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# **State** intros a new Al tool

'Ask Indiana' highlights updated website

By MADELYN HANES

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana government has a new digital front door redesigned the IN.gov website. The homepage now features an AI chatbot, "Ask Indiana," where residents can ask questions and get realtime answers 24/7.

Want to know when the Bureau of Motor Vehicles is open? "Ask Indiana" has the answer:

"Indiana BMV branch hours can vary by location, but most branches are open Tuesday through Saturday. Many branches are closed on Sundays and Mondays. Typical hours

•Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM

•Wednesday-Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

•Saturday: 9:00 AM -

The Indiana Office of Technology launched the redesign last week as part of an ongoing web maintenance contract with Tyler Technologies, a software and services company assisting government and schools.

Indiana Office of Technology Director of Communications and External Affairs Graig Lubsen said agency began the redesign in December and included the new features after obtaining user input through a survey. The redesign also features additional accessibility settings such as light/dark themes and font size adjustments to make the website more user friend-

Lubsen said "Ask Indiana" was created to modernize how residents can interact with state services. It uses generative AI and natural language processing to break down government agency "silos" and respond in real time. Its the latest foray of state

# Egg expansion



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Minnich Eggs, located on county road 300 North on the east side of Jay County, made a request to Jay County Council on Wednesday for five-year tax abatements for new construction and equipment for a biochar manufacturing and distribution facility and a new feed mill. The business projects a total investment of about \$30 million.

## Minnich is looking to grow its operation with biochar manufacturing facility and new feed mill

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review Minnich Eggs plans to

ed requests from the company Wednesday to enact five-year tax abatements on upcoming additions to their business.

Minnich Eggs of rural Portland plans to build a biochar manufacturing and distribution facility and new feed mill in

Noble Township. Jav County Development Corporation executive director Ceann Bales explained Minnich Eggs is also planning to develop the facility, which will involve rium on carbon sequestration in converting layer and pullet order to allow time to create an

products (biochar).

According to the United States bon produced from biomass sources ... for the purpose of transforming the biomass carbon into a more stable form (carbon sequestration)."

Its website also says biochar is mainly created for carbon sequestration, a topic recently discussed by Jay County Plan Commission. (The plan commission will consider whether to recommend Jay County Commissioners enact a one-year morato-

manure into soil amendment ordinance setting regulations for such facilities.)

Department of Agriculture, biochar is defined as "black carbusiness — is currently operation and \$15.93 million and \$15.93 million investing a feed mill, but it is running at capacity and nearing the end

> "Unfortunately right now Jay County lacks a feed mill to be able to have the sufficient capacity to meet their needs," Bales said. "So, to address this, Minnich Eggs is proposing to construct a new, modern feed mill, producing finished feed to support Minnich Poultry's operations, because this is a project that will help the company be sustainable for years to come."

The company requested a fiveyear real property tax abatement Bales also explained Minnich and five-year personal property ments, respectively. (Minnich Eggs will save approximately \$699,769 with the real property abatement and \$339,427 with the personal property abatement.) The project will result in 10 additional jobs — plans are to have three shifts at the biochar facility — and help retain several employees.

According to tax abatement forms, the estimated start date for construction is Sept. 1, with completion set for Dec. 31, 2027.

See **Expansion** page 2



Tribune News Service/Fresno County Sheriff

Tiffany Slaton, 27, of Jeffersonville, Georgia was found safe near Lake Edison in Fresno County on Wednesday after having been missing for nearly three weeks.

# Missing woman found safe

27-year-old was missing

for almost three weeks

By CLARA HARTER

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

**ANGELES** Christopher When Gutierrez went to check in on his remote camping resort after a long, snowy winter in the High Sierra, he was met with a shocking discovery — a starving hiker holed up inside one of his cabins.

The woman, 27-year-old Tiffany Slaton from Jeffersonville, Ga., had been missing in the Fresno County wilderness for almost three weeks.

Gutierrez, who owns Vermilion Valley Resort, found Slaton around 2 p.m. Wednesday, just two days after Fresno County Sheriff's Office officials announced they

for the missing camper.

'She pops out, didn't say a word, just ran up and all she wanted was a hug," Gutierrez said during a Wednesday evening news conference. "It was a pretty surreal moment and that's when I realized who this was."

News that Slaton had found quickly reached her parents Bobby and Fredrina Slahad ton where, some 2,500 ter is now safe," he said.

scaled back search efforts miles away in a Georgia clothing store, her mother had the exact same

reaction as her daughter. "I just grabbed somebody, I said, 'Can I hug you?' And I did," Fredri-na Slaton said. "I was crying and hugging.'

Bobby Slaton said it was one of the best days of their lives.

"We are extremely excited and happy to hear the news that my daugh"A ton of weight has been lifted and we can't thank the Sheriff's Department of Fresno enough, the Search and Rescue team enough, and the community has been outstanding in the search for Tiffany."

Slaton's parents reported her missing on April 29 after they had not heard from her for more than a week. The Sher-Office started iff's searching for the missing camper and, thanks to tips from the public, learned that she had been seen at Huntington Lake on April 20 and near the old Cressman's General Store on April 24.

Her location beyond that point was a mystery. See **Found** page 2

## **Deaths**

Robert Randall, 69, Port-Details on page 2.

## Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 73 degrees Friday.

The low was 60. Rain is expected tonight with winds gusting to 30 mph and a low around 60. Expect mostly sunny skies Saturday with a high of 70.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

### Coming up

**Saturday** — Details from the Jay County softball game against Heritage.

**Tuesday** — Photos from Fort Recovery High School's graduation ceremony.

**Wednesday** — Coverage of next week's Jay School Board meeting.



# **Expansion**

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County officials previously approved two other tax abatements with Minnich Poultry, along with one tax abatement for Reier Pullets, a sister company.

Council member Cindy Bracy — she lives near the business — voiced concerns about the business' truck traffic on county road 300 North, saying the road is not safe for semis or school buses. She suggested the county look into road improvements or another solution and voiced support for the business' expansion.

Answering a question from council member Michael Brewster, Minnich Poultry chief financial officer Steve Reier said the company has been in business in Jay County since the

1970s. "I certainly thank you for investing in Jay County and staying in Jay County, I think it's upon us as the council to make sure that we do anything we can to keep you guys here," responded Brewster.

Bryan Alexander, Bracy and Brewster forwarded Minnich Eggs' request to Jay County tax abatement advisory committee. Council president Matt Minnich, who is involved in the business, abstained.

Council also heard a report from council member Bryan Alexander regarding the proposed 68-acre infrastructure project on the west side of Portland.

Alexander said the committee made up of county and city representatives at its recent meeting heard from Portland Wastewater superintendent Department Brad Dues that drainage issues on Charles Street will not have an impact with the 68-acre project, saying the problem was not due to capacity at the plant.

He also said the project would cost \$1.2 million to install a lift station, \$2.4 million for wastewater work and an additional \$1 million for water work.

Currently, the county has committed \$1.24 million in American Council members Faron Parr, Rescue Plan Act dollars for the Harold Towell, Randy May, project. Jay County is still wait- by employees searching for, economic development income next meeting to decide.

mated \$1.2 million from the state's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0 program. (Jay County Redevelopment Commission also agreed to contribute \$1.5 million toward the project last year subject to receiving grant dollars and a contribution from Portland, according to president Carl Walker, although questions have popped up on whether the decision is still valid.) Alexander noted discussion about the City of Portland potencontributing toward the project.

Also on Wednesday, council approved an ordinance allowing Jay County Sheriff's Office to charge more for furnishing copies of law enforcement recordings.

Sheriff Ray Newton explained previously the department charged \$5 per disc. The new ordinance allows the department to charge the direct cost to the department for supplying recordings, which includes time spent

ing for confirmation of an esti-redacting and copying the recording, along with the medium — such as discs or flash drives — on which it is stored. (Newton pointed out that charge may not exceed \$150.)

Fees collected will go toward purchasing cameras or other equipment at the sheriff's office, for training law enforcement recording and to defray expenses of storing, producing and copying recordings, according to the ordinance.

In other business, council:

•Approved an amendment to the salary ordinance, creating a \$20.81 an hour part-time position at Jay County Prosecutor's Office, and made \$5,376.47 in related additional appropriations. (Bracy abstained from the vote.) Chief deputy prosecutor Zech Landers explained plans to bring on Jay County native Ashlyn Dow — she's been attending Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington as a summer intern.

·Made the following other additional appropriations: \$175,000 in taxes to partially pay for replacing a bridge on county road 600 West just north of Indiana 26 with a culvert, a decision approved by Jay County Commissioners March 31; \$47,000 for Jay County Coroner's Office to replace the department's current 2019 Ram 1500, with additional funding to cover the cost of installing emergency lighting; \$15,000 for water line repairs at Jay County Fairgrounds; \$8,100 for Ritter Strategic Services' work in seeking bids for new radio equipment; \$5,200 for office equipment, including a new recording system and scanner, at Jay Circuit Court; \$2,059.73 (Bracy and Towell opposed) for work completed by Rundell, Ernstberger and Associates related to the 68-acre project; and \$2,000 for location of cornerstones.

 Agreed to hold off on setting the 2026 budget calendar. Jay County auditor Emily Franks several financial noted unknowns because of Senate Enrolled Act 1, with Brewster suggesting council wait until its

# CR almanac

Saturday 5/17	Sunday 5/18	Monday 5/19	Tuesday 5/20	Wednesday 5/21
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67/50	70/49	66/49	65/54	62/49
Saturday has a slight chance of rain with up to 30 mph of wind gusts. Other- wise, mostly sunny.	day when the high will be in	Monday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with highs in the upper 60s.	Mostly cloudy skies on Tuesday when there's a 50 % chance of showers.	Wednes- day's forecast shows a 70% chance of showers with thunder- storms also possible.

## **Lotteries**

### **Powerball**

4-10-24-29-53 Power Ball: 4 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$123 million

### **Mega Millions**

Estimated jackpot: \$122 million

### Hoosier

Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 6-3-8 Daily Four: 2-1-5-3 Quick Draw: 3-5-18-22-23-27-31-33-36-37-39-41-48-51-52-57-61-63-64-72 Evening

Daily Three: 3-9-8

**Markets** 

Daily Four: 7-6-5-8 Quick Draw: 1-4-9-11-19-22-23-39-46-55-56-57-61-65-73-74-75-76-77-79

Cash 5: 3-10-16-21-36 Estimated jackpot: \$115,000

#### Ohio Wednesday

Midday Pick 3: 5-2-6 Pick 4: -0-5-3-3 Pick 5: 4-2-8-9-4 Evening Pick 3: 0-6-2 Pick 4: 4-2-5-7 Pick 5: 7-7-6-6-4 Rolling Cash: 12-13-23-30-33

Estimated jackpot:

June beans .....10.88

Wheat ...... 4.86

### Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.61 June corn ......4.63 July corn.....4.65

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June corn ......4.60

Beans .....10.83

# Corn......4.55

Montpelier

**ADM** 

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Beans	10.83			
June corn	4.55			

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Corn	4.65
June corn	4.67
Beans	10.58
June beans	10.58
Wheat	4.71

## Today in history

Corporation awarded a total of sectional \$250,000 in loans from onships. The tennis the Veterans Memorial team blanked Randolph School Construction Southern 5-0 in the Fund to be applied championship match toward the corporation's building projects.

**In 2013**, the Jay tral by 16.5. County High School

In 1973, Jay School girls tennis and boys was track teams each won champiwhile the track team scored 122 points to beat host Muncie Cen-

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

Commissioners special meeting, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

### **Monday**

5 p.m. — Jay School Main St. Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.

6 p.m. — Fort Recov-3:45 p.m. — Jay County ery School Board, Community Room, high school, 400 Butler St.

7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S.

### Wednesday

4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North, Portland.

# **Obituaries**

### Robert Randall

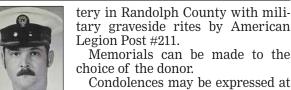
Aug. 18, 1955-May 11, 2025 Robert Lee Randall, age 69, of Portland passed away on Sunday, May 11, 2025, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

He was born in Union City, Indiana, on Aug. 18, 1955, the son of James William and Mary Jo (White) Randall. Robert was retired from the U.S. Navy after serving from 1972 to 1992. He enjoyed open wheel racing and the Cincinnati Reds.

Surviving are three sons, Jason Randall of Bothell, Washington, John Randall of Portland, and Joseph Randall of Dunkirk; one daughter, Jocelyn Randall Portland; one brother, Gary Randall (wife: Elaine) of Muze, Pennsylvania; one sister, Sherry Welker (husband: John) of Portland;

and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday, May 19, at noon in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Hugh Kelly presiding. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon. Burial will be in the Spartanburg Ceme-



bairdfreeman.com. ••••• The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connec-

tion 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.

# Capsule Reports

### **Contract OK'd**

During a brief meeting Wednesday, Portland Board of Works awarded a contract to Miles Mowing and Lawn Care for leveling and seeding of the former site of the Bailey Building at the southwest corner of Main and Commerce streets. Board members Steve McIntosh, Jerry Leonhard and Mayor Jeff Westlake unanimously approved the contract, with McIntosh noting the need to make sure enough fill dirt and top soil are used.

The board also approved a sewer tap for 904 N. Wayne St.

of an updated timeline for the city's long-term control plan with Indiana Department of Environmental Management because Jeff Hersha of Jones & Henry Engineers was not in attendance.

### Hit pole

A Portland man's farm equipment took down a utility pole along county road 500 South about 8:30 p.m. Monday.

road near county road 200 West and pulling an implement behind him, accord-It postponed discussion ing to a report from Jay

County Sheriff's Office. The right side of the farming implement fell from its folded position and struck a pole owned by Jay County REMC, causing the pole to snap and lean across the

Randall

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

### Rabbit in road

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000 after an Ohio man swerved Kenneth Schoenlein, 44, to avoid a rabbit in Penwas driving his 2012 New nville, causing him to Holland T9390 west on the crash into a Portland man's vehicle about 6:33 a.m. Thursday.

Nathan D. Frederick, 34, Celina, told police he was Ridgeville.

driving a 2008 Chevrolet Trailblazer south on the highway just south of Pleasant Street when a rabbit ran into the road. Frederick swerved into the northbound lane to avoid the animal, and he subsequently collided with a 2013 Ford Explorer driven by 54year-old Macias J. Torres. Frederick's driver's side mirror and rear tire hit Torres' driver's side mirror and front tire.

A passenger in Torres' vehicle, 50-year-old Vilma R. Guizar of Portland plained of neck pain. The vehicle Frederick

was driving is registered to Tania L. Lewis

# Found

The Sheriff's Search and Rescue team scoured nearly 600 square miles of the High Sierra looking for Slaton from May 6 10. Vehicles were unable to make it through Kaiser Pass because of heavy snow blocking the road, but helicopters were used to scout above Mono Hot Springs and around Lake Edison, where Slaton was ultimately found.

Snowplows cleared Kaiser Pass on Wednesday, which made it possible for Gutierrez to access Vermilion Valley

the first time this year, according to the Sheriff's Office. "We were sliding off the road, it was pretty dicey, icy, but we managed to get in there and spent about an hour and a half breaking up the ice." Gutierrez said. He planned the trip to

check on the condition of his resort before the summer tourist season and said he felt compelled to

hiker in the region. Gutierrez had purpose-

fully left one of his cabins unlocked over the winter so that someone who is lost could increase their chances of surviving in the cold, stormy weather. the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff officials suspect Slaton survived by foraging from the land and

After finding Slaton, Gutierrez gave her as get there sooner rather jelly sandwiches as she missing and come out than later after hearing could stomach and con- alive.

Resort on Lake Edison for reports of a missing tacted the Sheriff's Office, which quickly arrived on scene with an ambulance.

She was dehydrated, but was otherwise in good condition. She was taken to a hospital for further treatment, according to

Office Sheriff's spokesperson Tony Botti commended Slaton's using the cabin for shelter. resilience and survival skills, saying this is the longest stretch of time many peanut butter and he's seen someone go

## **SERVICES**

Saturday

Nibarger, George: 2 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

## Monday

Randall, Robert: noon, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Roberts, Lana: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Stanley, William: 2 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

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# FFA degrees Fort Recovery FFA recently

attended the State FFA Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Pictured at left are the chapter's newest recipients of the FFA degree, from left: (front row) Kylia Dues, Kylie Post, Brylee Kremer, Aleigha Overman, Autumn Leuthold, Ella Bechtol and Wes Bechtol. In the second row are Luke Fortkamp, Hayden Siefring, Tyler Wendel, Eli Hawk, Clete Timmerman, Keegan Muhlenkamp and Gabe Acheson.

# Grants are available for health screenings

Adams Memorial Hospital recently announced funding is available for free mammogram screenings.

Dollars are offered through the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust grant, allowing the hospital in Decatur to offer free screenings and diagnostic mammograms, breast MRI exams, breast ultrasounds, ultrasoundguided breast biopsies. Services

## **Taking** Note

are available to area women who meet specific financial eligibility criteria.

department at (260) 724-2145. Imaging will be read by a boardcertified physician from Summit Radiology Group in Fort Wayne.

The grant is funded through sale of Indiana's Breast Cancer Awareness license plates.

### **Accepting applications**

Folks may apply by calling the accepting applications for its lat- tions are available online at port-

hospital's central scheduling est grant cycle. The foundation's landfoundation.org. Questions supper scholarship applications for current college students are due by 5 p.m. June 11. Summer grant applications, summer teacher creativity mini grant applications and Doctor Donald Johnson grant applications are due by 5 p.m. June 26. Women's Giving Circle grant applications The Portland Foundation is are due by 5 p.m. July 11. Applica-

may be directed at program officer Jessica Cook by emailing jcook@portlandfoundation.org or calling (260) 726-4260.

### Series announced

The Muncie Three Trails Music Series opens this year with a performance by Steep Canyon Rangers on Saturday, May 31, at Canan Commons.

# Teen endures harsh stepmother

DEAR ABBY: My dear friend, "Sandra," is married with two children. She and her husband have a 4year-old son together and another son from her husband's first marriage who is 14. The 14-year-old's life is tough, much like Cinderella's. Sandra treats him very badly. She has him doing all of the housework in their home, belittles him constantly and is very vocal about how much she dislikes him. Her 4-year-old can do no wrong.

The older boy's mother has weekends with her son, but Sandra is open about not liking her either. I feel bad about how the boy is treated and want to talk to Sandra about it, but I don't know how to bring up the sensitive subject and maintain my relationship with the family. Her husband is completely on Sandra's side, so he does nothing to help the boy have a better life. Can you offer any advice? — FEELING FOR HIM IN WASHINGTON

**DEAR FEELING:** does his uncaring father have custody? Could he stay with his mother full time? Are there any other relatives who could take him in? And why would you want

Dear Abby



couple who are so emotionally abusive?

Because you apparently are the only person who cares at all about that boy, do a little research about possible alternative situations for him. However, if there are none, contact child protective services as a last resort. You won't save vour friendship with Sandra, but you may save that child.

DEAR ABBY: My husband asked me to go into his email inbox and settle an issue with an airline. An email popped up: "Your memories from has to intervene for that boy. Why eight years ago" from a popular photo website. We have been together eight years, and I thought I would see photos of us. They weren't. It was photos of him with his ex-fiancee, including his elaborate proposal. The a relationship with a heartless proposal was something out of a

dream. (He proposed to me on our family room couch.) I also realized her ring is exactly like mine.

I'm so hurt. He has never been that romantic with me or put much thought into my gifts. Actually, one year he gave me bed sheets for Christmas, which I never requested. Meanwhile, I'm the one who puts effort into his family's cards and gifts and helps them with celebrations.

My birthday was this month — I'm eight months pregnant and I had to pick out and buy my own birthday gift because he said he didn't know what to get me. When I let him know how hurt I feel about everything, he just said, "Let me just go back in time," and walked away. I feel hurt, stuck and unloved. Am I overreacting? — CRUSHED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR CRUSHED: I understand your disappointment, but my advice is to revisit this subject after your child is born and you have had more time to think about it. I don't know what happened with your husband's prior relationship, but if it had been terrific, it would have lasted. Not all men are good at planning proposals or choosing cards and gifts, but often they make up for it in other ways. Bide your time.

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# **Community Calendar**

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**Today** 

PAST RECOVERY SERV- land.

Notices will appear in ICES — Peer Addiction Community Calendar as Support Team recovery space is available. To sub-support group meets at 10 mit an item, email a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Mxeridian St., Port-

**CINCINNATUS** LEAGUE — Will hold its

next meeting at noon Friday, May 16, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

### **Saturday**

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

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

### Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE - A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

## Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay

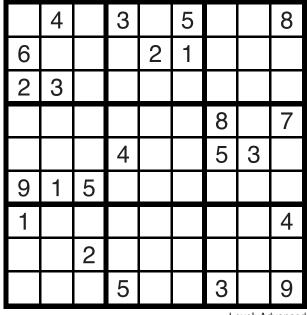
Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk. TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30

p.m., with the meeting at 5

p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY **CARE** CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Fri-

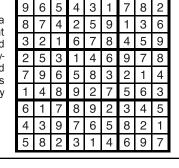
# Sudoku



Level: Advanced

## Thursday's Solution

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



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# We are stuck in an education rut

By MORTON J. MARCUS

The Indiana General Assembly passed a budget in which it hid a variety of nasty provisions. As usual, about 50% of that budget was for elementary and secondary public education. Those elected self-righteous, selfserving "servants of the people" proudly proclaim their support for education by further weakening what they profess to protect, public education from pre-K right up through the public uni-

in which the misled majority wallows. It's like other myths about consumer sovereignty. primary goal in life.

Eye on the **Pie** 



People know what they want, but they don't necessarily have the vision, knowledge or experience to be wise shoppers or parents. That's why we have public Legislators have the idea that they and parents know what is best for our children. It's a myth schools, to develop citizens who understand their relationships and obligations to each other rather than just as consumers for whom self-satisfaction is the

Soon after those budgetary importance, the median state haps a way of life that goes back decisions were made, the 2023 national data on education finance in each state was released. Will these 2023 data, or those of any year, have resonance with our legislators?

Before we start to make judgments about Indiana, let's get this clear. The national data can be misleading. Current expenditures for instruction per student in 2023 for the nation was \$9,762 and \$7,224 in Indiana, 74% of the national level. But the national level is heavily influenced by the most populous states (California, Texas, Florida and New York). If we consider the 50 states (without the District of Columbia) as each of equal mobile; it is a way of life. Per- cus@gmail.com.

spends \$8,938 and Indiana is 81% of that figure.

Well, if being in the middle of the pack is our goal, being 19% off target is better than missing by 26%. We're comfortable even when it is noted Indiana spends just \$17.88 per \$1,000 of personal income on instruction, 84% of the \$21.22 national level.

But, pause the applause. Think about those numbers. Our \$17.88 is 40th among the states. We spend 1.8% of our income on the instruction of our students. If that is half of the state budget, perhaps the state budget is too small.

Hoosier Cheap is not an auto-

to the early 1950s when relatively high incomes during the Korean War made Hoosiers comfortable and comparatively prosperous. Today, the children and grandchildren of those "greatest Americans" are stuck in a mold from which they do not wish to be released.

Ignorant of opportunities in the present, they will not provide today's students with the tools to free themselves from the past.

Marcus is an economist formerly with Indiana University's Kelley School of Business. Email him at mortonjmar-

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## Global drug supply chain is a good thing

**Bloomberg Opinion** Tribune News Service

By all indications, the pharmaceutical industry won't be spared from tariffs. In April, the Commerce Department took its merce Department took its first step toward imposing levies on drug imports. The according the White House, is to encourage companies to manufacture in the U.S.

Yet tariffs are unlikely to increase American self-sufficiency anytime soon. Far worse, such an approach could drive prices higher for patients and lead to shortages of lifesaving medications.

In its announcement, the Commerce Department said that a so-called Section 232 investigation is underway for the drug industry. The provision, part of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, aims to determine whether an overreliance on imports presents a national-security threat. Such investigations are a precursor to imposing tariffs and could take up to nine months to complete, though many expect the investiga-tion will end much quicker.

Available data appear to support what should be an obvious conclusion: The U.S. is highly reliant on drug imports. According to a database of public and proprietary records, 90% relationships should be of the top 30 brand-name strengthened, for instance, drugs sold in the U.S. are by increasing information-manufactured abroad. The sharing among regulators \$200 billion worth of med- in the supply chain. China ications last year.

Whether this mismatch constitutes a national-security threat is another matter. Pharmaceutical supply chains started winding their way around the globe in the 1980s, in search of cheaper labor and materials, less encumbered construction, and lower taxes. The result has been a boon for patients, who've gotten less expensive medications. Rerouting production through the U.S. threatens to reverse this progress: Branded prescriptions could become prohibitively expensive and some lower-margin generic drugs, which comprise more than 90% of medications taken in the U.S., might cease production altogether.

It's true that the global sprawl of pharmaceutical manufacturing has been a vulnerability in the past. During the COVID-19 pandemic, factory closures and export controls in China and India — where raw materials and other key ingredients often originate - threatened to exacerbate shortages of critical medications.

that Reforms ease domestic investment and keep the nation healthy.

production may thus be ulators require manufacturers to submit meticulous records of product development. These files cost millions of dollars and run to tens of thousands of pages. Updates are so burdensome that many executives deem changes more trouble than they're worth. As a result, older machinery processes and become entrenched, while new medicines are retrofitted to existing supply chains. Some proposals House streamline this process are a step in the right direction.

Ultimately, though, such efforts should reinforce a global supply chain, not replace it. Key U.S. allies such as India and Ireland have built up areas of expertise over decades, including generics manufacturing and R&D, that have unambiguously bene-U.S. imported more than to identify vulnerabilities shouldn't be excluded: If, as officials have signaled, it's willing to engage with the U.S. in trade talks, drug inputs should be among the first products exempted from barriers.

> unclear exactly the Commerce Department will impose these added tariffs. Drug companies have announced tens billions of dollars of U.S. investment in recent weeks, with hopes that growing their domestic footprint will spare them. (The bet, according to recent comments from the White House, might pay off.) Yet expanding U.S. manufacturing isn't the same as reshoring the supply chain, nor will it make the nation more selfreliant. Ingredients which come from China, India and Europe — are still needed. Such materials may well be subject to tariffs of their own.

# **Editorial**

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Protecting access to critical medicines should rank among the nation's most important nationalsecurity goals. Allowing economic forces to run their course, as history suggests, is the best way to

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# Dismantling is not desirable

By SOPHIA SHAW

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

It has been a painful few months watching federal support for health and human services, museums, libraries, public broadcasting, science, education, diplomacy and environmental protection be intentionally and indiscriminately gutted by President Donald Trump. What's more troubling is that neither Congress nor the courts have meaningfully stopped him.

To me — and to many — public investment in these areas has always been a backbone of our nation's health, prosperity and rich cultural life. These investments give muscle to the promise of "liberty and justice for all." Yet clearly, there are those who see these same programs as bloated, ineffective or ideologically expend-

Since the founding of our republic, nonprofit organizations have supplemented the work of government. This hybrid model of public and private investment is, in many ways, part of what makes America unique and even admirable. Alexis de Tocqueville recognized this spirit in 1831 when he observed:

"Americans of all ages, conditions, and dispositions constantly unite together. ... Americans group together to ... build inns, construct churches, distribute books. I have frequently admired the endless skill with which the inhabitants of the United States manage to set a common aim to the efforts of a great number of men and to persuade them to pursue it voluntarily.

Even in times of federal austerity, nonprofits have rallied. We sharpen our pencils. We fundraise harder. We merge, streamline, evolve. We try desperately — to fill the gaps.

In theory, I support this hustle. There is no shortage of wealth in America, and nonprofits are capable of supporting the most vulnerable and creating immense positive social

But here is our sector's catch-22: What if nonprofits actually were able what's in question. What is on the agement.

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to close the funding gaps caused by federal abandonment? What if private philanthropy — individuals, foundations, corporations, donoradvised funds — steps up enough to replace the billions once invested by the government? What if nonprofits were able to absorb the shuttered missions, personnel and responsibilities of gutted agencies?

Is that a win? It might look like one. But it would be a hollow victory. One that weakens — not strengthens the American social contract.

In such a scenario, public goods are preserved but no longer publicly governed. Scientists, teachers, librarians, rangers, curators and nurses would serve at the pleasure of private funders. The people who benefit from their work would have lost their democratic stake. No longer accountable to voters or taxpayers, these public servants become beholden to the values and priorities of private wealth.

Yes, funding might still flow, at least for a time. But what gets funded and who gets left out — shifts in troubling ways. Which causes align with a donor's ideology? Which communities are deemed "marketable"? Who sets the terms of success? What if the tides turn again?

These are not just practical questions. They are philosophical ones. If we believe the services provided by public agencies — and the nonprofits that partner with them — are essential, then those services must remain accountable to the people. To all peo-

Yes, nonprofits can — and certainly should — pursue efficiencies. Yes, more strategic mergers, stronger governance and better planning would help the sector thrive. That is not table is that we are witnessing the dismantling of public institutions without warning or reckoning. And then we're told to fix it.

And who even knows. Maybe the nonprofit sector, and with it the Internal Revenue Service 501(c) code, could be gone before we know it. This isn't American ingenuity or government efficiency. It's a slow-moving abdication.

When the government fails to honor its commitments — and asks not only inequality and inconsistency but also something deeper: the erosion of civic trust.

It's time to ask ourselves: By cutting federal funding and turning to nonprofit philanthropy, are we preserving the safety net, or replacing it with a patchwork quilt sewn by donors? Either way, the threads are fraying, and we all have to stand up to the evisceration of our federal agencies and federal granting systems. Their existence is part of what makes America great — now and throughout its history.

What can we do?

Let's come together across sectors and across parties and look out for one another. Corporations, individuals, nonprofits, Republicans, independents and Democrats, we are all Americans. Our North Star blazes in the words of our bold and beautiful Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Let's get online, to the voting booth and to peaceful in-person uprisingstogether — before it's too late.

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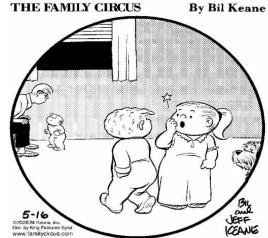
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### Contract By Steve Becker

### **Bidding quiz**

You are playing rubber bridge, and you have a partscore of 90. Partner bids one diamond. What would you respond with each of the following five hands?

1. \$\Delta AJ98 \rightarrow J64 \rightarrow KQ53 \rightarrow J7
2. \$\Delta J976 \rightarrow Q85 \rightarrow 94 \rightarrow AKJ2
3. \$\Delta A97 \rightarrow AJ8 \rightarrow Q54 \rightarrow KQ83
4. \$\Delta KJ85 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow AQ72 \rightarrow KJ96
5. \$\Delta 4 \rightarrow KQ32 \rightarrow AQ8 \rightarrow AK985

1. Two diamonds. The meanings of many bids change when a side has a partscore. Here, your normal response without a partscore would be one spade, indicating six to an unlimited number of points. But with the 90 partscore, you should bid two diamonds, expressing mild interest in a slam because you are voluntarily going past the game level. Occasionally, partner will have something like: ♠K6 ♥5 ♠A97642 ♠AKQ8 and will be able to bid a slam because of your diamond raise.

2. One notrump. Without a

partscore, your response would be one spade, but with it the proper bid is one-notrump. Ordinarily, a one-notrump response indicates six to 10 points, but the range widens to about 12 points with a partscore

**3. Two notrump.** Under normal circumstances, the two-notrump response would indicate 13 to 15 points, but with a partscore you can have a point or two more, and the bid becomes a mild slam try. Partner may pass with minimum values, since the notrump response has an upper limit. Without a partscore, the normal response would be three notump.

4. Three diamonds. This likewise suggests a slam and is not forcing.

Note the difference between this hand and the first one, where two diamonds indicated only mild interest in slam. Here, with more high cards and better distribution, you direct partner's attention more forcefully to slam possibilities. The double raise follows the general principle in bridge that the more you bid, the more you've got.

5. Three clubs. This is uncondi-

tionally forcing, and partner must bid again even with a bedrock minimum. Three clubs is a jump-shift, as distinguished from a jump-raise Jump-raises have upper and lower limits, while jump-shifts, which start at 17 points, have no ceiling. The opening bidder responds naturally, bearing in mind that the com-bined hands are only a step away from making a slam.

Tomorrow: The battle for trump control.

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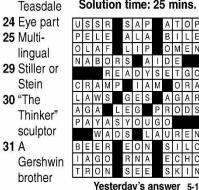
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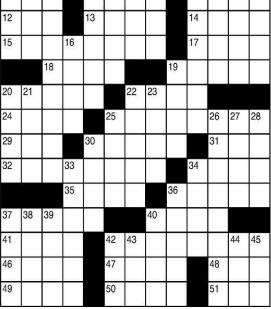
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## Red-hot Pacers await winner of Knicks-Celtics in ECF

By PETER SBLENDORIO

New York Daily News Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — Mere months ago, it would have been difficult to envision the Indiana Pacers in this position.

When the calendar turned to 2025, the Pacers were just 16-18 and in eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

Haliburton Tyrese had endured an uneven start to the

Aaron Nesmith was two months into a left ankle sprain that ultimately kept him out of 35 straight games.

But since Jan. 1, the Pacers with their high-powered offense, enviable depth and exhausting up-tempo attack – have been one of the best teams in the NBA.

And now they're back in the Eastern Conference finals for the second consecutive year.

See **Pacers** page 7



Tyrese Haliburton (0) of the Indiana Pacers reacts against the Cleveland Cavaliers during the third quarter in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference second round NBA Playoffs at Rocket Arena on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in Cleveland.

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION** Located 620 N Pierce Street, Portland IN Saturday Morning MAY 24, 2025 9:30 A.M. **REAL ESTATE** 3 Bedroom manufactured home with approximately 1400 square feet

of living area sitting on concrete crawl space. This 1994 home features 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 outdoor storage sheds.

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(260) 729-2213. SUV- MOWER-GOLF CART 2013 Buick Encore Premium Wagon 4 door SUV, Dixon 13 hp zero turn mower with 38î

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AU12400069 **PUBLIC AUCTION** Located: 831 E 900 N Ridgeville, IN MAY 23rd, 2025 5:00 P M. TRUCKS - TRACTOR -FARM IMPLEMENTS -TOOLS - OLD ITEMS 1995 Chevrolet 3500 dually extended cab diesel truck; 1975 Chevrolet dually truck: John Deere 60 Standard tractor; John Deere pull type 3, 4, and 5 bottom plows; John Deere 12í pull type offset disc; John Deere buck rake; John Deere 2 bottom plow; John Deere John Deere A blocks & mani-

folds: Kewanee 10í disc: John Deere semi-mount sickle bar mower; horse drawn 2 bottom plow; John Deere rototiller: steel fly wheels; John Deere implement

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**PUBLIC AUCTION** Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 W Votaw St., Portland,

MAY 17th, 2025 9:30 A. M. ANTIQUES - OLD & **COLLECTORS ITEMS-**HOUSEHOLD GOODS Oak wardrobe: Radio Flyer wagon; John

Deere 3 speed bicycle; John Deere wrench sets; JD, Case & Oliver steering wheel centers: JD wrenches; hump back trunk; flat top trunk; #20 cast iron pot belly stove; Marlin 22 semiautomatic rifle; ammo; 1940is Coke tray; Stanley scraper plane; Stanley Bailey smooth plane; Indiana Band ribbons and awards; marbles;

tor plates; cleaning supplies; and many other items not listed. TOY TRACTORS -JOHN DEERE COL-

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AU12400069 **PUBLIC AUCTION** Saturday JUNE 14th, 2025 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 1207 N SR 167 DUNKIRK, IN REAL ESTATE Real Estate sells at 10:00 AM.

2 bedroom home with Central Air, 30íx40í attached garage, 24íx32í Quonset building. Nicely situated on 2

acres. Open House: Sunday June 1st 1-3 PM or for private showing phone auction-

eers **RIDING MOWERS -**ANTIQUES - HOUSE-

HOLD Troybilt Riding Mower w/ 42î Deck. Troybilt and Murray Mowers for parts. Iron Bed. Steamer Trunk. Hen on Nest and other collectible Glassware. Roll-top Desk. Bird Cages. Elvis Picture. Fishing Poles and

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**PUBLIC AUCTION** SATURDAY JUNE 7TH,

260-726-5587

2025 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 127 Rayburn Dr. Portland IN. REAL ESTATE 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

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**ESTATE** AC31800004 **AUCTIONEERS** Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587

**PUBLIC AUCTION** Friday May 16th, 2025 TIME 5:00 P.M. LOCATED: 225 E WATER ST, PORTLAND

VEHICLES - SHOP -APPLIANCES - 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/ 52î 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

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No. 38CO1-2504-EU-000015 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that BENJAMIN HAMMOND was

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May 1, 2025. David N. Baumgartner

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TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 606 S Western Ave, PORTLAND IN **REAL ESTATE** Real Estate sells at 10:00 AM.

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## Public Notice

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTER-ESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38D01-2410-MF-000021 wherein PennyMac Loan Services, LLC was Plaintiff, and Shaun Hines was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 12th day of June, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 AM or as soon thereafter as is possible at the Jay County Sheriffs Department 120 North Court Street; 3rd Floor Courthouse; Portland, IN 47371 in Jay County, Indiana, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana, A part of the northwest quar ter of Section 35, Township 23 North, Range 13 East, Jay County, Indiana, as shown on a survey completed by Farber Surveying, Inc., File #0123-06 dated January 24, 2023, being more particularly described

as follows: Commencing at the North west comer of the North west Quarter of Section 35. Township 23 North, Range 13 East, Jay County, Indiana; thence N 87 degrees 35 minutes 11 seconds E (assumed bearing), along the North line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 353.16 feet for the point of beginning of the tract herein described: thence S 02 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds E, a distance of 134.99 feet; thence S 87 degrees 35 minutes 11 seconds W, a distance of 176.56 feet; thence S 00 degrees 53 minutes 16 seconds E, a distance of 140.96 feet; thence S 88 degrees 58 minutes 09seconds E, a distance of 398.78 feet; thence N 01 de grees 35 minutes 37 seconds W, a distance of 299.89 feet to the North line of said Northwest Quarter; thence S 87 degrees 35 minutes 11 seconds W. a distance of 221.84 feet to the point of beginning, Containing 2.08 acres, more or less.

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## Signed to **Tiffin**

Saidy DeRoo signed her national letter of intent at Miracle Lanes on May 9 to ioin the women's bowling team at Tiffin University. Pictured in the front row are Gary Coats, Saidy DeRoo and Laura DeRoo. Back row are Fort Recovery High School girls bowling coach Alison Rosegrant and assistant coach Steve Westgerdes.

## 'acers

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'Something I've learned from my vets and just being in the NBA for enough time is to not take winning for granted," said Haliburton, a fifth-year pro. "This is a special time. Back-toback Eastern Conference finals. We're not done. We've still got a ways to go, but it's a special feeling."

The fourth-seeded Pacers booked their return to the Eastern Conference finals with Tuesday night's 114-105 victory over the top-seeded Cleveland Cavaliers, wrapping up a stunning series victory in only five games.

Haliburton led the way with 31 points on 10-of-15 shooting, including 6-of-10 shooting on 3pointers, along with eight assists and six rebounds.

But in many ways, Tuesday's win was a perfect embodiment of Indiana's balanced barrage.

All five starters scored in double figures. Nine players scored for Indiana. Ten played at least 10 minutes

Cleveland led by as many as 19 points in the first half, but the Pacers kept chipping away until they finally wore the battered-

'It's special, man. This group is special. This has been built by many different moves. Adding [Pascal Siakim] has been huge for us, and we just kind of went from there. I don't take this for granted.' -Tyrese Haliburton

other team in the NBA," said Haliburton, who became the first Pacer with a 30-point performance this postseason.

'We don't just have one guy who scores all the points. We defeat teams in different ways. We move the ball. The ball's flying. We've got a lot of different guys making shots, making plays.'

The Pacers' turnaround started in February 2022, when they acquired Haliburton, then a fast-rising second-year point guard, in a trade that sent All-Star forward Domantas Sabonis to the Sacramento Kings.

"We're different than every Boston Celtics and drafted fel- by, Josh Hart and Jalen Brunson back in the final minute of the granted."

low wings Bennedict Mathurin with the No. 6 pick and Andrew Nembhard with the No. 31 pick.

With that young core — along with franchise staple Myles Turner at center — on the ascent last season, the Pacers acquired battle-tested forward Pascal Siakam in a January 2024 trade with the Toronto Raptors.

The Pacers finished last season at 47-35 and as the No. 6 seed in the East, and they met the Knicks in the second round of the playoffs.

The Knicks jumped out to a 3-2 lead in that series, but with Julius Randle and Bojan Bog-That summer, Indy added danovic already out and

all getting banged up or going Pacers' Game 2 win, while Indidown over the course of the seven games, the Pacers' depth proved too much to overcome.

Indiana was then swept by the eventual champion Celtics in the Eastern Conference finals.

"When we got in the summer, we talked about getting better," Siakam said. "This is the opportunity, now, to get better, to make sure we take a step. That's the mentality that we have going into the next game. We have a real opportunity, and we can't take it for granted."

The Pacers slumped to a 5-10 start, then fell to 16-18 with a Dec. 31 loss to the Milwaukee

But Indiana went 34-14 the rest of the way — the NBA's fourth-best record over that stretch — to finish 51-31.

The Pacers cruised past the fifth-seeded Bucks in five games in the first round.

They then upset a Cavs team that went 64-18 in the regular season but had Donovan Mitchell, Darius Garland, Evan Mobley and De'Andre Hunter dealing with injuries this postseason.

Nesmith in a trade with the Mitchell Robinson, OG Anuno- er capped a seven-point come- from there. I don't take this for

ana's 80-point first half fueled an emphatic Game 4 victory.

"Cleveland's banged up. That's well-documented," Pacers head coach Rick Carlisle said. "But I heard this one time in the year we won in Dallas, and [there was] a lot of stuff about the other team losing the series. Somebody made the comment: The winning team writes the script. I just have to give our guys credit. They earned this.'

The Pacers boast largely the same roster as they did last year, though they went on their 2024 playoff run without Mathurin - their third-leading scorer this season behind Siakam and Haliburton — due to a torn labrum in his shoulder.

Indiana's 117.7 points per game this postseason are the second most of any team — and the most of any still remaining. "I remember being our repre-

sentative at the [NBA draft] lottery a couple years ago and not wanting to go back," Haliburton said. "It's special, man. This group is special. This has been built by many different moves. Adding [Siakim] has been huge Haliburton's go-ahead 3-point- for us, and we just kind of went

# Sports on tap

#### Local schedule Today

Jay County — Girls tennis at Richmond - 5 p.m.; Junior high track ACAC meet at Bluffton - 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery - Track MAC meet finals at Coldwater - 4:30 p.m.

### Saturday

Jay County — Girls tennis at Lapel Invitational – 9 a.m.; Softball at Argyll Invitational – 10 a.m.; Baseball doubleheader vs. Winchester - 3 p.m.; JV track at Huntington North Invitational - 11

Fort Recovery — Baseball at Arcanum - 11 a.m.; JV baseball vs.

#### TV sports Today

7:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Emilia Romagna Grand Prix (ESPN2) 12 p.m. — PGA Championship

(ESPN) College softball NCAA Tournament: Michigan vs. UCF (ESPN2) 2:30 p.m. — Premier League soc-

cer: Aston Villa at Tottenham Hotspur (USA) 4 p.m. College softball NCAA

Tournament: Indiana at Oklahoma City (ESPN2) 4 p.m. — IndyCar: Indy 500 (FS1) 6 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series:

NASCAR All-Star Open (FS1) 6 p.m. — USL League One soccer: Lexington at Fort Lauderdale United

6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cleveland Guardians at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)

7 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: North Carolina FC at Oakland Roots (FOX)

8 p.m. - NBA Playoffs: Boston Celtics at New York Knicks (ESPN) 8 p.m. — College softball NCAA Tournament: Washington at Mississippi State (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — UFL: Memphis Showboats at San Antonio Brahmas (FOX)

10 p.m. — College softball NCAA Tournament: San Diego State at Arizona State (ESPN2)

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1 p.m. — PGA Championship (CBS) 1 p.m. — WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at New York Liberty (ABC) 1 n.m. — UFI: Michigan Panthers at

Houston Roughnecks (FOX) 1:30 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: NCTS Rac at North Wilkesboro

- WNBA: Chicago Sky at Indian 3 p.m.

Fever (ABC)

3 p.m. — World Athletics Continental Tour: Atlanta City Games (NBC)

4 p.m. — IndyCar: Indy 500 (FOX) 4 p.m. — PGA Championship (ESPN)

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als at Baltimore Orioles (FS1) 6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cleveland Guardians at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indi-

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Cincinnati (FS1)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Minnesota Twins at

Milwaukee Brewers (FOX) 9:30 p.m. — MLS: Portland Timbers at Seattle Sounders (FS1)

10 p.m. — WNBA: Seattle Storm at

Phoenix Mercury (ABC)

10 p.m. — USL Championship soccer:

Sacramento Republic at Las Vegas Lights

#### Local notes Registration open

Registration for the 35th annual Flat 50 Plus bicycle ride in Adams County is open. To register, Run Sign Up. com.

There are rides ranging from 20 to 100 miles long.

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