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Warrant issued for a former officer

Esmond accused of rape in Allen County

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

FORT WAYNE — A former Dunkirk police officer has been accused of rape. Conner W. Esmond, 28, was charged in Allen Superior Court 5 on Friday with a Level 3 felony for rape when the victim has verbally or otherwise refused. An initial hearing was scheduled for today. Esmond allegedly had sex with a woman in Fort Wayne despite being told “no” several times on June 4, 2023. A Bluffton resident, he previously worked for Dunkirk Police Department starting near the end of 2022. He was fired from the department last year. According to a probable cause affidavit filed in the case, the woman told police she met Esmond on dating application Bumble in December 2022 or January 2023. They lost contact for six to seven months before Esmond reached out again and asked to hang out together. The woman invited him to her home in Fort Wayne on June 4, 2023. She told police Esmond began to kiss and touch her, progressing to him taking her clothes off. She said she told Esmond “no” multiple times but he continued and penetrated her, court documents say. She said they watched television before she asked Esmond to take her to buy an emergency contraceptive. He took her to the store, where she purchased Plan B One-Step. Esmond dropped her off and left, court documents say.

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One more time



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Mara Wenning gets a hug following Fort Recovery High School's graduation ceremony Sunday afternoon. FRHS said goodbye to 77 graduates, with principal Ryan Steinbrunner encouraging them to take advantage and appreciate each “one more time” that comes along in their lives.

Fort Recovery High School graduates are encouraged to appreciate the moments in life

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — They will become collegians, farmers, Coast Guard recruits and a variety of other descriptors. On Sunday, they entered Fort Site Fieldhouse as Fort Recovery High School students just one more time. Principal Ryan Steinbrunner

encouraged the Class of 2025 to be thankful for the moments like final moments together as a group Sunday for the celebration of their graduation. “This may be the last time you’re all together like this,” he said before thanking the graduates for allowing all those in attendance to share the moment with them. “So let the spirit of

‘just one more time’ guide you in gratitude, in effort and in love.” Steinbrunner asked the students to be grateful for each “one more time” they experience. Salutatorian Anna Roessner followed a similar theme in her speech following remarks from valedictorian Kennedy Muhlenkamp.

“Today, I advise you all to think back on your memories,” she said. “Take a moment to reflect on your first memory of high school, or your favorite memory.” She asked them to think about the prospect of playing hide and seek alone. Empty house. See **One more** page 2



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Carson's craft

Carson Richards, 7, paints a bird house Saturday at Arts Place during the Arch Bridge Festival on Main Street in Portland. Arch Bridge Kroozers set up their annual car show Saturday along the street and around Jay County Courthouse, and vendors set up stations on the street just east of Meridian Street (U.S. 27).

Biden diagnosed

By JANE NORMAN
States Newsroom
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WASHINGTON — Former President Joe Biden has been diagnosed with “a more aggressive form” of prostate cancer, according to a statement from his office on Sunday. The statement said Biden, 82, last week was seen for a new finding of a prostate nodule after experiencing increasing urinary symptoms. “On Friday, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, characterized by a Gleason score of 9 (Grade group 5) with metastasis to the bone,” the statement said. “While this represents a more aggressive form of the disease, the cancer appears to be hormone-sensitive which allows for effective management,” it continued. “The President and his family are reviewing treatment options with his physicians.” The New York Times had reported on May 12 that a few days earlier, a

Former president has a ‘more aggressive form’ of prostate cancer

“small nodule” was discovered on Biden’s prostate that required “further evaluation,” according to a spokesman. According to the National Cancer Institute, prostate cancer is slow-growing, the second leading cause of cancer death among men in the United States and the most common cancer. Statements of support immediately began pouring in on Sunday as word spread of the diagnosis. “Doug and I are saddened to learn of President Biden’s prostate cancer diagnosis,” his former vice president and the 2024 Democratic nominee, Kamala Harris, said on X. “We are keeping him, Dr. Biden, and their entire family in our hearts and prayers during this time. Joe is a fighter — and I know he will face this challenge with the same strength, resilience, and optimism that have always defined his life and leadership. We are hopeful for a full and speedy recovery.” “Melania and I are saddened to hear about Joe Biden’s recent medical diagnosis,” President Donald Trump wrote on social media. “We extend our warmest and best wishes to Jill and the family, and we wish Joe a fast and successful recovery.”

Deaths Richard Paxson, 75, Bryant Merl Poling, 95, Warsaw Details on page 2.	Weather Jay County had a high temperature of 70 degrees Sunday. The low was 53. Tonight's forecast calls for rain with a low in the mid 50s and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. Showers are also expected Wednesday with temperatures in the mid 50s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.	In review Second Harvest Food Bank will host tailgate food distributions this week: •Wednesday at Redkey Morgan Park, 102 W. Holmes Ave., Redkey •Thursday at Muncie Mall, 3401 N. Granville Ave. •Friday at Goodrich Park, 701 N. Union St., Winchester All tailgates begin at 10 a.m.	Coming up Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Jay School Board meeting. Thursday — Results from the JCHS girls track team in the sectional meet. Friday — Details from this week's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.
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One more ...

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She asked them to imagine returning from a fifth grade field trip with no classmates. Empty bus.

She asked them to consider finishing an athletic event with no teammates or supporters. Empty stadium.

All of those things, she pointed out, are made special by those with whom they are shared.

“Left alone, we can feel lost in the darkness,” said Roessner. “But if you really think about it, we aren’t going to miss recess, sports games or dances. We are going to miss the people that brought meaning to these memories.”

She told her classmates that

life is not meant to be lived alone. She encouraged them, though it can be difficult to set aside pride, to ask for help when it is needed.

In addition to speeches, Sunday’s ceremony included the presentation of various special awards and scholarships to the 77 members of Fort Recovery High School’s Class of 2025. Among them were:

Honors diplomas — Emma Will, Mara Wenning, Eowyn Vela, Zach Schoenlein, Ella Schoen, Benjamin Reinhard, Karlie Niekamp, Keegan Muhlenkamp, Bailie Muhlenkamp, Joelle Kaup, Ava Grisez, Marlee Fiely, Ava Englehardt, Cassidy Dues, Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Anna Roessner

Athletic keys — Gavin Evers and Joelle Kaup

Activity keys — Ava Englehardt and Zach Schoenlein

Steinbrunner encouraged students to hold on a little tighter to moments in life and to value the ones that may seem mundane or repetitive, like walking through the halls of their high school.

“What you’ve come to realize this week, maybe without even knowing it, is that ‘just one more time’ isn’t about repetition,” he said. “It’s about appreciation. It’s about savoring the moments that matter. It’s about holding on a little tighter to the people, the experiences and the memories that have shaped you.”



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Salutarian Anna Roessner speaks Sunday during Fort Recovery High School’s graduation ceremony. “If you really think about it, we aren’t going to miss recess, sports games or dances,” she told her fellow graduates. “We are going to miss the people that brought meaning to these memories.”

CR almanac

Wednesday 5/21	Thursday 5/22	Friday 5/23	Saturday 5/24	Sunday 5/25
61/47 <small>There’s a 70% chance of thunderstorms Wednesday.</small>	58/53 <small>Thursday has a 30% chance of showers with highs in the upper 50s.</small>	63/43 <small>Friday looks to be mostly sunny with a slight chance of rain.</small>	67/46 <small>Mostly sunny on Saturday when the high will be in the mid 60s.</small>	67/50 <small>Sunday looks to be mostly sunny with highs in the upper 60s.</small>

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$134 million	16-28-29-32-33-43-44-48-49-52-56-61-62-66-73 Cash 5: 1-21-24-33-36 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$139 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 0-4-7 Pick 4: 3-5-5-2 Pick 5: 7-9-6-8-4 Evening Pick 3: 1-0-5 Pick 4: 1-2-2-0 Pick 5: 6-3-2-5-5 Rolling Cash 5: 6-19-20-35-38 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 5-4-6 Daily Four: 0-6-7-6 Quick Draw: 5-6-9-12-13-23-30-33-41-43-48-55-59-64-65-66-72-74-78-80 Evening Daily Three: 5-4-9 Daily Four: 9-6-2-9 Quick Draw: 1-3-6-8-14	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.62 June corn4.64 July corn4.66	June beans10.71 Wheat4.87
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.62 June corn4.66 July corn4.69	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.54 June corn4.54 Beans10.67 June beans10.70 Wheat4.76
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.59 June corn4.59 Beans10.66	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.65 June corn4.67 Beans10.41 June beans10.41 Wheat4.72

Today in history

In 1498 , Vasco da Gama of Portugal became the first European to travel to India by sea when he arrived at Calicut, India.	In 1891 , the first public display of Thomas Edison’s prototype kinetoscope was made to the National Federation of Women’s Club.
In 1799 , Napoleon Bonaparte ordered the withdrawal from his siege of St. Jean d’Acre in Egypt.	In 2021 , Aaron Funkhouser (400-meter dash) and Jean Pieterse (high jump) earned regional berths with top-three finishes in the sectional meet at Muncie Central.
In 1862 , Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act, which provided settlers with 160 acres of surveyed public land if they paid a filing fee and maintained continuous residence there for at least five years.	In 2022 , Jay County Commissioners selected Bob Howell and Terry Howell, no relation, to take over as the county’s highway superintendent and road foreman, respectively, on an interim basis following the death of superintendent Donnie Corn.
In 1873 , Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis received a patent for using copper rivets to strengthen pocket corners and other points on pants.	— The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.	5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works special meeting, fire station 1616 N. Franklin St.	5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Obituaries

Richard Paxson

June 5, 1949-May 17, 2025

Richard “Dick” Paxson, 75, of Bryant, Indiana, passed away Saturday morning, May 17, 2025, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his family.

He was born June 5, 1949, to Carl and Mabel (Hesher) Paxson. Dick lived most of his life in the Pennville area of Penn Township, Jay County, Indiana. He graduated from Pennville High School in 1967 and Purdue University with a degree in education.

Dick married Betty Myers in 1972. He served in the Indiana, Maryland and Michigan National Guard for six years.

He taught agriculture at Chopticon High School in Maryland and Ross Beauty High School in Michigan before returning home to Jay County, where he worked in banking and financial services with Citizens Bank and later with Edward Jones, where he managed the Montpelier office for 20 years. Dick was a member of the Gilead Church in Bryant, where he served as a trustee, and was formerly active in the Montpelier Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club. He also served several years on the Jay County REMC board of directors.

Dick enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, riding bikes and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was an avid Purdue University basketball fan and had a deep-rooted passion for farming.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Paxson of Bryant, Indiana; sons Mathew (Beckie) Paxson and Michael Paxson; daughter Brenda (Scott) Benter; grandchildren Sarah (Justin) Penrod, Conner (Kinsey) Benter, Abigail Benter, Courtney Benter, Kyler Paxson, Sadie Paxson and Danielle (Cody) Thompson; and great-granddaughters Paislee Keen and Hazel Jane Penrod. He is also survived by his sister Donna (Robert) Bense; and brothers Edward (Mara) Paxson, Max (Tina) Paxson, and William (Tracy) Paxson, of Bryant, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his



Paxson

parents; sister, Connie Michael; and brothers, David Paxson and Ray Paxson.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, located at 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 2 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, with Pastor Mitch Corwin officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in the Twin Hill I.O.O.F Cemetery in Pennville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gilead Church, c/o Betty Paxson, 7351 W. State Road 18, Bryant, IN 47326.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

Merl L. Poling

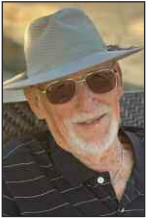
March 24, 1930-May 15, 2025

Merl Leroy Poling, 95, of Warsaw, Indiana, passed away with his sons by his side on Thursday, May 15, 2025, in Warsaw.

Merl was born on March 23, 1930, to Ralph and Letha (Lea) Poling in Portland, Indiana. He had a sister, Katherine (William) Stoker. He attended Portland High School before he enlisted in the U.S. Navy from 1948 to 1952 during the Korean War. Following his military career, he worked for United Telephone Company from 1952 to 1988 and retired there. While there, he started as a lineman and ended as a supervisor.

He lived on Chapman Lake for 59 years and wintered in either Laguna Beach, California, or Orange Beach, Alabama. He enjoyed anything outdoors, from bicycling to paddle boating. He would clean up trash from the Lake, one beer can at a time. He used to give his grandkids the “grand tour” around the lake on his boat. He was an incredible woodworker and builder. He loved to spend any extra time with his companion, Polly, traveling or dancing.

He was very proud of his military career and worked on the landing ship tank USS 1153 (USS Talbot County) as a Machinist Mate 3rd (MM3). He was a member of the



Poling

Saint Peter’s United Church of Christ in South Bend, the Moose Lodge, IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) and was also a member of the American Legion for 75 years. He was a man of many talents and always had a great story to tell.

Merl (Papp as he was known by family) was blessed to be loved by so many including his companion, life partner and best friend, Polly A Hooker of South Bend, Indiana; sons Steve Poling and Mark (Tracey Brown Grose) Poling both of Warsaw; grandchildren Amie (Zach) Nelson, Amanda (Jason) Waddle, Mark B. (Amanda) Poling and Kara (Ben) Grubbs, all of Warsaw, and Brice (Stephanie) Poling of Plymouth. In addition, Merl is survived by 16 great-grandchildren, Reed, Grady, Darline and Waldo Nelson, Kanton, Claire and Lyla Jane Waddle, Corbin Poling, Dylan, Tinley and Chevy Grubbs, and Steven, Harrison, David, Kate and Jace Poling. Also loved as his own were Patrick (Marsha, Danika and Dalton) Hooker of Broomfield, Colorado, Paula (Tim and Audrey) Schrieber of Tucson, Arizona, and David (Rachael, Maci and Paul) Sample of Indianapolis.

Merl was preceded in death by his parents; a sister; and daughter-in-law Kay Poling.

A visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at Titus Funeral Home, 2000 Sheridan St., Warsaw, Indiana. Funeral services in celebration of Merl’s life will begin at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, with visitation starting an hour prior in the funeral chapel with Pastor Tim Kumfer officiating. Burial services will be held privately for family only at a later date.

The family kindly requests memorial donations to: American Legion Post 49, 301 N. Buffalo St., Warsaw, IN 46580, or the Chapman Lakes Conservation Association, P.O. Box 776 ,Warsaw, IN 46581-0776.

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

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

Warrant ...

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The woman and Esmond texted the next day, according to the affidavit. She told Esmond she said “no but it happened anyway.” Esmond responded, “I’ve been thinking about it too and I should’ve 100% respected your wishes. I had that made it about sex when I want more with you, believe me. You probably think less of me and hate that. I wanted to ask you if you would get

dinner with me tonight. I wanted to go about doing things with you the right way because I really do like you.”

During an interview with police, Esmond said he initiated a kiss and the woman kissed him back, so he reached down to her genital area. He said he asked if it was OK and she said she was not ready “right this second,” so he stopped and they returned to watching television.

Esmond told police she later consented to being touched and having sexual intercourse, saying the woman never told him to stop or said no during their time together.

Addressing the text messages, Esmond said he was trying to “reaffirm her feelings” and “trying to make her feel better,” court documents say. He said he was telling the woman what she needed to hear because she was uncomfortable.

Felony court news

Auto theft
A Portland woman was sentenced to jail for auto theft.

Desiree N. Walker, 31, 1237 N. U.S. 27, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to auto theft, a Level 6 felony.

She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given 166 days credit for time served.

Walker was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and placed on probation for 185 days.

Unlawful possession
A Ridgeville woman was sentenced to time in jail for possessing a syringe.

Emili A. Smith, 25, 112 W. Third St., Ridgeville, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony.

Smith was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 180 days credit for time served.

She was assessed \$189 in court costs.

Thank You

The family of Ruthie Fifer wanted to say thank you and to show appreciation of all family and friends who came to the viewing and service of Ruthie, and everyone for comforting our family during this hard time, we aslo would like to thank heart to heart hospice for the great job they did, and the amazing service from Williamson, Spencer and Penron funeral home in Portland.

SERVICES

Tuesday Smuts , Randy: 2 p.m., Drowning & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.
Wednesday Paxson , Richard: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier. Poling , Merl: Titus Funeral Home, 2000 Sheridan St., Warsaw.
May 24 Runyon , Victoria: 1 p.m., Griffen Road Chrch of Christ, 14550 Griffen Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida.
Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

Parents take no chances

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

Do hospitals give discounts for frequent visitors?

Is there some sort of punch card like you get at coffee shops? Buy five, get the sixth one free?

Asking for a friend.

Seriously, though. Do they?

My daughter is approaching 14 months old. For the first eight months of her life, the only time she had been in a hospital was when she came into this world.

She's been there three times in the last six months.

And each time, much ado about nothing.

We were visiting family for Thanksgiving in November just outside of Toledo, Ohio. One morning while we were hanging out in the hotel room, Baby Schanz and I were sitting on one of the two beds in our room. I turned my head for just a second, and she decided to dive off the end of the bed square onto her face.

She wailed for a brief moment and then seemed fine, only visibly suffering from a rug burn on her nose.

To be safe, however, we went to the local emergency room to get her checked out.

For four hours, doctors sporadically monitored to make sure she wasn't experiencing any symptoms of a head injury. It was their way to try to avoid any radiation scans unless they were absolutely necessary.

Other than the battle scar on her face, she didn't show any signs of nose-diving off the bed, and we were discharged.

Parental Ponderings



Better safe than sorry.

Five months later, just a few short weeks before our trip to Ireland, we visited the emergency room of our nearby hospital.

One evening I picked her up from day care and she seemed to be breathing laboriously. The child of two parents who suffer from asthma, she's bound to be afflicted by the disease, and being unable to breathe is one of my biggest fears.

We kept a close eye on her briefly but decided not to take any chances and have the professionals decide the best course of action.

Again, being unable to breathe is my No. 1 fear, and I'd hate for us to be stubborn, not take her to the hospital, and then she gets worse.

Three hours in the ER, with only so much as the respiratory therapist vacuuming mucus out of her nose, we departed for home.

Made a mountain out of a molehill.

Just last week, we were in the waiting area of our neighborhood emergency room yet again.

Our daughter has had no adverse reactions to food and has shown no signs of allergies.

We started cutting her bottles with whole milk to transition her away from breastmilk since

the beginning of April. She took to it rather quickly with no issues.

It seems the only thing bothering her lately has been an aggressive diaper rash we've been treating for a solid month now. Just when we think we've got it beat, it returns with a vengeance.

Then, in the early afternoon on Thursday, we got a message from day care that she had an issue with a bowel movement.

Chrissy then messaged our daughter's physician to ask their advice, and without hesitation, they told my wife to go to the ER.

A half hour later, we're being admitted for the second time in two months.

We took the diaper with the evidence with us, and as the attending doctor tested it, he didn't see anything alarming.

Just another hullabaloo.

As a stubborn adult, trips to the hospital have always been a last resort.

Injury? Rub some dirt on it and rest. Sinus issues? Wait it out.

But for my firstborn, I'm not taking chances. There are people who have spent their entire lives becoming experts in children's health.

I'll let them tell me when something's wrong.

Until then, where can I get one of those loyalty cards?

Chris Schanz is a former CR Sports Editor who might get to know the local ER staff on a first-name basis. Send icebreaker questions to christopher.schanz@gmail.com.

Daughter fails to follow rules

DEAR ABBY: We asked our 19-year-old college daughter, "Lulu," to dog-sit and housesit several months ago. She knew our rule of no visitors allowed in our home while we were out of town. Because of this, we didn't feel we needed to prepare the house by filing mail and documents away prior to our short trip.

Lulu had her new boyfriend of a few weeks stay over for the weekend. She not only allowed this stranger into our home but also deceived us for months. It's difficult to let go of our disappointment in her poor judgment by allowing a stranger into our home with unsecured documents out in the open.

Her sexual activities and consequences are her "adult" choices, but I'm not sure when I'll be able to trust our daughter again. She had an opportunity to start building our trust shortly after we found out about "the weekend," but didn't take our consequences and rules seriously enough during her school break and lost access to some privileges. Yes, she did start counseling sessions



this past semester. Where do we go from here? — NO TRUST IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR NO TRUST: Since we now know Lulu has poor judgment and lacks respect for your rules, take away your house key (if you haven't already), practice keeping your financial documents under lock and key when you're not in the house and hire a dog sitter. Then, cross your fingers and hope the counseling your daughter is receiving helps her become more mature and make better choices.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the

third Tuesday of each month at the library.

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

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

Wednesday

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to

noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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

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

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

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

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 Cen-

ter, 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.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 5:30 p.m. at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre, 200 N. Park St., Portland.

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. To learn more information, please 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.



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Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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Qatari plane ‘gift’ is a Trojan horse

The Dallas Morning News
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People who reject gifts aren’t always stupid. Just ask the Trojans. Oh, wait.

Maybe President Donald Trump never read The Odyssey. But even if there are no Qataris or their technology hiding inside a \$400 million luxury jet that country might gift to the U.S., there are plain ethical reasons our president should not be in the business of accepting extravagant gifts from foreign nations.

The president pulls the far left off sides plenty, not only because of his policies but with his disregard for the social orthodoxies that had become

Guest Editorial

strictures of rightspeak in American society.

There are times we agree with his policies, and there are times we disagree. On the whole, we agree with his confrontation of the left’s hegemony over universities, media and other areas of culture.

But all of that is a waste if Trump’s repeated flaunting of basic ethical standards under-

mines his presidency, endangers American security and weakens our standing in the world.

“I mean, I could be a stupid person and say, ‘No, we don’t want a free, very expensive airplane.’ But it was — I thought it was a great gesture,” Trump said, testily, in response to questions about the plane.

Either it doesn’t occur to Trump that expensive gifts from foreign powers aren’t just gifts or he’s indifferent to the basic ethics that any professional person would operate under in order to avoid a conflict of interest.

This is part and parcel of a common theme of how he uses his office to further his personal

interests. Recall that before he was re-elected, Trump launched the meme coin \$TRUMP. We feel confident in saying that most of the investments in that coin aren’t related to its long-term market value. Many \$TRUMP investors appear to represent foreign interests.

The Times reported earlier this month that a fund backed by Abu Dhabi “would be making a \$2 billion business deal using the Trump firm’s digital coins.”

Trump, meanwhile, has paused enforcement of what’s known as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, a law intended to prevent U.S. firms from bribing foreign governments. The apparent logic

behind this decision was that everyone else is engaging in corruption so it’s unfair if American companies can’t too.

Lowering the norms of American standards will do lasting damage to our standing as a country that Ronald Reagan called a shining city upon a hill. The United States is the place people long to reach because we try to operate according to a rule of law that reflects an ethic of fairness, transparency and honesty.

The Qatari plane is a winged symbol of indifference to those standards. There may not be Greeks hiding inside, but bringing it past our gates makes us all weaker.

Immigration can help save program

By **MITCHELL ZIMMERMAN**
OtherWords

Social Security is all that stands between millions of Americans and poverty in old age.

Two-thirds of seniors would lose most of their income if Social Security payments ceased. One in seven have essentially no other income — and if their already modest Social Security checks are reduced, they’ll go hungry.

But Social Security is in trouble.

The number of people reaching retirement age has been growing faster than the number of workers contributing, and Social Security has been running in the red for the last 15 years. The shortfall is projected to drain the Social Security trust fund entirely in just eight years, which could lead to massive benefit cuts.

How can this calamity be avoided? One answer is to lift the cap on income taxed for Social Security. That would ensure wealthier Americans pay into Social Security at the same rate that working and middle class Americans have to.

Another is simply to welcome more immigrants — and stop deporting the law-abiding people who’ve already settled here. Since a growing shortage of workers is a major problem for Social Security, immigrants can be part of the solution.

Social Security is beset by a perfect storm of population developments.

The number of people who receive benefits is mushrooming. The 76 million-strong “Baby Boomer” generation is retiring. When the last of that cohort reach retirement age, the number of retirement-age Americans will have almost doubled compared to 2008.

Retirees are also living longer, so Social Security must pay benefits for longer. And there are fewer working adults because the birth rate has been declining for decades.

This adds up to too few working-age people to sustain the snowballing number of retired people. In 1960, five workers paid into Social Security for each person taking money out. Today there are fewer than three.

Trump’s plan to deport 8.3 million undocumented

Mitchell Zimmerman



umented workers would make this worse.

Contrary to Trump’s lies, undocumented workers actually subsidize the system to the tune of \$25 billion per year, since they contribute payroll taxes but can’t receive benefits unless they get a pathway to legal residency. Immigrants are on average younger than U.S.-born Americans and offer both immediate and longer-term boosts to the working population.

A 25-year-old lawfully admitted immigrant who gets a job begins contributing to Social Security immediately, but won’t start drawing benefits until they retire decades later. Immigrants also tend to have more children than U.S.-born Americans, lifting the future supply of young workers.

The impact — and benefit to the health of Social Security — could be gigantic. Social Security Administration actuaries did the math. Their analysis indicates that if we had one million more immigrants, their Social Security contributions would cover one quarter of the trust fund shortfall.

In short, for this reason and many others, America needs to encourage immigration — not make up vicious lies to demonize immigrants!

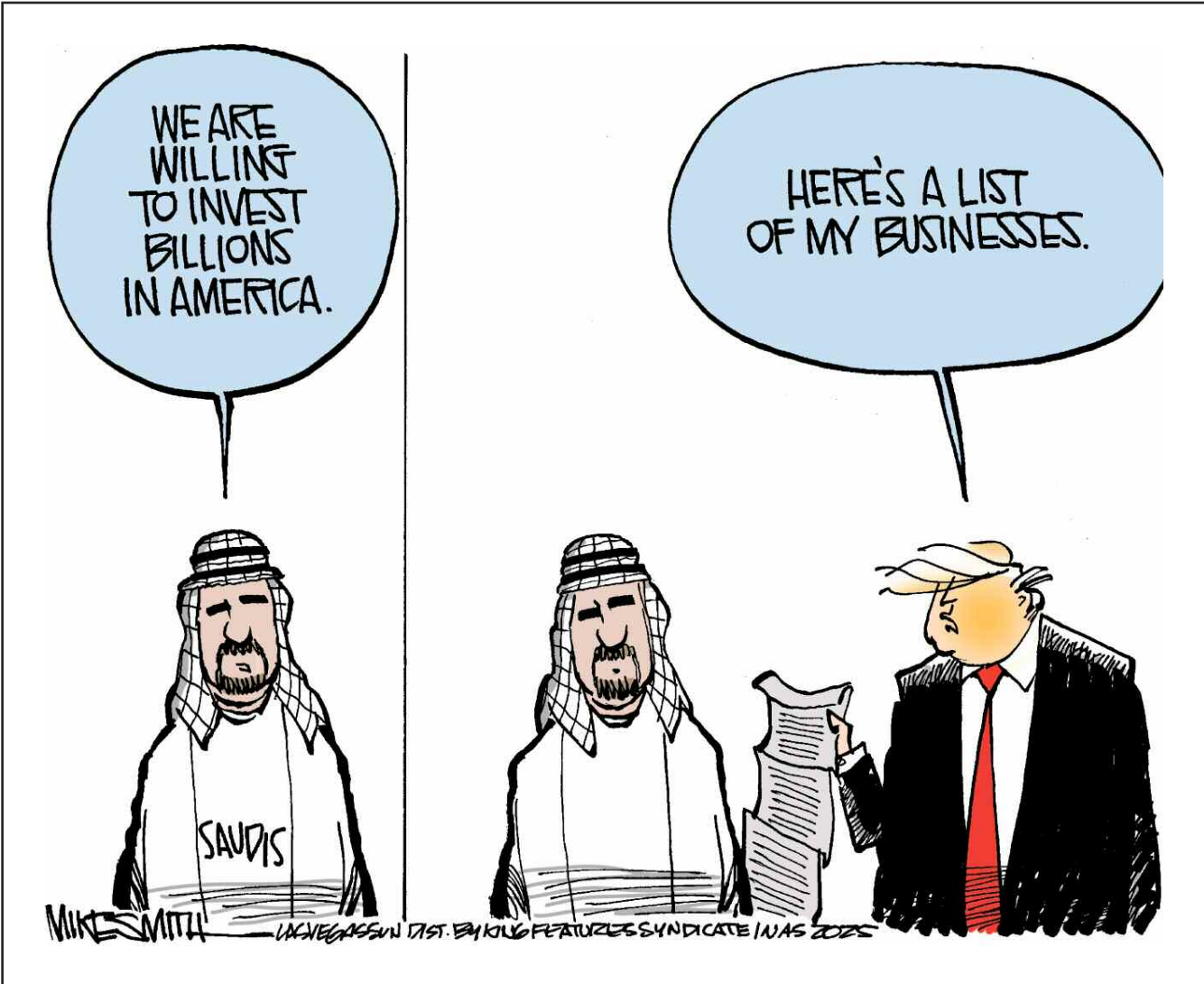
Immigrants flee their native lands and leave their families, friends, and neighbors to escape government persecution, gang violence, climate disasters, and grinding poverty — with hopes of finding freedom, safety, and a better life in America.

By welcoming them, we not only uphold the promise of America — we also improve the chances that all Americans will enjoy security in old age. Welcome, immigrants! We need you!

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Birth rate dip calls for action

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Federal lawmakers are considering funding \$1,000 savings accounts for children and a \$5,000 baby bonus to combat falling birth rates. But I think it’s a much larger discussion than one-time payments that won’t even cover the cost of diapers.

I must start this conversation by being clear that I have never given birth. I was lucky enough to find a man with an amazing daughter, and she welcomed me as a mother. Before I met her, I never had the maternal urge or instinct.

Rather than attacking women who have a different vision for their lives, I want to focus on how to support those who want to be parents — whether of one child or many siblings.

I have experience with both, in a way. My parents both came from large families: eight and 10 siblings. Our family gatherings are epic. But I only had one sibling, a brother I lost too soon.

The U.S. birth rate has been in decline since 2007. Other countries are seeing the same phenomenon. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tracks two birth rates: crude birth and fertility.

Crude is the number of children born per 1,000 people. The number is calculated by dividing births in a year by the average population for the year.

Fertility rates are calculated by the total number of births to women aged 15-44.

USA Today reported in January that the crude birth rate for the U.S. in 2023 was 10.74 births per 1,000 people. The fertility rate that same year was 54.5 births per 1,000 women aged 15-44, a slight drop compared to 2022’s rate of 56 births per 1,000 such women.

Niki Kelly



In comparison, the fertility rate was 69.5 in 2007.

Vice President J.D. Vance and others are concerned about the stability of the economy due to the falling birth rates. Labor shortages are a prime consideration, as well as reduced tax revenue to support public infrastructure and services.

While a lower population could reduce consumption to a point, a baseline of service will always be needed, some argue.

There does seem to be an increased focus on career than family in recent decades. But even those who want to have children find themselves putting it off because they simply can’t afford it. It’s that group of people that government could support, in order to encourage and incentivize births.

Child care costs are the number one concern for most. At this point, a year of child care costs as much as college tuition.

Having a parent stay home is an option, but in the current economy it would be a struggle to keep up with a family’s needs on one salary. Here in Indiana, legislators reduced eligibility for a child care voucher and also have shown no interest in a child care tax credit. They have instead focused on child care regulations that might be limiting the number of seats available in the state. While helpful, it’s doubtful the tweaks will make a significant dent in the shortage.

Let’s also remember that child care also helps employers fill open jobs.

Indiana has had a prekindergarten program since 2015 but it serves only 6,000 children statewide — and funding has stagnated.

Prekindergarten not only helps parents struggling with care options but also gives children a solid foundation for school. A longitudinal Indiana study found positive effects as a general measure of school readiness and early language and literacy. Additionally, children who participated had significantly higher mathematics and meaningfully higher English language arts scores on Indiana’s statewide assessment in the third and fourth grades than the comparison students.

Then there’s the issue of paid maternal leave. Mandating coverage would go a long way to ensuring new mothers could bond with their children and come back to careers they value. More than a dozen states have paid leave laws but Indiana is not one of them.

Family-friendly quality of life measures are also important, including a variety of parks, trails, and affordable housing. No one wants to cram multiple children into a bedroom together, and current housing prices are helping dictate family decisions.

I think the billions being discussed on the federal level — and millions in state-level decisions — would be better used in a targeted manner to grow the infrastructure needed to have and nurture children. Let’s hope the discussion continues beyond one-time payments.

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Bank donates

First Bank of Berne recently donated \$3,000 to the Youth for Christ campus life programs in Jay, Adams and Wells counties. Pictured from left are First Bank of Berne branch manager Gina Hon, Youth for Christ representatives Rhonda Beall, Spencer Gerdorn, Allison Wenzel and Lee Johnson, and bank branch managers Kaitlyn Roby, Jessica Zuercher and Tracy Carpenter.

Ice cream social is next month

Kate's Kart is preparing for its ice cream social next month.

Ice cream shops in 15 counties will participate in the organization's fundraiser on Saturday, June 21, and Sunday, June 22. Money will be used to support its mission of providing free books to hospitalized children.

Among the locations participating on June 21 are:

- Dairy Queen, Portland
- The Tasty Spoon, Hartford City
- BerryWinkle Frozen Yogurt, Muncie
- The White Cottage Sweet Shoppe, Berne
- The Old 27 Ice Cream Shop, Decatur

Holding fairs

The United States Postal Service will host job fairs Thursday, May 22.

The fairs are being held to fill immediate openings. They will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following locations:

- 103 N. Meridian St., Winchester
- 116 S. Main St., Lynn
- 215 S. Jefferson, Montpelier
- 215 W. Main St., Berne
- 205 S. Main St., Bluffton
- 113 E. Washington St., Monroe
- 106 S. Ogden, Ossian
- 400 North A St., Richmond

Grants available

CenterPoint Energy is accepting applications for its Community Safety Grant Program.

Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to local government agencies to fund community safety equipment and safety-related projects. Initiatives include installing automated external defibrillators, emer-

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gency communication equipment, traffic control signs and gas monitoring devices.

"At CenterPoint, safety is our top core value, and this drives every effort we take as a company for the customers and communities we are privileged to serve," said June Deadrick, CenterPoint's vice president of community relations, in a press release. "Through our Community Safety Grant Program, we are thrilled to recognize the work our emergency responders, local officials and many others do to help support the health and safety of our customers across the communities we, too, call home."

Offering tours

Adams Woodcrest will host independent living tours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 7.

Visitors will be able to tour cottages, villas and apartments, meet residents and talk with staff. Refreshments will be provided.

To RSVP, call (260) 724-3311 or email amy.hake@adamshealth-network.org.

BSU honored

Broadcast Education Association (BEA) Festival of Media Arts awarded the Ball State University College of Communication, Information and Media its No. 1 ranking for Top Winning Sports Program.

Ball State Sports Link also earned top honors for video fea-

tures, living production and on-air talent. BSU students earned nine individual awards.

"These national rankings speak to the creativity, collaboration, and talent that define our college," said Dr. Kristen McCauliff, dean of the college, in a press release. "Whether our students are anchoring broadcasts, producing award-winning documentaries, or making persuasive arguments in national debate tournaments, they embody the values and mission of our college: to foster critical thinkers, skilled storytellers, and engaged citizens. I am deeply proud of our students — and grateful for the faculty and staff who mentor and inspire them every day."

Ball State's Miller College of Business has also reaffirmed its accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business for its business and accounting programs.

Partnership expands

The Indiana Fever and TEGNA recently announced an expanded broadcast partnership.

The agreement calls for 11 additional TV stations in the Midwest to join WTHS of Indianapolis to air 18 Indiana Fever games. It includes coverage in Iowa, the home state of Fever Star Caitlin Clark.

"We're incredibly excited to expand our partnership with TEGNA and bring Fever basketball to even more fans across the Midwest — free and over the air," Indiana Fever president of basketball and business operations Kelly Krauskopf said in a press release. "From Indiana to Iowa and beyond, this level of access is unprecedented in our franchise's history and really reflects the surg-

ing popularity of our team, our players and women's professional basketball."

Promotion announced

First Financial Bank and its Yellow Cardinal Advisory Group has promoted Carlton Zesch as the new executive managing director and head of Yellow cardinal M&A Services.

Zesch will oversee investment banking for Yellow Cardinal.

"Since joining First Financial and Yellow Cardinal, Carlton has been a valuable resource for clients seeking to map out a financial path forward, for themselves and the businesses they lead, and we look forward to more success under his leadership," said Greg Harris, president of Yellow Cardinal Advisory Group.

Director named

Tom Pearson was named last week as the new executive director of Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority.

Pearson has worked for the state government department since December 2011. He became director of homeowner-ship in 2021.

"I am honored and humbled to be IHCD's Executive Director. I look forward to taking our agency in a positive direction, investing in our people, and helping Hoosiers," said Pearson, an Indiana University graduate, in a press release. "Most of all, I am here to serve our constituents, communities, and the team here at IHCD."

Hosting drive

Menards stores are holding a pet supplies drive through the end of May.

Supplies needed include food,

treats, feeders, collars and beds. Items collected will be donated to local humane associations.

Donation boxes will be near the next doors at Menards locations, including in Muncie, Richmond and Celina, Ohio.

Nominate manufacturers

Nominations are open for the Indiana Manufacturers Association 2025 Manufacturing Excellence Awards.

The awards honor Indiana companies and individuals for their contributions to the manufacturing industry. They are open to all manufacturers in Indiana.

Anyone can make a nomination by visiting indianamfg.com/2025-manufacturing-excellence-awards. The deadline is Sunday, Aug. 31.

Nomination opens

The state is now accepting nominations for the Governor's Century and Half Century Business Awards.

The awards honor businesses that have been in operation for at least 50 years and have "demonstrated a commitment to serving the community."

Criteria for the award includes:

- Continuous operations in Indiana for 100 or 50 years by Dec. 31, 2024.
- Participation in the same line of work for the duration of its operations.
- Having its base in Indiana since it was founded.

Applications are available at iedc.in.gov/program/century-and-half-century-awards. The deadline is Friday, May 30.

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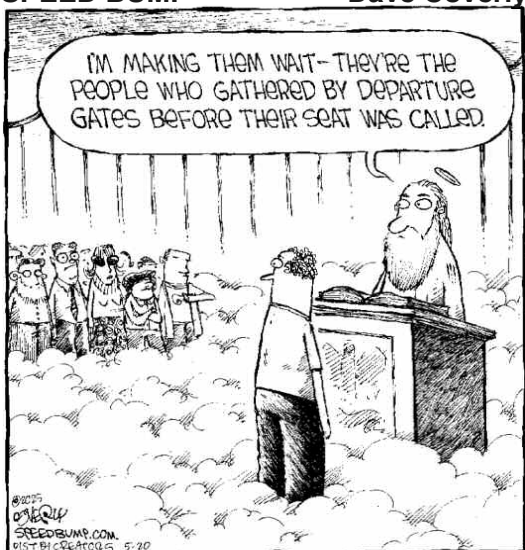
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Pass Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♦ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥

Opening lead — king of spades.
Only rarely does declarer elect to play a game or slam contract in a 4-3 trump fit. This is as it should be, since holding only seven trumps to the opponents' six is not the type of trump superiority one earns for at a high-level contract.

Normally such contracts, which carry with them the inherent danger of losing control of the trump suit, are avoided by finding a longer trump suit or by playing in

notrump. However, there are times when there is no better alternative than to choose a 4-3 trump fit — as in the present case.

Contracts that are based on a 4-3 fit often require special handling to compensate for the trump deficiency, and this is where South fell from grace.

West started by leading the K-A-Q of spades. South ruffed and played three rounds of trump. When the opposing trumps turned out to be divided 4-2 instead of 3-3, he began to play diamonds. West ruffed the third diamond with his remaining trump and cashed the 10-3 of spades to defeat the contract two tricks.

Declarer erred when he trumped the third round of spades. By doing so, he put himself in a position where anything but a 3-3 heart division would jeopardize the contract. Instead, South should have discarded a club on the third spade in order to guard against a possible 4-2 trump split.

No return by West could then have hurt declarer. Another spade would be trumped high in dummy as South kept all four trumps in his hand, while a diamond, club or heart return would allow him to win, draw trump and collect the 10 tricks he had started with.

Tomorrow: The partscore syndrome.
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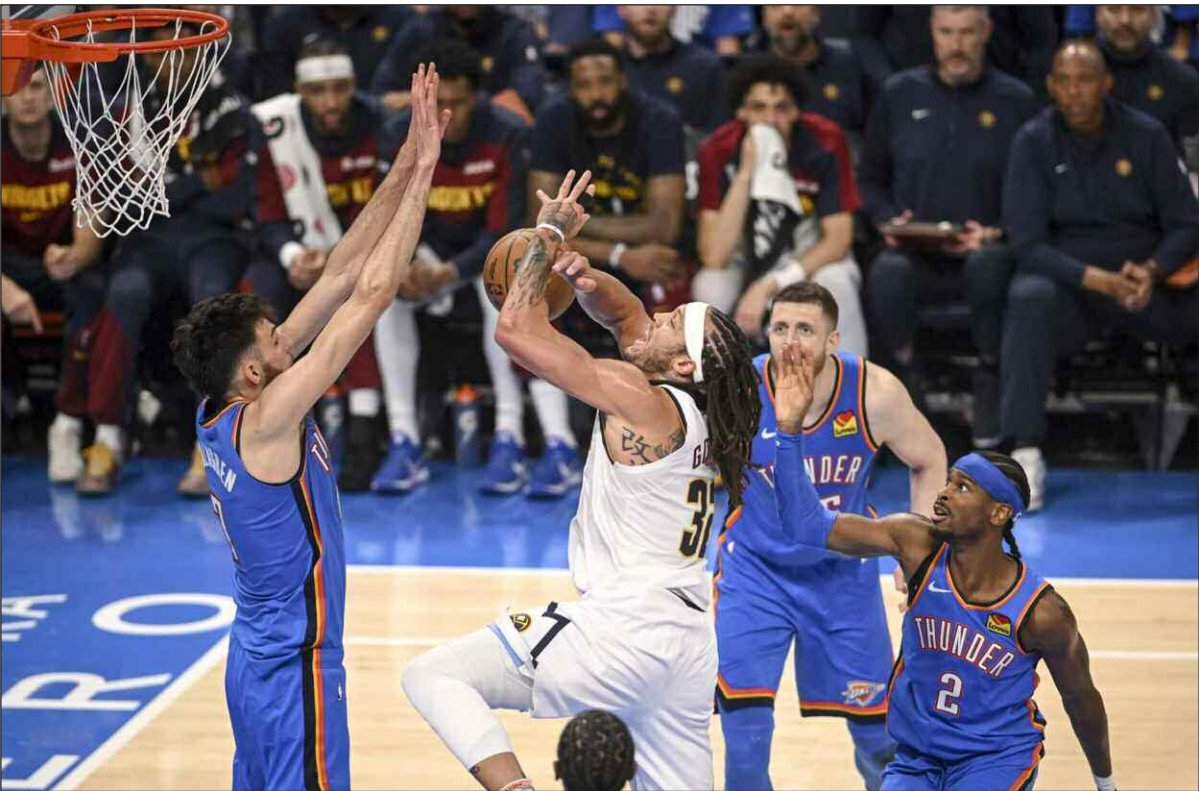
Their second- and third-leading scorers fell short of their potential. Jamal Murray's gutsy series arrived at a sour ending, with 13 points and two assists on 6 of 16 shooting. Michael Porter Jr.'s shoulder armor for a sprained AC joint was stripped down to bandaging, but he couldn't come close on a 3-pointer. His wobbly, injury-stamped playoffs finished with a 3 for 8, six-point performance.

The team shot 39.8% from the field and 22.7% from 3-point range with 22 turnovers. Thunder guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander led all scorers with 35 points.

Gordon gave Denver life, playing through a strained hamstring three days after suffering the injury late in Game 6. To avoid running the floor, he slinked back to the defensive end and set up a stance early whenever a teammate got to the foul line. Ginger in his movements, he still compiled eight points and 11 rebounds in 24 minutes.

"That's who he is," interim coach David Adelman said. "There's a real toughness there."

Gordon's willingness to sacrifice will endure in Denver. But the defining moments that will endure from Game 7 involved the Thunder moving at high speed. Cason Wallace flying around Nikola Jokic and plastering the reigning MVP on a poster. Alex Caruso pickpocketing Jokic and



Tribune News Service/The Denver Post/Aaron Ontiveroz

Aaron Gordon (32) of the Denver Nuggets drives as Chet Holmgren (7) of the Oklahoma City Thunder defends during the second quarter at Paycom Center in Oklahoma City on Sunday.

dishing a behind-the-back pass to the trailing SGA in transition. Jalen Williams sailing to easy fast-break points during a Thunder-storm of steals late in the first half. Caruso potting a dunk,

then head-butting the ball with glee. Jokic amassed 20 points, nine rebounds and seven assists before Adelman pulled the starters with nine minutes remaining.

The superstar center also turned the ball over five times, as Oklahoma City coach Mark Daigneault pestered him with one last adjustment. After six games of general resistance to

small-ball, the Thunder played lineups with only one big man on the floor at a time, fronting Jokic with the 6-foot-5, 186-pound Caruso.

If Jokic ever felt discomforted by the hostile environment in his first-ever road Game 7, Caruso tried to lift his spirits by wrapping him in a constant hug.

Caruso was one of the best players in the series, and it was fitting that he did his damage off Oklahoma City's bench. The Nuggets' depth haunted them. Their bench was outscored in every game of the series. In the finale, Russell Westbrook was a minus-34 in 21 minutes. Peyton Watson went 1 for 8 from the floor. Any attempt at substitutions immediately backfired on Adelman.

While Oklahoma City advances to a Western Conference finals matchup with the Timberwolves, Denver enters its offseason needing to hire a new head coach and general manager. Michael Malone and Calvin Booth lost their jobs with three games left in the regular season.

Adelman filled Malone's shoes and led an admirable playoff run under the circumstances, knocking out the red-hot Clippers in the first round and building a strong case for the full-time role.

But the last memory of an unusual season remains that of a hobbled team limping off the floor in Oklahoma City.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls track sectional at Delta — 5 p.m.; Baseball at Blackford — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Adams Central — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf at Monroe Central — 4:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball at Delta — 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track district prelims at Piqua — 4 p.m.; Baseball vs. Fort Loramie — 5 p.m.; Softball district opener at Tri-County North — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Manchester City at AFC Bournemouth (USA)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds vs. Pittsburgh Pirates (FDSN Indiana)

6:45 p.m. — MLB: New York Mets at Boston Red Sox (TBS)
8:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Golden State Warriors at Oklahoma City Thunder (ESPN)

Wednesday
12:35 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds vs. Pittsburgh Pirates (FDSN Indiana)
8 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks (TNT)

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.

Jay hosting
Jay Community Center will be hosting its 23rd annual J Gordon Meeker Golf Outing on May 30 at Portland Golf Club.

Registration is at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon.

Jay Community Center will be honoring The Portland Foundation for

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(A) All applicants for licenses required by this chapter shall file an application with the Clerk-treasurer at least five (5) business days prior to the issuance of the license. This application shall be signed by the applicant. The applicant shall be requested to provide the following information:
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Section 112.04 Standards for issuance
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All other provisions not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Dunkirk, Indiana on this 12th day of May, 2025.
Attorney
Jack Robbins, Presiding Officer
Kara Lowe, Clerk-Treasurer
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Patriots let lead slip away in final two frames



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School pitcher Aiden Phillips fields a ball during the Patriots' doubleheader against Winchester Community on Saturday. Phillips threw four scoreless innings in the first game before four different pitchers gave up 12 runs in the final three frames.

Aiden Phillips left the game after getting the Patriots a 1-0 lead.

The relievers that followed couldn't get the job done as the Golden Falcons ran away with the victory.

The Jay County High School baseball game blew a narrow lead to the Winchester Community Golden Falcons for a 12-3 loss in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader and couldn't get the bats going in the second game as it fell 4-0.

Phillips tossed four scoreless innings for Jay County (9-12), while a Leighton Brown home run in the third put JCHS up 1-0.

Upon Phillips' departure from the mound, Winchester (16-3) scored two runs in the fifth, three in the sixth and seven in the seventh inning. Brown suffered the loss after giving up two runs on one hit and two walks without recording an out in the sixth.

Gavin Byrum drove in two runs in the fifth with a double.

The Patriots only managed three hits in the second game, while WCHS scored four runs off Joseph Geesaman.

Patriots demolish

FAIRMOUNT — The Jay County softball team competed in the Argyll Invite on Saturday, beating up on the Cowan Blackhawks 23-4 before sneaking past host Madison-Grant 12-10.

The top three spots of the Patriot (18-2) order produced a bulk of the offense against Cowan (6-14) as Brenna Ruble, Morgan Missicano and Jaelynn Lykins combined for 16 RBIs, 10 runs, 13 hits, four doubles, a triple and two home runs.

Carley Trinidad earned the win after giving up four runs in four innings.

JCHS and Madison-Grant (17-7) traded the lead back and forth before the Patriots entered the bottom of the seventh down 10-9. With two outs and runners on first and second, Jozey Shimp blasted a 3-run, walk-off home run to right field. Trinidad

Local roundup

earned the victory in game No. 2.

Above .500

LAPEL — Win against the Blackford Bruins and the Lapel Bulldogs on Saturday put the Jay County girls tennis team above .500 for the first time this year.

The Patriots now hold a 7-6 record after taking down Blackford 5-0 and sneaking past the Bulldogs 3-2.

Brenna Bailey beat both opponents at the No. 1 singles position with scores of 6-0, 6-0 against Blackford and 6-2, 6-4 versus Lapel. She is still undefeated on the season at 13-0 with only one regular season match remaining.

Meredith Dirksen and Tessa Frazee also went undefeated on the day at the No. 2 and 3 singles positions. Dirksen swept the Bruin she faced and beat the Bulldog 6-1, 6-1. Frazee won her matches 6-2, 6-3, and 6-2, 6-2.

Both JCHS doubles teams, Faith Faulkner and Raylah Newton at No. 1 and Gretchen Link and Sophia Sprunger at No. 2, split on the day.

Tribe loses

ARCANUM, Ohio — The Fort Recovery baseball team got down early against the Arcanum Trojans in a 11-1 defeat on Saturday.

Arcanum (15-5) jumped out to a five-run advantage in the first inning and tacked on one more before an Alex Gaerke single got FRHS (14-8) on the board in the top of the third.

The Indians were held scoreless as the Trojans put up five more runs following Gaerke's hit.

Caden Grisez was the only Indian with multiple hits, slashing a triple and a single.

Jacob Foote took the loss, giving up seven runs in two frames.

Roessners lead effort at MAC meet

COLDWATER, Ohio — The Tribe graduated multiple Midwest Athletic Conference champions in 2024, but it will still have some representation at the banquet that caps off the season.

Anna Roessner won the 100-meter dash as she led the Fort Recovery High School girls track team to a seventh-place at the MAC Championships hosted by Coldwater on Friday.

The girls finished with 42 points to finish seventh in the 10-team field. Host Coldwater claimed the MAC title with a score of 132.

Marion Local won the boys meet with 133.5 points, while the Tribe slipped back to 10th with just 13.

Roessner posted a 12.00 seconds time in the 100 dash to beat out Coldwater's Claire Bertke by 0.77 seconds for the top spot. The FRHS senior also scored points in the 200 and 400 dashes, in which she finished as the runner-up to Izzy Zahn of Coldwater. (Zahn is the reigning

Friday roundup

OHSAA Division III state champion in the 200 dash). Other points for the girls came from Elisa Evers in the discus (fifth), Karlie Niekamp in the discus (seventh) and shot put (fifth), Kennedy Muhlenkamp in the 800 run (sixth) and Madison Heitkamp in the 100 hurdles (sixth).

Isaac Roessner led the boys team with a fourth-place finish in the 300 hurdles (42.44 seconds) and by placing sixth in the long jump (19 feet, 8 inches).

Other points for the boys came from Carson Fullenkamp in the shot put (seventh), the 4x200-meter relay team (seventh) and the 4x400 relay team (eighth).

Jay wins

RICHMOND — The Jay County girls tennis team

picked up a 3-1 win on Friday against the Richmond Devils before rain ended the No. 2 doubles match early.

Brenna Bailey kept her record spotless at the No. 1 singles position with a 6-0, 6-3 victory over Celina Cheng.

Tessa Frazee added some reinforcement as she claimed the No. 3 singles match over Lily Hiltner 6-1, 6-0.

The No. 1 doubles duo of Faith Faulkner and Raylah Newton got by Daina Ruiz-Sanches and Polly Smith 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 to claim the match.

Meredith Dirksen couldn't hold on for the No. 2 singles point as she fell to Rowan Bailey 6-4, 6-3.

Gretchen Link and Sophia Sprunger had split the first two sets with Yarexci Rojas-Cruz and Magdolyn Zajdel before rain ended the No. 2 doubles contest. The Patriot (5-6) pair lost the first set 6-4 before claiming the second 7-6 (7-4). They were down 3-1 before the match was called.

Nuggets beat by Thunder in season-ending Game 7

By BENNETT DURANDO

The Denver Post
Tribune News Service

OKLAHOMA CITY — Aaron Gordon was the personification of his team's postseason, standing resolute at the top of the key, smiling even while he drained warm-up shots. The Nuggets willed themselves to this Game 7, and Gordon was going to will himself to play in it on one leg.

Resilience and toughness were not enough to overcome a team 18 wins better than Denver: Maybe for six games. Not a seventh.

With a 125-93 loss to an emergent Oklahoma City Thunder juggernaut on Sunday, the Nuggets' 2024-25 season

ended at the same juncture as last year: Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals.

This time was different. The Minnesota Timberwolves crashed Denver's repeat party in 2024. The Nuggets were trying to interrupt Oklahoma City's arrival in 2025. And they nearly did, until the last three quarters of the series. They led 21-10 eight minutes into the winner-take-all game. Allegations of inexperience confronted the Thunder once again. Oklahoma City responded by hammering its challenger. The Nuggets were valiant but ultimately not worthy.

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