2025 budget at \$196,016.65, which is down from the

\$224,816.04 that was approved for 2024.

So far, the organization has a total of \$172,150 pledged for this year, which would leave it with a deficit of \$23,866.65. Paxson also noted a goal of returning the organization to having enough funding in reserve to cover six months of expenses, which comes in at \$116,330. (The organization spent down its reserves in 2024 as it did not receive funding from the county during a contract dispute.)

A contract between the county and JCDC is in place through June 30.

Paxson said she plans to return to Jay County Commissioners to request the \$140,196.65 it would take to balance the 2025 budget and return

JCDC to having six months of expenses in reserve. (The county approved \$100,000 in funding for the organization in January.)






The board approved the budget with the understanding that those funds would be requested from the county.

In other business, the board:

- Approved adding Bales as a designee to sign checks for the organization and removed Richards.
- Welcomed new members Aaron Clark, Josh Miller, Josh Stewart, Adolfo Solis and Carolyn Carducci.
- Learned from Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins that Ardagh, which operates a glass manufacturing facility in the city, has signed a contract with its workers.

- Heard reminders about upcoming events, including:
- The Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition 5K race that starts the 2025 Run Jay County circuit at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at Hudson Family Park.
- Redkey’s town-wide rummage sale, also on Saturday.
- The Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association Swap and Sell Meet May 14 through 17 at Jay County Fairgrounds.
- The Portland Rockets’ season opener, Arch Bridge Kroozers car show, Main Street festival and veterans memorial event all on Saturday, May 17.
- Culpepper and Merriweather Circus at the Redkey tractor pull grounds on Tuesday, June 3.

CR almanac

Friday 5/9	Saturday 5/10	Sunday 5/11	Monday 5/12	Tuesday 5/13
 <b>67/43</b> Friday's weather looks to be sunny with lows at night dipping to the low 40s.	 <b>76/51</b> Mostly sunny skies on Saturday when the high will be in the mid to upper 70s.	 <b>81/56</b> Mostly sunny skies expected Sunday, when the high will reach nearly 81 degrees.	 <b>79/61</b> Warm temperatures Monday under mostly sunny skies. Chance of rain late.	 <b>74/60</b> There's a 50% chance of rain on Tuesday with thunderstorms also possible.

Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$100 million	Daily Three: 7-2-8 Daily Four: 0-6-1-4 Quick Draw: 1-14-16-24-26-27-28-29-36-37-38-43-55-64-70-71-72-77-79-80
<b>Mega Millions</b> 16-34-40-45-66 Mega Ball: 19 Estimated jackpot: \$65 million	<b>Ohio</b> Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 0-1-1 Pick 4: 8-5-4-9 Pick 5: 4-6-4-8-5 Evening Pick 3: 1-1-0 Pick 4: 3-5-4-9 Pick 5: 2-1-7-3-2 Rolling Cash: 7-13-21-26-30 Estimated jackpot: \$177,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 4-7-6 Daily Four: 2-2-4-8 Quick Draw: 8-13-15-17-20-21-22-25-31-35-38-39-47-53-56-69-72-77-78-79 Evening	

Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.67 June corn .....4.69 July corn.....4.72	June beans .....10.61 Wheat ..... 4.96
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.73 June corn .....4.77 July corn.....4.80	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.64 June corn .....4.64 Beans .....10.56 June beans .....10.58 Wheat .....4.86
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.71 June corn .....4.71 Beans .....10.56	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.71 June corn .....4.73 Beans .....10.31 June beans .....10.31 Wheat .....4.81

Today in history

In 1846, United States troops declared victory after a two-day battle against a portion of the Mexican army at Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma. Mexican troops were forced out of Texas, and five days later, the United States declared war against Mexico.

In 1884, Harry Truman was born in Lamar, Missouri. Truman served as the 33rd president of the United States and led the coun-

try through the end of World War II and beginning of the Cold War.

In 1886, Coca-Cola was developed by pharmacist John Pemberton. The drink had been originally intended to be a cure-all tonic.

In 1945, Germany surrendered unconditionally, officially ending World War II in Europe. The war in the Pacific continued until Japan surrendered in September.

— The CR

Citizen’s calendar

<b>Today</b> 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, living facility, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	

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The Indiana Capital Chronicle messaged three state entities on Monday but didn't receive requested details — including why the state withdrew from the program and the cost to administer it — before the publication deadline.

“While SUN Bucks will be discontinued for 2025, students in low-income areas of the state can still receive free summer meals at approximately 1,000 locations (schools and other organizations) through the USDA’s Summer Food Service Program,” wrote Courtney Bearsch, a spokeswoman for Indiana’s Department of Education.

Bearsch pointed families toward the USDA’s Site Finder Map and Hunger Hotline to identify participating locations. The hotline is accessible Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Eastern Time at 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-866-348-6479) for English speakers or at 1-877-8-

HAMBRE (1-877-842-6273) for Spanish speakers.

While in school, children can qualify for free or reduced price breakfasts and lunches. According to state data obtained by the Indiana Youth Institute, nearly half of Indiana’s students qualified for free or reduced meals in 2024, or more than 509,000 children.

However, the state wasn’t able to tell the Indiana Capital Chronicle why USDA reported 160,000 additional students participated in the SUN Bucks program.

Summer food service programs, in one form or another, have existed for decades. Traditionally, children would need to be on-site to receive meals and wouldn’t be permitted to take food home.

But the COVID-19 pandemic made large gatherings dangerous, forcing a pivot to grab-and-go meals and, eventually, a direct financial boost to families receiving food benefits.

The initial phase of the direct-to-family program

was tied to the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). It increased funding for participating families using Electronic Benefit Transfer cards, or EBT. Following the end of the public health emergency on May 11, 2023, the federal government phased the pandemic-era program out in favor of SUN Bucks.

In Indiana, SUN Bucks were distributed to unique summertime accounts. According to the USDA, 669,000 children between the ages of 7 and 18 years old were served by the program in 2024 — though students were more likely to grab lunch than breakfast.

“Obviously, that provides a lot of flexibility,” observed Howe. “If they have allergies or dietary restrictions, having that money to purchase the food that works for your family is really important. I have a child with a peanut allergy ... so if my son went to a meal site where they were serving peanut

butter and jelly sandwiches, he wouldn’t be able to eat that.”

Howe’s organization doesn’t directly participate in summertime food programming, but does advertising and outreach.

While community centers and participating schools will still offer sit-down or grab-and-go meals, those may be harder for some families to access.

“Maybe you have 13-year-olds that you feel comfortable leaving home alone during the summer when you’re at work, but you don’t feel comfortable having them walk around the community to access meals at a free meal site,” said Howe, naming pedestrian safety as a concern.

“In rural areas ... there might be one meal site per county. And for those you might have to walk or bike many miles in order to get the free meal,” Howe continued. “So those meals just become inaccessible to a lot of kids.”

Felony arrests

**Theft**  
A Portland man was arrested Sunday for vehicle theft. Alejandro M.M. Domingo, 39, 109 S. Munson Ave., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class A misdemeanor for operating a vehicle without a license. He was released from Jay County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.

**Drug possession**  
A Portland woman was arrested Sunday for possession of methamphetamine. Teresa N. Antonio, 34, 2516 S. Como Road, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for the alleged crime. She was released on a \$15,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

**Failed to stop**  
A Portland woman failed to stop the car she was driving at the intersection of North and Wayne streets in Portland, causing an accident about 6 a.m. April 29. Mikenzie Shelton, 21, was driving a 2017 Nissan Maxima east on North Street. She told police she didn’t see the stop sign at its intersection with Wayne Street and continued through it without stopping.

At the same time, Justin M. Pierce, 33, was driving his 2006 Chevrolet Impala north on Wayne Street and passing through the intersection. He crashed into the car Shelton was driving. Shelton was cited with an infraction for failing to stop at an intersection. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The vehicle Shelton was driving is registered to Ikechukwu Onochie of Danville.

**Pole hit**  
A Portland man crashed into a utility pole while entering the Baird-Free-man Funeral Home parking lot about 4:52 p.m. Thursday. James D. Goble, 53, was driving his 2014 Ram 1500 pickup truck and turning east off Meridian Street in Portland into the parking lot at 211 N. Meridian St. He told police the sun obscured his vision, causing him to turn into and strike a pole. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

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SERVICES

<b>Today</b> <b>McEldowney,</b> Gregory: 10:30 a.m., St. Paul Catholic Church, 517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery. <b>Franklin,</b> Phyllis: 11 a.m., Taylor Chapel Ministries, 10145 Maysville Road, Fort Wayne.	
<b>Friday</b> <b>Teagle,</b> Dorothea: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier. <b>Camp,</b> Diane: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland. <b>Muhlenkamp,</b> Sheryl: 11:30 a.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant.	
<b>Monday</b> <b>Manning,</b> William: 10:30 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.	

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# Care for your mental health

By JENNIFER VANSKYOCK

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and this is a great time to focus on ways to improve your mental health through everyday behaviors.

### What can we do to improve our mental health?

There are several things that can have a significant impact on how we feel. One area to look at is your physical wellbeing. This means planning to have daily physical activity in your routine. This doesn't require any special equipment or even highly strenuous activities, but simply walking, dancing, and stretching can help. It can be especially helpful to walk outside as being in nature can help you feel calm and grounded. Another area to look at is your sleep. Ideally, everyone should aim for 7-9 hours of sleep per night to support excellent mental health. We also want to focus on a healthy diet. This includes eating nutritious foods, especially those that are not

### Your Health Matters



processed or high in fat or sugar. In addition, we should ensure we maintain appropriate hydration throughout our day by drinking plenty of water.

### How can we monitor our thoughts to help our mental health?

We can work our thoughts by using mindfulness activities, meditation, seeking professional help when needed, practicing gratitude, and setting up realistic goals for ourselves. Often, we allow our thoughts to drive our emotions and our behaviors. Shifting this behavior into a more intentional approach can help

us feel more peaceful, content, and even more joyful.

### How does technology impact our mental health?

Intentionally limiting screen time can improve overall mental health. While technology is a wonderful resource and can provide a great deal of information, it can also create tension, stress, and anxiety. It can disrupt sleep and even impact our relationships. Limiting this exposure provides an opportunity to focus on other activities or behaviors that can have a positive impact on our mental health such as allowing for personal connections.

As humans we are a social species and connections are vital to our mental health. Try to put down your screen and look up at the people around you. Talk to others about things you are interested in and get to know what they care about. This personal interaction will likely be much more impactful than scrolling on your phone.

### Is there anything fun we can do to impact our mental health?

There are many fun things you can do to improve your mental health such as engaging in a hobby. If you don't have any hobbies, now is the perfect time to start considering what might be a good fit for you. Think back to your youth, what did you love doing?

Our communities have local parks, community centers, arts centers, libraries, churches, and local businesses that offer classes. You could try gardening, photography, dance, or an exercise class. Mental health is health and you have the power to develop routines that will help you to optimize your wellness.

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Jennifer VanSkyock is the program manager at IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health and Ball Addiction Treatment and Recovery Center. For more information on services available call (260) 726-1960.

# FR car show set for Friday

It's cruisin' time. Fort Street Car Classics will host a cruise-in from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday in downtown Fort Recovery. Cars, trucks and motorcycles are all welcome to participate. Proceeds will be used to fund automotive scholarships and community organizations. For more information, call (419) 375-4908.

### Series opening

The Muncie Three Trails Music Series will open with a performance by Steep Canyon Rangers on Saturday, May 31, at Canan Commons. The bluegrass band is a member of the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame.

# Alcohol overpowers couple's love, reasoning

DEAR ABBY: My fiancée and I have been arguing almost every day. We have been verbally and emotionally hurting each other. I love her very much, but she has a severe alcohol disorder, and I want her to stop drinking. She keeps begging me for money whenever she runs out of her own. She wants me to buy her more alcohol, but I refuse. She has been mean and abusive to the people she loves, including me.

I suffer from anxiety and depression and see a therapist to deal with my mental health. My therapist suggested that my fiancée and I have couples counseling, but we are on a waiting list. I am also looking into attending Al-Anon meetings for support. I don't know what else to do to save my rela-

### Dear Abby



tionship. Please help. —  
DEPRESSED IN NEW YORK  
DEAR DEPRESSED: Between you and your therapist, I'd say you have your ducks pretty well in a row. Because you and your alcoholic fiancée are wait-listed for couples counseling, start getting more of the emotional support you need by attending those Al-Anon meetings. Dealing with an angry, manipulative addict can be soul-crushing. Join-

ing that community will give you insight and perspective.

Please remember that saving your relationship isn't a solo effort. At some point, your fiancée must decide which to choose: her drinking or you. If she can't give up the bottle, you may need to save yourself. I am glad you have a therapist.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 45 years old and have a friend from the military I've known for more than 25 years. A couple of years ago, he asked to move into my one-bedroom apartment to help him deal with retirement and straighten out his bills, debt and child support. I agreed because I had started working on the road and wasn't in a relationship. He sleeps on the

couch, and I'm fine with that. He also helps with half the rent and the utility bill.

The problem is, when I come home from the road, I find he hasn't cleaned AT ALL. He keeps my place very dirty. The AC is filthy, the bathroom is moldy and messy from his hair dye, and the kitchen is greasy from his cooking. My living and dining rooms are full of his stuff. He also doesn't take hints when I have company over.

I love him like a brother, but I need him to leave. I do worry about paying my full rent and the mail that accumulates in my absence. (He doesn't even bother to let me know about "important" mail when it arrives.) I love the support he's given in the past, but it has run

its course. What should I do? —  
GOOD BUDDY IN VIRGINIA

DEAR GOOD BUDDY: I will assume that in the past you have told your roommate that you didn't like the shape your apartment was in when you returned from the road. If you didn't, you should have. Because you want him out, tell him that you now want the place to yourself, and set a date for him to find another place to live. If you don't speak up and draw the line, it will never happen.

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# 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.

**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.

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP** — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS

**CLUB** — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

### Friday

**PAST RECOVERY SERVICES** — Peer Addic-

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

### Saturday

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

### Sunday

**A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.

# Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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

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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Rates DO NOT apply to Special Sections. Ads must run in May.

# Healthcare ad skirted ethical lines

**By LINDA BLACKFORD**  
Lexington Herald-Leader  
Tribune News Service

University of Kentucky HealthCare will add a disclaimer statement to a recent advertisement about a climber who said she beat cancer with the help of UK doctors.

UK aired “I shouldn’t be here” around the Super Bowl. It showed dramatic footage of a climber ascending a cliff with a first-person voiceover that detailed her cancer treatment at UK.

*Linda Blackford*



In fact, the patient is played by professional climber Amity Warne, who has not been a cancer patient at UK. The ad was filmed in Tennessee.

When the ad airs around the Kentucky Derby, it will include wording that says the

ad is a representative patient, and you can go to the UK site to read real patient stories about the kind of care they provide, said spokesman Jay Blanton.

He also issued the following statement:

“We are an institution that listens and learns. That’s what we have done in adding a brief clarifying statement in conjunction with the powerful branding campaign underway now with UK HealthCare. We’ve listened to many different opinions and stakeholders, learned and acted so as not to

distract from the powerful stories we are telling about the impact of advanced medicine and healing found only at UK HealthCare.”

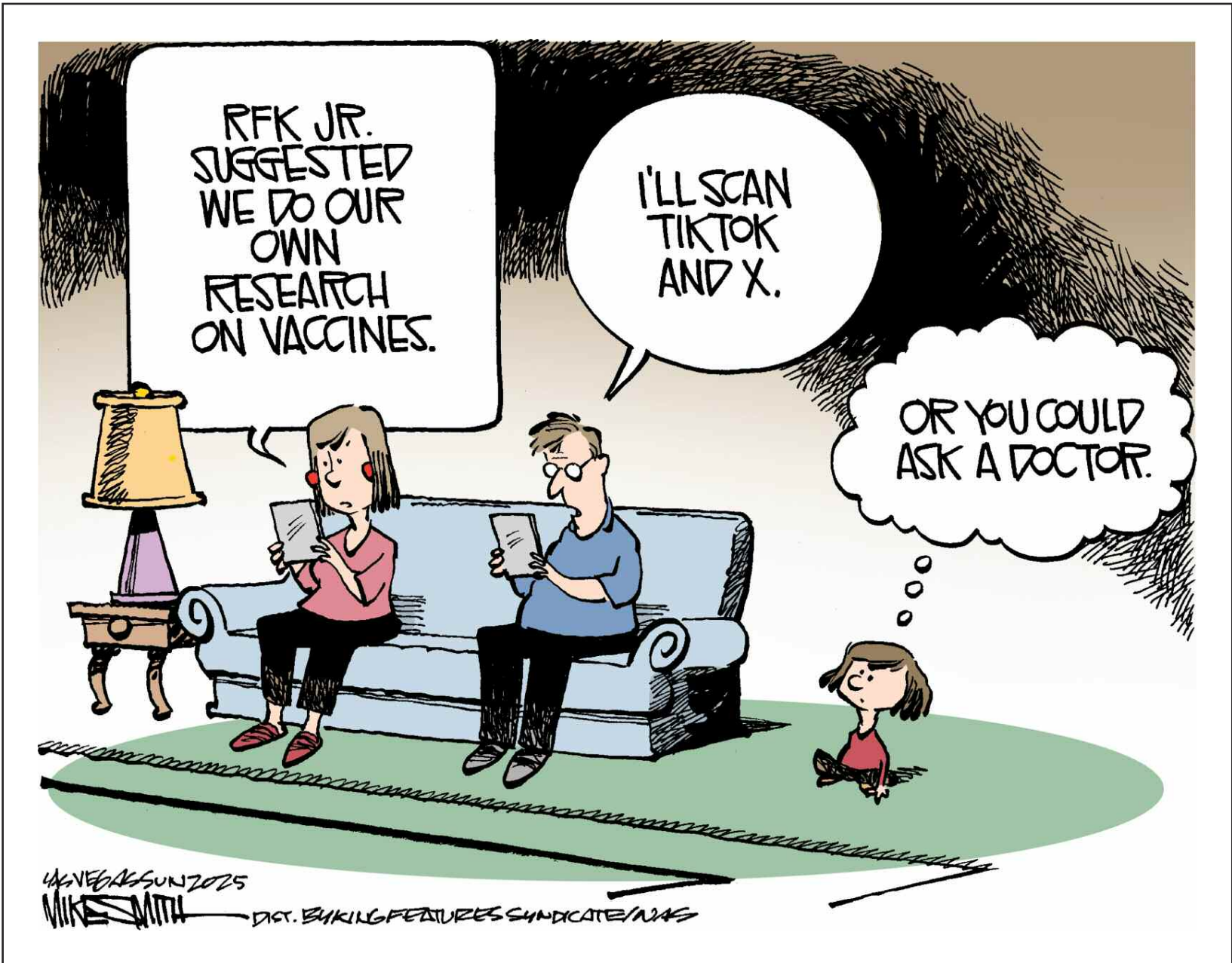
UK’s Markey Cancer Center is the state’s only National Cancer Institute Designated Cancer Center and treats thousands of patients from the state.

Several ethics experts told the Herald-Leader the ad skirted ethical lines because it played on vulnerable people without being transparent about using an actor. In addition,

the voiceover said she was saved a “drug no one else had,” referring to clinical trials at the UK Markey Cancer Center.

Dr. Gillian Oakenfull, a marketing professor at the Farmer School of Business at Miami University of Ohio, said transparency in health care advertising is critical.

“Marketing should elevate clarity, truthfulness and respect for the patient journey—not stretch the truth in pursuit of a powerful message,” she said.



# Bill provides two key economic lessons

**By MICHAEL J. HICKS**

Indiana’s 2025 legislative session offered a valuable pair of economic lessons. The first is that there are no perfectly good or bad policies, only trade-offs. The second is that the cost of anything is measured by what you relinquish to obtain it — its opportunity cost.

Indiana’s property tax gifted me with a new, and pristine, example of both lessons.

The session began with Senate Bill 1, a version of Gov. Mike Braun’s property tax cuts. This legislation, which I’ve described before, provides modest tax cuts to about half of Hoosier families — and less than \$300 per year for that lucky half. It also provided the largest business tax cuts in state history by exempting business personal property tax payments and eliminating the 30% floor on depreciated tax payments.

I’ve already described how this bill will result in large income tax increases, probably in the range of \$1,250 for the typical family. The unhappiness of this trade-off should be increasingly obvious to many folks. But that isn’t the big lesson. The bigger lesson is what these business tax cuts do to employment in today’s tariff-burdened economy.

Before the April 2 tariffs imposed by the Trump administration, taxes on Indiana’s manufacturing firms, and their imported goods, was roughly \$2.76 billion (in 2023). That was the fourth-lowest rate in the country. After the tariffs, that

*Michael J. Hicks*



tax jumps an astonishing \$22.37 billion.

The cost of producing anything is much higher — maybe 15% for a Hoosier automobile. This leaves Hoosier firms with a dilemma. Most businesses will raise prices, cut production, reduce staff and see lower profits — the side effects of a recession. Nearly all manufacturers will do that in the short run.

Over the long run, they can onshore production of the tariffed products, but that costs money. In fact, the reason the product was imported in the first place is that someone else can produce it more efficiently. So, that leaves them with a more expensive product that fewer Americans will buy — and is less profitable.

But, vanishingly few businesses will make capital expenditure decisions under the Trump tariff regime. Who knows what they’ll be in an hour or so, and capex decisions are long-term, multi-year choices. Congress will remove these tariffs; the only question is how bad the pain will be before it does.

In the meantime, Indiana’s business property tax cuts give businesses a good, reliable, high-probability opportunity to

remain profitable without worrying about tariffs. You see, the goal is to cut production costs to remain competitive. Why bother fixing tariffs, which will go away, when the legislature slashed your property taxes?

Before this legislative session, a business investing \$1 billion would have 25-year personal property tax liability of about \$221.4 million dollars. That’s among the lowest in the country, but it is still a big number. With abatements, the cost would drop to about \$86.6 million over 25 years.

Under Indiana’s new property tax law, that tax liability drops from \$221.4 million to \$122.5 million — and, with tax abatements, to effectively zero.

The quickest and easiest way for a business to cut its long-term production costs is to automate its workforce. Manufacturing labor accounts for roughly 39% of manufacturing costs, but in an automated factory they’d be down to under 5%. There’s no risk that such a move will backfire once tariffs are cut.

This decision has benefits and costs. The labor share of production will drop, and the capital share will spike. This flows more business revenue to owners — individuals, retirement accounts and pension funds. It will also grow demand for electrical and mechanical engineers, workers with advanced training in manufacturing technology, as well as AI developers.

It will trim far, far more jobs than it’ll create. We’ll see substantial declines in traditional

factory employment (which already are highly, but not fully, automated). This will cut demand for labor in factories across the state and reduce local income tax revenues because there will be fewer jobs for fewer workers.

We may be on the cusp of a hyper-automation wave.

That is a good lesson on trade-offs. We economists have plenty of examples of these, but what about opportunity costs? Senate Enrolled Act 1 will take Indiana from the seventh-lowest residential property tax state to, well, uhm, the seventh-lowest residential property tax state. But, we pay the fourth-highest share of our family budget on hospitals — a whopping \$2,356 per family more than the average American household.

That’s the opportunity cost lesson.

What if Senate Bill 1 addressed the hospital monopolization that is strangling Hoosier families? What if, instead of spending a long and tedious budget session struggling to find piddling property tax savings, we focused on reversing two decades of hospital monopolization? What might we have achieved?

If Indiana’s elected leaders had spent the session working through antitrust enforcement, they might have made some progress. If they hadn’t been distracted by an anti-tax hysteria, which made some sense 25 years ago, they might have made progress on health care.

Let’s just imagine what would’ve happened if they’d

passed legislation that moves us from paying a whopping 10.5% of the average household budget on hospitals to 9.5%. That would have saved the average Hoosier family \$1,081 this year.

It bears repeating that SEA 1 isn’t all good or bad, just like any legislation. There are winners and losers. Business owners, including stockholders, are big winners. The losers are people who earn income, whose taxes are going to be more than offset by income tax increases, or who lose their jobs to new labor-saving capital investment.

The opportunity cost to fixing a problem we didn’t really have was that we failed to fully address a much larger, more imminent and far more fixable problem that has festered for years — monopolized hospitals.

That’s what happens when you react to know-nothing candidates and radio show hosts for your public policy agenda.

This is also why, in every economics class, from high school to the doctoral level, we remind students of two things. First, every policy has trade-offs. Second, that the cost of everything is what you give up to get it. In this case, the cost was real progress on our worsening hospital monopolies.

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Joe Boggs  
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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

**Christ Chapel**  
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(419) 733-1469  
christchapelfr.com

**Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)**  
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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nanybell@yahoo.com

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Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland  
Kevin McClung  
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Services: 10 a.m.

**Church of the Living God**  
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Billy Stanton  
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**Cornerstone Baptist**  
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**Cornerstone Church of Pennville**  
190 W. Main St., Pennville  
David Davidson  
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**Dunkirk Nazarene**  
226 E. Center St., Dunkirk  
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**Evangelical Methodist**  
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Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

**Fairview United Methodist/Jay County**  
2875 E. 200 South  
Pamela Freeman  
Lay leader: Beth Stephen  
(260) 726-9184  
Services: 10:15 a.m.

**Faith Community**  
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk  
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Services: 10 a.m.

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

**Fellowship Baptist**  
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Hugh Kelly  
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Services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.  
Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
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**First Presbyterian**  
402 N. Ship St., Portland  
Rev. M. Rex Espiritu  
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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  
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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  
Rev. Ruth Funk  
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**Immaculate Conception Catholic**  
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**Mount Tabor Community Church**  
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County roads 600 East and 200 North  
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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**  
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**New Life Ministries**  
415 S. Helen St., Portland  
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Services: 4 p.m.  
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**New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist**  
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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  
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Services: 10:45 a.m.

**Pleasant Hill**  
9945 N. 800 East, Union City  
Bruce Bryan  
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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  
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**Portland Friends**  
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.

**Praise Chapel Church of God**  
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**Redeemer Lutheran**  
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**Redkey Faith Ministries**  
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Services: 10 a.m.  
RedkeyFaith.org

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Jeff Hammers  
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**Redkey United Methodist**  
122 W. Main St.  
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@therockkcj.org

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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.

**St. Joseph Catholic**  
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Rev. Alexander Witt  
Services: 7:30 a.m. Sunday

**St. Mary's Catholic**  
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

**Sugar Grove Nazarene**  
3984 N. 550 West, Portland  
Pastor Mike Heckman  
(615) 517-1017  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
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

**The Church at Westchester**  
4487 E. 400 North  
(260) 726-6311  
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Services: 10:35 a.m.  
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Robin Owen  
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Services: 9 a.m. (contemporary service, fourth Sunday)  
pastorrobino@gmail.com

**Trinity ArchBridge Church**  
323 S. Meridian St., Portland  
Dan Vore  
(260) 726-8391  
Sunday school: 9 a.m.  
Services: 10:15 a.m.  
portlandtrinity.com

**Union Chapel**  
6200 N. 375 West, Bryant  
Interim Pastor Chris Kruckow  
(260) 849-0687  
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.

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

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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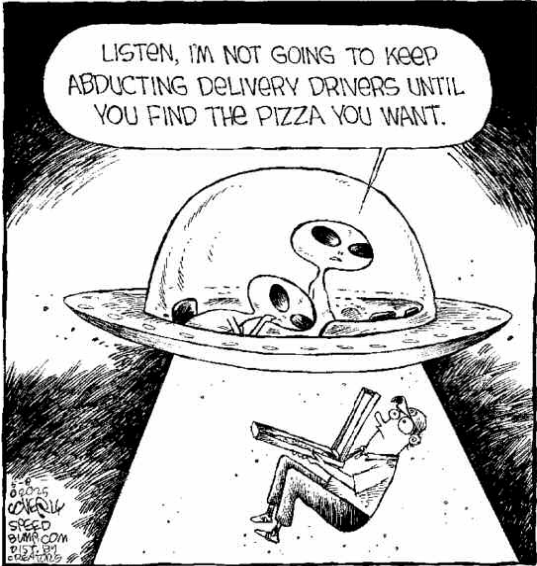


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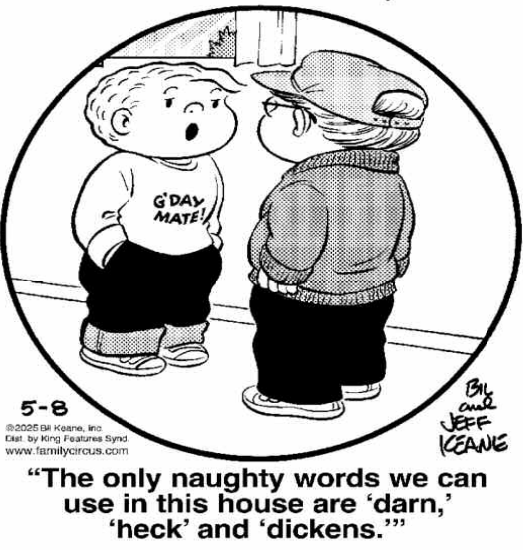
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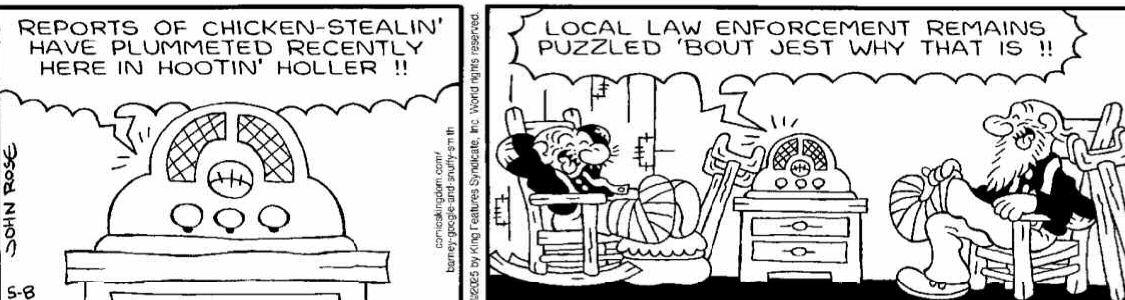
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♠ K 7 6 2  
♥ A Q 8  
♦ 7 2  
♣ K J 4 3

**WEST**  
♠ J 9 4  
♥ 10 7 6 5 3  
♦ Q 9 6  
♣ 9 6

**EAST**  
♠ Q 10 8 3  
♥ 4 2  
♦ J 10 5 4  
♣ 10 8 7

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 5  
♥ K J 9  
♦ A K 8 3  
♣ A Q 5 2

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2 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
3 ♦ Pass 6 NT

Opening lead — five of hearts.  
This deal from a club duplicate game caused a great deal of consternation among half the players in the field. Moreover, it would probably have caused the same reaction almost anywhere else.  
The deal was played eight times, and at six of the tables, the final contract was six notrump. At three of those tables, declarer made the slam, while at the other three, the result was down one. At the remaining two tables, the contract was three notrump, making 12 tricks at one table and 11 at the other.

After the game, two of the pairs who had failed to make 12 tricks asked the game's director, an expert player, how a 12th trick could possibly be made when there were only 11 apparent winners and no suit that could be established.  
After examining the East-West hands, the director announced that six notrump was indeed ice-cold, and that there was nothing the defenders could do to stop it. What the director had looked for immediately was for one defender to hold at least four spades and at least four diamonds. If that were the case, the slam was cold.  
Observe what happens to East after West leads a heart and declarer cashes four clubs. On the fourth club, East can discard his remaining heart, but when declarer next cashes a second heart, East is forced to discard from one of his four-card suits. South then plays the A-K and a third round of the suit East has discarded, and the fourth card of that suit becomes declarer's 12th trick.  
It is not known whether all the Souths who made the extra trick played in this fashion, but some variation of this approach must have been used. All declarer needed to do was to keep an eye on East's discards, and the 12th trick would materialize out of thin air.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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CRYPTOQUIP

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B Q N Q N N O - U X P T O O V R C I Z D X V R T  
I N O T H U , U N V Q T R B Q V B X

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: PEST EXTERMINATORS WILL USE THEIR VERY OWN SPECIAL LEXICON THAT YOU MIGHT CALL VERMINOLOGY.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Oriole or cardinal  
5 Biting remark  
9 Church seat  
12 Singer  
13 Data  
14 Hearty brew  
15 Backwoods area  
17 Anonymous Jane  
18 Loosens  
19 Yellow flower  
21 Cellist Yo-Yo  
22 Star's bit part  
24 Robbers' foes  
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33 Metric wts.  
34 Piglet's dad  
36 "Dyna-mite" band

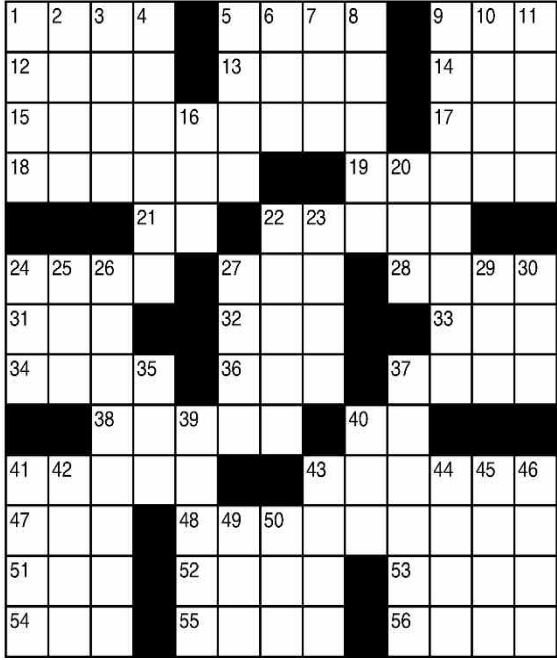
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38 Stop  
40 "Side-ways" actress  
41 Sandra  
43 — number  
47 Rainbow shape  
48 Irish clovers  
51 "A snake!"  
52 Biblical twin  
53 "So —" ("Amen")  
54 — Alamos  
55 Men-only  
56 Taxpayer IDs

**2 Golf bag item**  
**3 Funny person**  
**4 Casual pants**  
**5 Book blurbs, basically**  
**6 Man-dela's org.**  
**7 '60s Atty. General**  
**8 — buddy**  
**9 Hasp fasteners**  
**10 Sci-fi race**  
**11 Sob**  
**16 Narc's org.**  
**20 Deleted**  
**22 —**  
**23 Sciences' partner**

**24 Uber alter-native**  
**25 Sean —**  
**26 Showy birds**  
**27 Apple visionary**  
**29 2022 U.S. Open winner**  
**30 Leb. neighbor**  
**35 Ump**  
**37 Pulses**  
**39 Ninnies**  
**40 Poetic contrac-tion**  
**41 High-lander**  
**42 Layered cookie**  
**43 Over-confident**  
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Colts ...

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Over the past several years, the Colts have led the effort to develop girls flag football as a sanctioned IHSAA sport.

The Colts created the Colts Girls High School Flag Football League in 2023 with eight teams from Indianapolis and South Bend. In 2024, the league expanded to 27 teams, qualifying to be voted on as an emerging sport. To become eligible as a sanctioned sport, 100 schools must compete while in emerging sport status.

To reach this goal, the Colts launched the “Road to 100” – with a \$1 million investment from the Jim Irsay family – to support and sustain the launch of 100 girls teams in 2025.

Costs associated with launching a team typically range from \$5,000 to \$8,000 to fund equipment, uniforms, training and coaching stipends. To help offset that cost, the Colts will invest up

Girls flag football became an emerging sport Monday

to \$10,000 each in the schools that join the Road to 100.

To date, 65 high schools have committed to field a team in 2025. Schools and communities interested in fielding a team can visit Colts.com/GirlsFlag.

Colts Girls Flag Football is fueled by Gatorade and sponsored in part by Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital. The Colts have prioritized flag football development to introduce the game to new players and fans, especially girls, who traditionally have not had the same opportunities to learn and play the game as boys.

Sovereignty bypassing Preakness

By JOHN CLAY  
Lexington Herald-Leader  
Tribune News Service

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Horse racing will not have a Triple Crown winner this year.

Mike Rogers, executive vice president at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, announced Tuesday that Pimlico had received a call from trainer Bill Mott saying that Kentucky Derby winner Sovereignty will not run in the May 17 Preakness Stakes.

Instead, Sovereignty will be prepped for the Belmont Stakes, to be run Saturday, June 7 at Saratoga. Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y., is still undergoing renovations.

“We received a call today from trainer Bill Mott that

Sovereignty will not be competing in the Preakness,” Rogers said in a press release. “Bill informed us they would point toward the Belmont Stakes.

“We extend our congratulations to the connections of Sovereignty and respect their decision. We continue to see the excitement building toward the milestone celebration of the 150th Preakness Stakes, and we look forward to an incredible weekend of world-class racing and entertainment.”

Sovereignty is the first Kentucky Derby winner to skip the Preakness, the second leg of the Triple Crown, since Rich Strike in 2022.

The morning after Sovereignty’s one-and-a-half length win over Journalism in the Kentucky Derby, Mott indicated that he found the Belmont Stakes’ distance of a mile-and-a-quarter at Saratoga “very interesting to me.” When run at Belmont Park, the Belmont Stakes distance is a mile-and-a-half.

“I’d like to see (Sovereignty) at his best going into the Belmont,” said Mott, who bases his operations in New York.

Justify was the last Triple Crown winner, completing the rare feat for trainer Bob Baffert in 2018.

Justify is the last Kentucky Derby winner to also win the Preakness.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Zedrian Vazquez, a senior at Jay County, throws a fastball during the win at South Adams on Tuesday. Vazquez pitched a six-inning shutout while striking out seven batters as part of the 11-1 victory.

Confidence ...

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JCHS scored five more runs in the sixth inning. They came in on a Bennett single, a Derek Weaver balk and three hit batters (Brown, Fugiett and Byrum) with the bases loaded.

While Jay County’s offense found its groove, Vazquez held the Starfires down. Through six innings, the senior allowed four baserunners as he surrendered a hit to Weaver in the second and issued three walks.

Preston Wanner, Luke Bauman’s courtesy runner, was the only Starfires to reach second base after back-to-back walks. No damage came from it as Vazquez struck out the next two hitters by getting them to chase high fastballs. He finished with seven strikeouts.

After finishing last season with a 2.37 ERA, Vazquez hasn’t the start to his senior season he would have liked. While Tuesday’s performance lowered his ERA from over four to 3.64, he’s hoping he can build some more confidence going into the rest of the season.

“It really just boosts my confidence,” Vazquez said. “I worked on pitches today and tried to locate spots and feed from the energy in the dugout. This was a clean slate and really helps me boost my confidence. ...

“My fastball was my go-to pitch today. I was mowing them down left and right with that up-and-in high heat.”

The Patriots defense backed up Vazquez the entire day, finishing the game without any errors committed.

Farr was happy that his team avoided any major mental errors in the field, on the basepaths and in the batter’s box.

“I think it’s the mental mistakes that have hurt and haunted us,” said Farr, referencing the 3-0 loss to Adams Central without giving up any earned runs. “They’re coming along. We want to make sure that the guys are figuring it out as we’re going, learning and staying positive through this process. We’re trying to find something that we can build off of and I’m hoping that today’s win is that something we can build off of.”

Box score										
Jay County Patriots vs. South Adams Starfires										
Jay County (5-8, 2-1 ACAC)										
	ab	r	h	bi						
Brown dh	2	1	2	4						
Foster 2b	3	0	0	0						
Fugiett 3b	1	0	0	1						
Byrum ss	4	1	2	1						
Phillips lf	5	1	1	0						
Bennett rf	3	2	1	1						
Geesaman 1b	2	3	2	0						
Jetmore cf	2	1	0	0						
Sommers ph	1	0	0	0						
Schemenaur c	2	0	0	1						
Sollars cr	0	2	0	0						
Totals	25	11	8	8						
South Adams (1-11, 0-4 ACAC)										
	ab	r	h	bi						
Baumer 3b	3	0	0	0						
McKean ss	3	0	0	0						
JWanner p	2	0	0	0						
Bauman c	2	0	0	0						
PWanner cr	0	0	0	0						
Juarez cf	1	0	0	0						
Pyle dh	2	0	0	0						
Weaver 1b	2	0	1	0						
Sprunger p	0	0	0	0						
Fields rf	2	0	0	0						
Sturwold rf	0	0	0	0						
Minger lf	2	0	0	0						
Totals	19	0	1	0						
Jay County	000	425	X	—11						
So. Adams	000	000	X	—0						
LOB — South Adams 4, Jay County 12. 2B — Jay County 1 (Phillips).										
IP H R ER BB SO										
Jay County										
Vazquez	6	1	0	0	3	7				
South Adams										
JWanner	4	5	4	3	4	5				
Weaver	1.1	3	6	4	3	1				
Sprunger	0.2	0	1	1	1	1				

Sports on tap

Local schedule

**Today**

Jay County — Boys golf tri meet at home – 4:30 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Adams Central – 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Bluffton – 5:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Bluffton – 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball at Bluffton – 5 p.m.; JV softball at Bluffton – 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Driver – 4:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Yorktown – 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Adams Central Relays – 5 p.m.; Junior high softball at Elwood – 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track county meet finals at Coldwater – 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. St. Henry – 5 p.m.; Softball at St. Henry – 5 p.m.; Middle

school track County Meet at Coldwater – 4:30 p.m.

**Friday**

Jay County — Girls tennis vs. Union City – 5 p.m.; Track ACAC tournament at Bluffton – 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Norwell – 5:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball at Adams Central – 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Crestview – 5 p.m.; Softball at South Adams – 5 p.m.

TV sports

**Today**

7 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Carolina Hurricanes

at Washington Capitals (ESPN)

7:15 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves (FDSN Indiana)

8:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Golden State Warriors at Minnesota Timberwolves (TNT)

9:30 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Edmonton Oilers at Vegas Golden Knights (ESPN)

**Friday**

4:30 p.m. — IndyCar: Sonsoio Grand Prix (FS1)

7 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Toronto Maple Leafs at Florida Panthers (TNT)

7 p.m. — Indy NXT Series: Indianapolis

Grand Prix (FS1)

7:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Cleveland Cavaliers at Indiana Pacers (ESPN)

7:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Houston Astros (FDSN Indiana)

8 p.m. — ARCA Menards Series: Tide 150 (FS1)

8 p.m. — UFL: D.C. Defenders at San Antonio Brahmas (FOX)

9:30 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Dallas Stars at Winnipeg Jets (TNT)

10 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Oklahoma City Thunder at Denver Nuggets (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.

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To have an event listed in “Sports on tap,” email details to sports@thecrc.com.

90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	130 MISC. FOR SALE
<b>PUBLIC AUCTION</b> Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 W Votaw St., Portland, IN  MAY 10, 2025 9:30 A. M. <b>OLD ITEMS &amp; COLLECTORS ITEMS ñ HOUSEHOLD GOODS</b> Oak 2 pc. cupboard; tall entry bench with coat pegs; old mustard cabinet; (2) hump back trunks; ; Royal Crest iCastle Rosei Sterling flatware (123 pieces); Sterling spoons; Sterling candleholders; Sterling tray and 2 teapots;Portland Typhoons, 1942 thru 1945; JEWELRY: 10k ring (3.7g), 10K ring (3.3g), 10K heart necklace (1.6g), 14K ring (2.3g); Boyds Bears; drums and guitars; (2) Star Wars Battling Drones (new); LARGE ASSORTMENT OF GNOMES; large lot of holiday dEcor; and many other items not listed. TRAILER - BOWS ñ TOOLS 2017 Look 20i x 8i tandem axle enclosed trailer with generator, refrigerator, air conditioning and trailer has been set up as a mobile retail unit; Barnett crossbow and arrow with scope; Browning compound bow and arrows; 5i bridge for outdoors; Big Dog tree stand safety harness;12V clay thrower; yard tools; hand tools; and many other items not listed. <b>AUCTIONEERS NOTE:</b> Please note that we will	be running 2 rings a portion of the day. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. day of auction for preview.  JOANNA STONE, Deceased And BOLLENBACHER FAMILY  Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 Kaden Khayyata AU12400069  <b>PUBLIC AUCTION</b> SATURDAY JUNE 7TH, 2025 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 127 Rayburn Dr, Portland IN. <b>REAL ESTATE</b> Real Estate sells at 10:00 AM. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch style home containing 1,328 sq ft finished living area. Central Air, Sun room, 2 car attached garage. Detached garage/ shop building. Home has been well maintained. Open House: Sunday May 25th from 1-3 PM or for private showing phone Auctioneers.  VEHICLE ñ FURNITURE ñ SHOP 2003 Chevrolet Venture Minivan. Cast Iron Bulldog. Grandfather Clock. 8 Track Stereo/ Record Player. Glider Rocker w/ Ottoman. 3 Cushion Sofa. Rocker Recliner. Metal Patio Set. Bird Bath. Lawn Cart. Crafts-	man 10i Table Saw. Craftsman Router w/ Stand. Craftsman Scroll Saw. Craftsman Grinder/Sander. Shop, Hand, and Lawn and Garden Tools. <b>OWNER:</b> Rose Fennig Estate, by Dale W Fennig Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos. <b>SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE</b> AC31800004 <b>AUCTIONEERS</b> Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587  <b>PUBLIC AUCTION</b> Friday May 16th, 2025 TIME 5:00 P.M. LOCATED: 225 E WATER ST, PORTLAND IN  VEHICLES ñ SHOP ñ APPLIANCES ñ MISC 2011 Ford F350 4x4 with utility bed. 2008 Ford E350 15 Passenger Van. 2007 Chevrolet 3500 Box Truck w/ lift gate. Simplicity Citation 0 Turn Mower w/ 52i cut, 623 hours. . Dewalt Table Saw. Delta Industrial Table Saw. Delta Sander. . Paint Shaker. Sun Generator Alternator Tester. Hot and Cold Tables. Ice Maker. Coca Cola Cooler. Coca Cola Upright Cooler. (15) Folding Lunch Tables.. Balance Beam. Gymnastic Vault. Uneven Bars. Desks, Chairs, Filing Cabinets. Large Auction. Several	Items Not Mentioned <b>OWNER:</b> Jay School Corporation Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos. <b>SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE</b> AC31800004 <b>AUCTIONEERS</b> Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587  <b>PUBLIC AUCTION</b> Saturday May 24th, 2025 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 606 S Western Ave, PORTLAND IN <b>REAL ESTATE</b> Real Estate sells at 10:00 AM. 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch style home containing 1,456 sq ft finished living area. Home has central air, newer roof, 1 car attached garage, 12x20 ft utility shed/shop. Home is in move-in condition. Open House: Sunday May 11th 1-3 PM, or for private showing phone auctioneers. <b>VEHICLES ñ JEWELRY ñ ANTIQUES ñ SHOP</b> 2007 Kia Rondo EX V6 w/ 196,000 miles. Remington Score Master 511 22 cal Bolt. 1932 Bryant Owls Gold 14k Class Ring. JayCees 10k Gold Ring. 1972 JayCees Gold Pins. Scottish Rite 10k Gold Ring w/ Diamond. Lions Club Silver Necklace. Shriner, Masonic, and Scottish Rite Memorabilia.	Howdy Duty Puppet. 22K Gold Overlay Dishware. Stained Glass and other Tiffany Style Lamps. Mantel Clocks. . Hummels Coat Rack. Miniatures and Figurines. . Portable Air Compressor. Bench Model Drill Press. Wood Clamps. Wood Lathe Knives. Poulan Chainsaw. Battery Powered Weed Eater. 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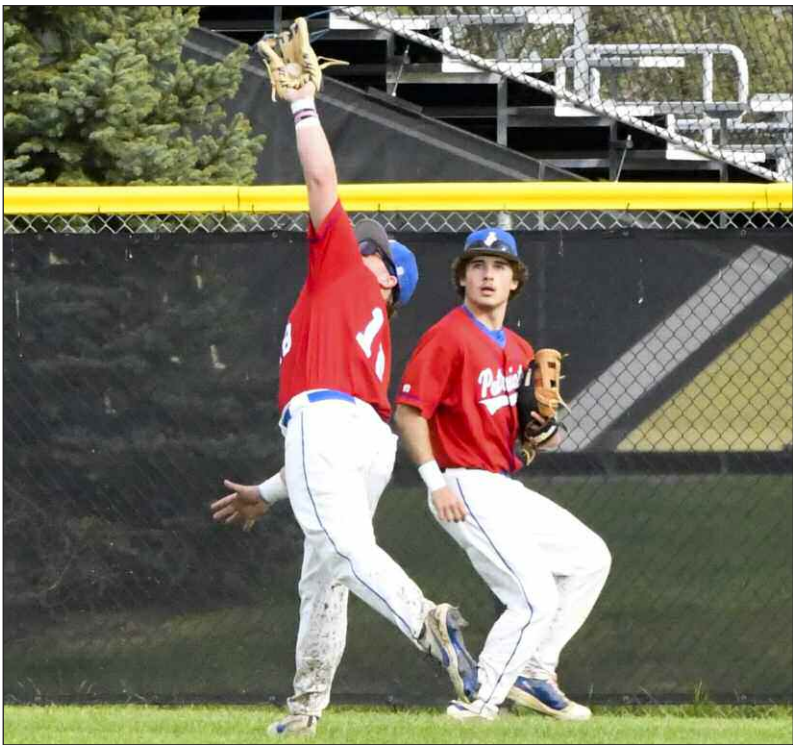
Wyatt Foster, the No. 2 hitter in the Jay County High School baseball team's lineup, gets low as he tries to lay down a bunt during Tuesday's game at South Adams. Foster drew a walk in the at bat to drive in a run. The Patriots beat the Starfires 11-0 to pick up their second Allen County Athletic Conference of the season.

## Patriots' offense, pitching and defense come together for 11-0 win over SAHS

**By ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review  
BERNE — Both the Patriots and Starfires have had some offensive struggles through the first half of the season. Despite a slow start, a solid performance on the mound from Zedrian Vazquez kept the Patriots in the game until they broke it open in the fourth inning. On a year with individual to team-wide struggles, the Patriots want to use this as a confidence builder. Vazquez threw a complete-game shutout as his offense put up multiple runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to lift Jay County High School's baseball team to an 11-0 victory over the South Adams Starfires in six innings on Tuesday. "I was really pleased," said JCHS coach Todd Farr. "I didn't feel like when we first started the game that we were really mentally in it, but our guys battled. (Zedrian) threw strikes, especially a lot of first-pitch strikes. That kept us in the ball game and kept it nothing-not-

ing there until we broke it open. "So I'm very pleased they were locked in and ready to go after that first inning. Even that first inning was bad. It was litting things that, in the past, tend to lead to negative effects on the game. They're pushing through so that's good." Jay County (5-8, 2-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) had six batters reach base on two walks, two that were hit by pitches, a fielder's choice and one hit — Joe Geesaman, had a single as part of his 2-for-2 day with three runs scored — through the first three innings but couldn't get any to cross the plate. They broke through in the fourth inning. The first three JCHS batters reached base against Jax Wanner as Aiden Phillips doubled, Garrett Bennett drew a walk and Geesaman smacked his second single. Wanner recorded the first out for South Adams (1-11, 0-4 ACAC) on an infield fly that he caught, but he issued a walk to Drew Schemenaur to give the Patriots their first run.

Leighton Brown then delivered a two-RBI single to right-center field to plate a pair and give Jay County a 3-0 lead. (One more run scored as Rylee Sollars, Schemenaur's courtesy runner, took home on a wild pitch.) "Coming into the game, I wasn't doing awful, but it wasn't what a leadoff hitter should be," Brown said. "Coach Farr stopped me before my first at bat and said, 'Leighton, you're missing one thing and that's confidence.' I just replayed that in my head all at bat long and it paid off today." Thinking through that message from Farr paid off as Brown reached base in all five plate appearances, as he had two singles, was hit by two pitches and drew a walk. He tied Geesaman and Gavin Byrum for two hits and led the Patriots with four RBIs. Brown drove in the first run of the fifth inning with a single to right field, and Sollars scored on a passed ball to give Jay County a 6-0 advantage. See **Confidence** page 7



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JCHS right fielder Garrett Bennett, who characterized the outfield as "a no-fly zone" per coach Todd Farr, reels in a catch during the 11-1 victory over South Adams on Tuesday. The Patriots finished with zero errors in the game.

## Colts applaud IHSAA decision

The Elkhart Truth, Inc. Tribune News Service  
The Indianapolis Colts Tuesday applauded the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) for approving girls flag football as an "emerging sport," the first step toward becoming a fully sanctioned high school sport in Indiana. The IHSAA earlier this evening formally voted to move girls flag football into the new status, paving the way for more expansion across the state. "The growth of girls flag football has accelerated greatly over the past few years, from little league to high school to all the way to the 2028 Olympics," said Kalen Jackson, Colts Vice Chair & Owner. "We're grateful to the IHSAA for continuing this momentum and opening more opportunities for girls and women athletes across Indiana." See **Colts** page 7

## Jay County girls track team tops Warriors and Raiders

The Patriots won 12 events, added 16 more second-place finishes and had another 19 earn points. For the girls team, it was enough to take the top spot, while the boys slipped to second. The Jay County High School girls track team edged out Woodlan for the top spot in a three-team track meet on Tuesday, while the boys slipped behind the Warriors while still dominating Southern Wells. The Patriot girls (7-1, 5-0 Allen County Athletic Conference) gathered 72 points to top Woodlan by three. Southern Wells trailed behind with 25. The boys (2-6, 1-4 ACAC) mustered up 65 points, but couldn't overcome Woodlan's 86. The Patriots still beat the Raiders, who had 16. The girls had five first-place finishes. Jordyn Hutzler led the way with throws of 34 feet, 3 inches, in the shot put and 106 feet, 6 inches, in the discus for a pair of victories. JCHS had another field event win from Peyton Carpenter in the long jump with a mark of 15 feet, 10 inches. The other girls victories came from Brooklynn Byrum in the 400-meter dash (1 minute, 4.16 seconds), Morgan DeHoff in the 300 hurdles (51.26 seconds), the 4x100 relay team (52.46) and the 4x400 relay team (4:24.47). Adam Alig led the boys with three wins. He topped the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles with times of 15.74 and 42.83, respectively. He also won the high jump with a height of 6 feet. The only other victories came from Dash Thacker in the 1,600

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run (4:40.58) and the 4x100 relay team (45.03). **Season low** FORT WAYNE — The Jay County boys golf team put up its best score of the season as it took down the Heritage Patriots 156-174 on Tuesday. Previously, Jay County's best score was a 171 they shot against Delta. Tucker Griffin led the way for JCHS (6-2, 1-1 ACAC) with a round of 35 to earn match medalist honors. Cody DeHoff also broke 40 for the first time this season as he carded a 38. Isaac Homan and Griffin Byrum weren't too far behind as they rounded out Jay County's team score with a 41 and a 42, respectively. Dominick Bright's 50 didn't impact the final. JCHS previously dropped its first ACAC match to Bluffton on April 22. Its next conference match will take place at home on May 13 against Southern Wells. **Jay falls** MUNCIE — Jay County's girls tennis team couldn't find a third point as it fell to the Muncie Central Bearcats 3-2 on Tuesday. Brenna Bailey remains undefeated on the season as she beat Isabel Quirk 6-2, 6-0 in the No. 1 singles match.

Meredith Dirksen picked up her seventh win of the season at the No. 2 singles position with a 6-0, 6-4 victory over Grace Walker. Lily Johnson got shut out in the first set of the No. 3 singles match as Andrea Lopez picked up a 6-0, 6-4 victory. In their first match together, Courtney Harris and Lydia Johnsn lost the No. 1 doubles contest to Sadie Hannah and Emma Judge 6-1, 6-2. At the No. 2 doubles position, Gretchen Link and Sophia Sprunger fell to Maya Carpenter and Rachel Meece 6-1, 6-4.

**No changes** The IHSAA released the sectional assignments for the fall sports during the 2025-26 school year on Tuesday. There have been no changes made to the sectional assignments for Jay County, as boys soccer, girls soccer, volleyball and football will pull from the same group of potential opponents. During the 2024 season, the Jay County boys soccer team won the Class 2A Sectional 23 title after beating Delta 4-1 and Eastbrook 2-2 (4-3). The Patriot football team won its first sectional game since 2017 with a 42-7 victory over Bellmont. They fell to the Class 3A runner-up Bishop Luers 41-8 in the Sectional 28 semifinal. Jay County's volleyball team lost to Connersville in the Class 3A Sectional 24 semifinal 25-19, 25-16, 20-25, 25-13. The JCHS girls soccer team tripped up in the Class 2A Sectional 24 semifinal for a 3-1 loss to Delta.

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