

# Myers set to serve 3 years

*Dunkirk man pleaded to burglary and theft*

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

A rural Dunkirk man who stole a dozen vehicles and committed several burglaries will serve three years in prison.

Jay Circuit Court Judge Brian Hutchison sentenced Anthony T. Myers, 23, 10770 W. 200 North, on Tuesday to various burglary and theft charges, resulting in a total prison sentence of three years.

Myers pleaded guilty April 28 to four burglary charges, all Level 5 felonies, along with two Level 5 felonies for theft of a firearm, a Level 5 felony for altering a firearm's identifying marks and 12 counts of auto theft, all Level 6 felonies.

Hutchison sentenced Myers to four years in Indiana Department of Corrections with two years suspended for each of his burglary, alteration of firearm and theft charges, with each sentence to be served concurrently.

For the auto theft charges, Hutchison sentenced him to two years in Indiana Department of Correction with one year suspended. Those sentences will be served concurrent to one another and consecutive to the burglary, alteration of firearm and theft charges.

Myers was given credit for time served and assessed \$189 in court costs. Hutchison ordered him to have no contact with those who he robbed and to "stay off their property."

According to a probable cause affidavit filed in connection with the case, Myers broke into several homes in Portland with the intent to commit theft. He also stole 12 vehicles.

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## Conservation fire

Portland Fire Department firefighter Travis Theurer inspects the side of a building at Jay County Conservation Club in the aftermath of a fire Wednesday. Several departments, including Portland and Redkey firefighters, responded to the scene, quickly putting out flames shooting out of the eastern building.

# Doral approved for \$1.5 billion project

By JOSEPH S. PETE  
The Times (Munster)  
Tribune News Service

Doral Renewables announced it has secured \$1.5 billion for the Mammoth solar project in Pulaski County that's expected to be one of the largest solar farms in the United States.

The Philadelphia-based renewable energy company lined up financing for Mammoth South, Mammoth Central I and Mammoth Central II, each of would generate up to 300 MWac. It's part of the broader 1.3 GW Mammoth solar

*Pulaski County facility expected to be one of the largest solar farms in the U.S.*

farm in Pulaski and Starke counties.

KeyBanc Capital Markets, Banco Santander and HSBC Bank USA helped arrange the construction debt financing. Truist Bank

also signed a \$200 million tax equity commitment.

"We are proud to serve as coordinating lead arranger for Doral Renewables as they build out the remaining phases of the Mam-

moth Solar Complex," KeyBanc Vice President Nadav Hazan said. "Our longstanding relationship with Doral's management team has created a foundation of trust that enables transformative projects like this. We are excited to see this collaborative effort pay off, and we look forward to the impact Mammoth will have on Indiana's economy going forward."

Solar energy adoption across the United States is becoming more widespread, especially as utilities transition away from coal.

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## On to regional

Jay County High School freshman Brooklynn Byrum (left) begins to celebrate with junior Paityn Wendel after the former placed second in the 800-meter run at the IHSAA Sectional 12 hosted by Delta on Tuesday. Byrum's time of 2 minutes, 28.67 seconds, fell 0.63 seconds short of first place, but earned her a spot at the regional meet at Carroll on May 27. For more on the meet, see page 8.

# Trump pushes house GOP

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump urged the House GOP to stop negotiating and pass his "big, beautiful" filibuster-proof reconciliation bill Tuesday, with sharp words for blue-state Republicans pushing for more tax relief and conservatives seeking additional spending cuts.

In an appearance during the weekly GOP conference meeting, Trump told conservatives to lay off Medicaid, scolded blue-state Republicans for rejecting a \$30,000 cap on state and local tax deductions, and urged the party to increase the country's borrowing limit through the rest of his term, members leaving the meeting said.

Trump's Capitol Hill visit comes as House GOP leadership is trying to unite the party behind the reconciliation package they're relying on to enact much of the president's agenda.

"It's not a question of holdouts.

*Medicaid, tax relief and spending cuts are holding up bill*

We have a tremendously unified party. I don't think we've ever had a party like this," Trump said, heading into the meeting. "There are some people that want a couple of things that maybe I don't like or that they're not gonna get."

But lawmakers leaving the meeting told a different story. Conservative hard-liners stuck to their guns on needing more cuts to Medicaid, and Republicans from New York rejected the president's insistence that they accept the \$30,000 "SALT" cap included in the package.

Trump's visit did little to move the needle in support of the bill, leaving leadership where they

started the week: trying to strike a balance between steeper cuts needed to satisfy conservatives without alienating centrists, and finding space for more SALT relief.

Republicans can afford to lose no more than three GOP votes and pass the partisan legislation.

After the meeting, Speaker Mike Johnson said he was ready to convene the holdouts in smaller groups to try to reach a deal.

"What we're leaving to do right now is gather up this small subgroup in the House Republican Conference and tie up the remaining loose ends," Johnson, R-La., said. "I'm very confident that we'll be able to do that."

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Renewable energy production rose to 5.6% of overall electricity generation in 2013, up from 0.22% a decade earlier, according to Statista.  
The addition to the Mammoth solar farm will be able to generate enough electricity to power 275,000 households.






Doral Renewables said it plans to use more than 20,000 tons of Indiana-made steel in the construction of the project, as well as more than one million solar modules made in the United States.  
Mammoth South, Mammoth Central I and Mammoth Central II each have deals to sup-

ply utilities. They are expected to start delivering power to customers in the fourth quarter of next year.  
“We are extremely proud to support Doral in the close of the construction financing for their Mammoth Solar project,” HSBC Head of Renewables, Americas Paul

Snow said. “Building on our role in the initial bridge construction financing, this milestone reflects our ongoing commitment to Doral’s vision for large-scale renewable energy in the United States.  
“As we deepen our partnership with Doral, we remain

focused on financing leading renewable energy projects.”  
Doral Renewables is developing nearly 18 GW of renewable energy around the country, including 950 MW under construction. It has secured \$2.5 billion in long-term power contracts with utilities across the United States.

CR almanac

Friday 5/23	Saturday 5/24	Sunday 5/25	Monday 5/26	Tuesday 5/27
				
<b>64/42</b> Mostly sunny skies on Friday with wind gusts up to 25 mph.	<b>67/46</b> Saturday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with highs in the mid to upper 60s.	<b>67/48</b> Sunday looks to be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain throughout the day.	<b>69/52</b> Memorial Day's weather looks like mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers.	<b>63/51</b> There's a chance of rain Tuesday. Otherwise, mostly sunny.

Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$146 million	Quick Draw: 4-5-9-18-20-24-29-37-40-47-48-53-54-56-67-70-72-75-77-78
<b>Mega Millions</b> 18-30-33-55-64 Mega Ball: 11 Estimated jackpot: \$154 million	Cash 5: 6-26-29-32-45 Estimated jackpot: \$165,500
<b>Hoosier</b> Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 3-2-5 Daily Four: 8-3-8-7 Quick Draw: 1-9-21-24-26-31-34-42-47-48-53-58-59-63-65-68-71-75-76-80 Evening Daily Three: 5-7-7 Daily Four: 6-3-4-2	<b>Ohio</b> Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 0-6-1 Pick 4: 3-5-6-3 Pick 5: 8-2-6-7-7 Evening Pick 3: 6-0-4 Pick 4: 1-2-1-4 Pick 5: 1-6-8-0-7 Rolling Cash 5: 4-5-13-22-36 Estimated jackpot: \$169,000

Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.84 June corn .....4.86 July corn .....4.88	June beans .....10.84 Wheat .....5.14
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.83 June corn .....4.83 July corn.....4.86	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.72 June corn .....4.72 Beans .....10.80 June beans .....10.83 Wheat .....5.04
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Today in history

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Association of the Red Cross.  
In 1927, American aviator Charles Lindbergh finished the first non-stop solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. He flew from New York to Paris in the Spirit of Saint Louis.  
In 1980, “Pac-Man” was released. The Namco arcade game featuring a yellow orb munching on dots and fruit around a maze became a well-known staple of the video game industry, leading to a cartoon series and various spin-offs.  
In 1991, former prime minister of India Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated in a bombing attack.  
In 2012, the Tokyo Skytree opened to the public. Standing at 2,080 feet (643 meters) tall, the tower in Japan is considered the world’s tallest tower. It’s also the second tallest building in the world, following behind Burj Khalifa in Dubai.  
In 2017, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus gave what at the time was thought to be their final performance after years of declining attendance. The circus returned in 2023 with an animal-free show.  
In 2019, members of Fort Recovery High School track and field team earned state berths during the first day of the OHSAA Division III regional meet at Troy High School. Jared Timmerman took fourth in the long jump, and the Tribe girls’ 4x800-meter relay also earned a spot after securing fourth place.  
— The CR

Citizen’s calendar

<b>Today</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works special meeting, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.	<b>Tuesday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 Mooney St. <b>Wednesday</b> 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.
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Obituaries

David McClung

March 7, 1943-May 18, 2025  
David N. McClung (Senor), age 82, of rural Portland passed away at his residence on Sunday, May 18, 2025.  
He was born in Portland on March 7, 1943, the son of Raymond and Nellie (Wiebusch) McClung. He was married in 1966 to Kathleen Stauffer who survives.  
David was a retired Spanish teacher after 29 years at Jay County High School. He was a member of Jay County Historical Society and Jay County Humane Society, was a 1961 Portland High School graduate and earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Ball State University. He was an avid Chicago Cubs

and Cleveland Browns fan.

Surviving are his wife Kathleen; one daughter, Shannon Sadler of Indianapolis; two brothers, Kit McClung (wife: Dana) of Portland and Kevin McClung (wife: Diane) of Portland; two sisters, Barbara Glentzer (husband: Mike) of Fort Wayne and Peggy Peterson (husband: Mike) of Portland; and several nieces and nephews.  
He was preceded in death by two brothers, Steve and John McClung; and two sisters, Kathleen Bragg and Martha Gross.  
Funeral services will be on Tues-



McClung

day, May 27, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Kevin McClung presiding. Burial will follow in the Antioch Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. prior to services.  
Memorials can be made to Jay County Historical Society, Jay County Humane Society or Portland Rockets Baseball.

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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.

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Portland Police Department began investigating a string of auto thefts and burglaries in August, with the crimes spanning through Nov. 12. It conducted surveillance operations on the west side of Portland.  
Police received a call

from John Petro of Portland about 6 a.m. Nov. 12 to report a stolen 2004 Chevrolet Silverado 1500. Officers located the white truck and attempted to stop the driver — Myers — after a brief vehicle pursuit. Myers allegedly tried to flee on foot before officers caught him in an alley in the 900

block of Main and Water streets.  
Myers was armed with a stolen handgun and also was in possession of another stolen gun, which he said he tried to remove the serial number from, the affidavit says. Police said they discovered he was in possession of items reported

as stolen from other Jay County homes.  
Myers admitted to the crimes shortly after he was apprehended by police and explained where stolen items were hidden, according to the affidavit. (All of the vehicles were recovered the same days they were stolen.)

Capsule Reports

Lost control

Several people were injured after a Portland woman’s vehicle went off Boundary Pike and into a tree about 11:17 p.m. Tuesday.  
Madison L. Baker, 18, was driving a 2010 Ford Focus west on county road 700 South just west of its intersection with county road 300 East, where 700 South turns into Boundary Pike and curves northwest. As

the vehicle Baker was driving entered the curve, the car continued west off the road and into a tree.  
According to a Jay County Sheriff’s Office report, Baker was driving too fast in the rain when she entered the curve. She was administered a drug and alcohol breath test and blood test. Results are pending.  
Baker suffered leg and hip pain.

Several passengers were also injured. Collin Hall, 19, suffered a head injury, Austin L. Carter, 17, complained of pain all over his body, Cheyenne G. Greene, 18, suffered an abdominal injury and Alyssa S. Best, 18, suffered a head injury.  
The vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

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House Freedom Caucus Chairman Andy Harris said he was still a “no” on the measure, and Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas, one of the caucus’ lead negotiators, wasn’t yet on board either. Both went into Johnson’s office for further talks after Trump left the Capitol.  
Trump singled out by name Rep. Thomas Massie, whose vote was written off from the start, saying both inside and outside meeting that he wouldn’t mind if the Kentucky Republican lost his reelection.  
Massie wasn’t fazed by the critique, but predicted the still-emerging package passes over his objections.  
“We’ll see what happens. I predict they get the bill passed. He was very persuasive in there,” Massie said after the meeting. “I predict that the president persuaded the Freedom Caucus and the blue-state Republicans to give up their fights and go along.”  
Trump’s history with the SALT cap is complicated. While he campaigned last year on finding a SALT

“fix,” during his first term he signed the \$10,000 cap into law, along with the rest of his 2017 tax law. The reconciliation package would raise the cap to \$30,000 for households making up to \$400,000, which blue-state Republicans have rejected as too stingy.  
Republicans from higher-tax, Democratic-leaning states like New York and California have repeatedly pointed to Trump’s campaign promise as they’ve pushed for more SALT relief this year. But Trump seemingly abandoned them heading into the meeting, painting the issue as one that would mostly benefit blue-state Democratic governors.

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## Dillon’s duel

Dillon Jellison, pictured at left, earned first place in a lightsaber duel event earlier this month during the District Camporee hosted by Scouting America Troop 202 of Portland. The “Star Wars” themed event — it was sponsored by Jay County United Way, Jay County Fairgrounds and Kiwanis Club of Portland — featured lightsaber duels, log pulls, tug-of-war, an obstacle course, a balancing event and memory games.

# Horrific abuse requires lifelong recovery

DEAR ABBY: I see a psychiatrist and psychologist for generalized anxiety disorder, major depression disorder and borderline personality disorder. According to my doctors, my psychiatric disorders are a result of the 44 years of abuse I received from my mother; as well as the abuse she allowed others to inflict on me.

Her physical abuse stopped when I fought back at 17. When I was 18, it was the last time her precious prince of a son raised his fist to me because I told him I’d press charges and have him arrested. The sexual abuse had stopped when I was 12, and I realized she’d known what had been happening the whole time. It also ended my wanting a relationship with my mother; but her emotional abuse continued until she died in 2013.

I am being told that, because she’s dead, I should just let it go. My siblings backed her because they wanted to be in Mommy’s good graces. After years of hatred and abuse, I believed the only

## Dear Abby



family I had were my own two children, but even they are cold to me now. They scold me — “Your mother’s dead. Get over it.” How do I explain that when abuse starts before a child can walk, you DON’T just “get over it”? — BLEEDING HEART IN OHIO  
**DEAR BLEEDING HEART: I am so sorry for the unrelenting trauma you experienced. Your children may mean well, but they are clueless about what the effects of physical, emotional and sexual abuse can be. I’m not sure your children will ever fully understand why you can’t forgive what your mother and siblings did to you without the help of**

**a family therapist, if you can convince your children to accompany you.**

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law passed away, and I have never been particularly close to my mother-in-law. I have encouraged my husband to visit his mother and maintain a good relationship with her. She’s healthy and very active and drives herself everywhere. The problem is, every time my husband visits, he brings home a bag (or bags) of miscellaneous items his mom gives him. It can be hats, gloves, socks, flashlights, T-shirts, gadgets, tons of drink bottles, etc. Most of the items have never been used.

My in-laws were avid auction and sale enthusiasts, and they didn’t just buy one of something; they bought in quantity. When my husband brings this stuff home, I end up taking everything to our local donation center. How do I get him to stand up to his mother and tell her we don’t need any more stuff? I don’t want to be

the one to speak to her because it will create problems. Must I just keep quiet and continue running to the donation center for the sake of peace? — DUMPED ON IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR DUMPED ON: No. Tell your husband HE must run to the donation center to dispose of the items his mother sends home with him. Once he tires of doing it, HE will discourage his well-meaning mother.**

DEAR ABBY: I lost my daughter to cancer five years ago. She was only 36. She left behind a husband and three children, ages 3, 5 and 7. While my daughter and her husband worked, I was their “nanny granny” five days a week. I would also take them overnight on weekends. More often than not, I had more waking hours with my grands than their parents did. We were extremely close and bonded.

After my daughter passed, my son-in-law asked me to move in to

help. I was in a position to do so, and it went OK the first year. Then some cracks began to show, and we ended up having a huge fight over money (though it wasn’t REALLY about money). After I said some horrible things about him on Facebook, he took the grands away from me. It has been two years, and I have begged his forgiveness to no avail. What can I do? — MISSING THEM IN MARYLAND

**DEAR MISSING THEM: You wrote that “cracks began to show.” I wish you had mentioned what that huge fight was “really” about because I might have been able to answer your question about how to patch things up more fully. As it stands, all I can suggest is to continue apologizing to your former son-in-law and continue sending gifts to your grandchildren on their birthdays and at Christmas so they will know they have a grandmother who exists and cares about them.**

# Community Calendar

**Today**  
**LAWYERS** — 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 Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

**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.

**Sunday**  
**A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE** — A faith-based 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 Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

**BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL** — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church,

204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday 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.

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday’s Solution

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

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

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# Celebrate libraries for their access

**The Columbian**  
**(Vancouver, Washington)**  
Tribune News Service

In recent years, as the United States has been paralyzed by culture wars, there has been too much emphasis on drag queen story hour and not enough attention on the valuable services provided by libraries.

Libraries continue a tradition that can be traced to Benjamin Franklin, who founded the Library Company of Philadelphia in 1731 and triggered American's love of libraries.

Years later, Franklin wrote, "libraries have improved the general conversation of Americans, made the common

## Guest Editorial

tradesmen and farmers as intelligent as most gentlemen from other countries, and perhaps have contributed in some degree to the stand so generally made throughout the colonies in defense of their privileges."

In other words, libraries and shared knowledge have been essential to American democracy. They remain so today, even as activists attempt to limit that knowledge and make

libraries less accessible and inclusive. Critics throughout the country have deemed various library materials to be obscene or offensive, intensifying efforts to have certain books banned.

According to the American Library Association, the 10 books most frequently challenged in 2024 all contained alleged LGBTQIA+ content and/or sexually explicit content. And as The Washington Post wrote last year: "Some red states have moved in recent years to pass a rash of legislation to ban or restrict the availability of books from schools and public libraries over material they deem unfit for children. Some bills threaten

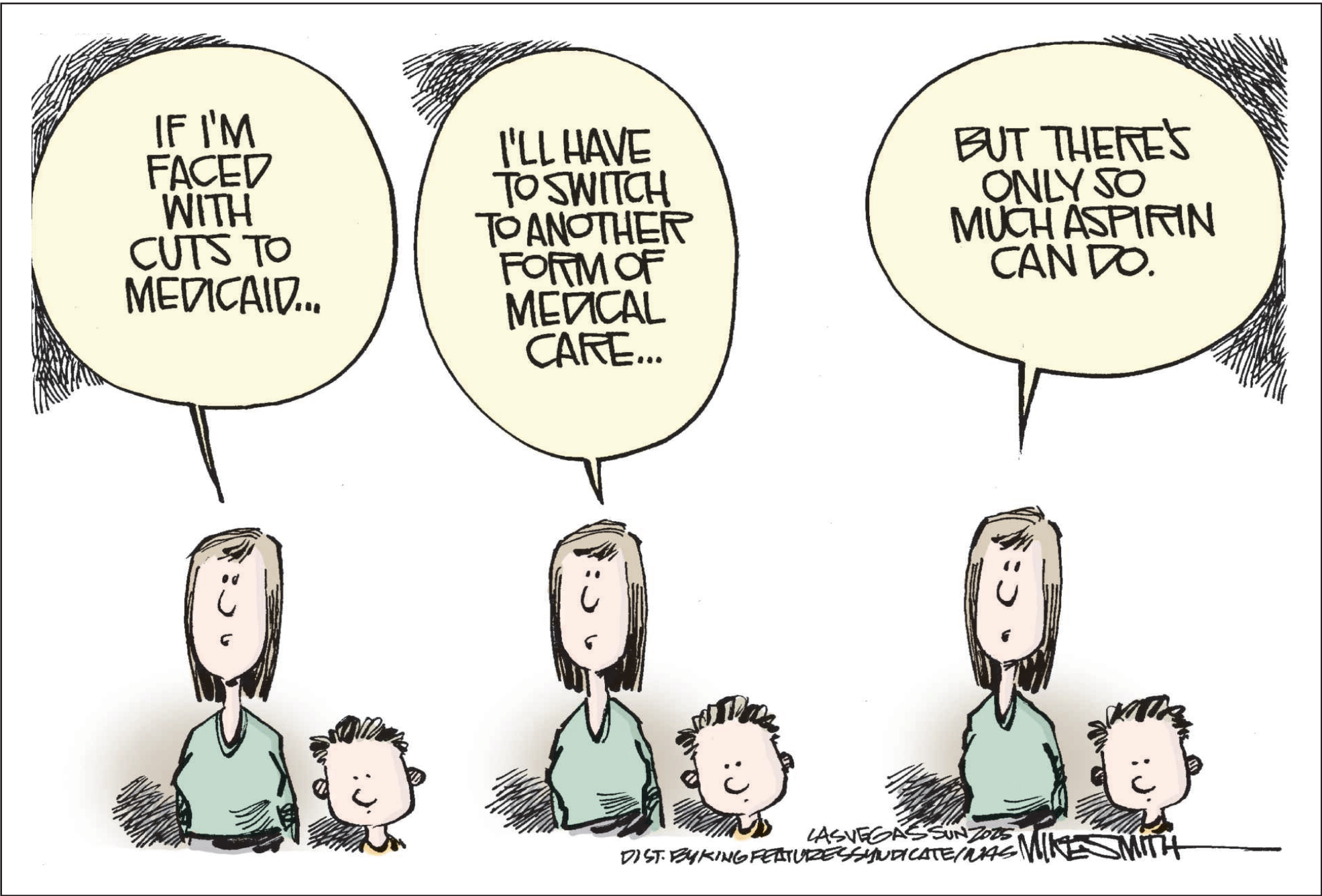
librarians with prison or prohibitive fines, contributing to what one librarian described as a 'poisonous atmosphere.'"

The logical reaction seems fairly simple: If parents consider certain materials to be inappropriate for their children, they should not allow those children to access such materials. But attempts to determine what other people read has become an absurd badge of honor for many Americans.

Modern libraries should be celebrated for providing affordable access to knowledge, fostering lifelong learning and a love of reading, and providing public use of digital technologies.

But that demands constant nurturing. The Trump administration has sought to halt funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which provides funding assistance for libraries throughout the country. That move has been temporarily blocked by a federal judge, who noted that the agency was established by Congress and ruled that no president has the power to unilaterally disband it.

The issue reflects ongoing efforts to limit and control the flow of information — a desire that is antithetical to democracy. Instead, Americans should defend their libraries, celebrating the services they have provided to their communities.



# It's folly to suppose tariffs are working

By **MICHAEL J. HICKS**

Judging from email and social media, my last column, which revised my 2025 economic forecast in light of President Trump's tariffs, seems to have angered a lot of folks.

I'm sorry, but Trump has pushed the U.S. into an economic downturn that will be especially hurtful to Hoosiers. The numbers make that clear. So, if you are among the 37% of Americans who approve of Trump's economic policies, this column is for you.

As of Jan. 1, Hoosier factory owners could have expected to pay \$2.8 billion in total taxes this year. Then Trump introduced new tariffs April 2, which he labeled Liberation Day. Those tariffs exploded taxes on factory owners to \$22.4 billion.

To put that in context, Indiana's total state general fund for this fiscal year is in the \$20.1 billion range.

The good news for businesses — and it is hardly good news — is that most of those taxes will be passed onto consumers. The Yale Budget Lab estimated the 2025 effect would be equivalent to roughly \$4,600 of income for the average fam-

*Michael J. Hicks*



ily. That's like a wage cut of 5.8%.

That is a recession, a deep recession.

On April 9, which I label Bond Market Freakout Day, Trump changed his tariff policy on 189 out of 193 countries. He dropped all but Chinese tariffs to 10%, raising China's to 145%. That changed the tax rate on Hoosier businesses from 18.7% of GDP to 18.8% of GDP — a virtual wash that had no effect on consumers.

That is still a deep recession.

By the first week of May, seaborne transport to the U.S. from China virtually stopped. We buy and sell more than 16 million TEUs (20-foot shipping containers) with China. Nearly all of them travel by truck at some point. The end of that container traffic alone accounts for 325,000 truck driver jobs in the U.S.

Trump singlehandedly fixed

the alleged truck driver shortage in just a few weeks — by slashing demand.

By early May, every forward-looking indicator of the real economy was flashing bright red. Trump had taken a solid economy, the strongest in the developed world and which had grown consistently since COVID-19, into a downturn.

Almost 2,000 economists signed an open letter criticizing these tariffs. This list included people from across the political spectrum, from Libertarian Nobel Laureates to former heads of the Council of Economic Advisors for both Democratic and GOP presidents, to university professors hailing from the Ivy League, Hillsdale College and Liberty University.

The only economist I've ever read or heard of who favors tariffs is Peter Navarro, the Democratic congressional candidate-turned-Trumpist, who serves as Trump's senior counselor for trade and manufacturing. Navarro is perhaps best known for inventing a pro-tariff businessman — Ron Vera — to provide fabricated quotes for books.

Apparently, Trump got the

message that tariffs are pushing the economy into recession and will cut family incomes, leave millions unemployed and cripple his already low popularity. That gave us Capitulation Day.

Trump on May 12 announced tariffs on China would be cut to 30% for 90 days. That is a major reduction — except that there's a nearly 200-page list of items with an additional 25% remaining on them. So, for most manufactured inputs, the effective Chinese tariff rates are at 55%.

Trump's caving on these tariff rates brings the taxes on Hoosier businesses down to 11.9% of GDP — still a fourfold increase from January totaling \$14 billion.

Let me go over that again. Trump just raised taxes on Indiana manufacturing firms by 400%, from \$2.8 billion to \$14 billion.

That leads to recession.

In the coming months, consumers will feel heavy losses due to this tax increase. The Yale Budget Lab estimates the new tariff formula costs families an average of \$2,500 for items they were going to buy this year.

Businesses will need to plan for erratic tariff changes. For example, is it wise to purchase inventory for Halloween — which if ordered today will arrive in late August — when the tariff might be anywhere from 0% to 145%?

Everything from cars and RVs to Halloween costumes to auto and home insurance will be more expensive. None of this will be accompanied by a manufacturing renaissance, but rather job losses across most sectors.

All Trump had to do in 2025 to claim a record year of factory production was to have let well enough alone. He blew it, and two-thirds of Americans know that. Pointing out the imbecility of his tariff policies is not Trump Derangement Syndrome. That diagnosis is best left for those who think this guy is going to deliver prosperity.

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Services: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.  
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Michael Burk  
(260) 726-4282  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Bellefountain United Methodist**  
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Pamela Freeman  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Bethel United Methodist**  
Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk  
Scott McClain  
Services: 10:45 a.m.

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

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Services: 9:30 a.m.

**Bryant Wesleyan**  
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.  
bryantwesleyanchurch.com

**Calvary United Methodist**  
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nanybell@yahoo.com

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**Church of the Living God**  
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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

**Faith Community**  
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk  
Joe Schmit  
(260) 721-5254  
Services: 10 a.m.

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

**Fellowship Baptist**  
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Services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.  
Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

**First American Baptist**  
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Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

**First Church of Christ**  
1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.  
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Barry McCune  
(260) 368-7655  
Services: 9:30 a.m.

**Geneva Nazarene**  
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(260) 525-8609  
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Sunday school: 9 a.m.  
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

**Gilead Church**  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren**  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

**High Street United Methodist**  
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**Holy Trinity Catholic**  
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Fr. Peter Logsdon  
Fr. Martin Sandhage  
Services: 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday  
**Hopewell of Life Ministries**  
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**Immaculate Conception Catholic**  
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Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

**Mount Tabor United Methodist**  
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk  
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(765) 768-7273  
Services: 9:30 a.m.

**Mount Zion United Methodist**  
County roads 600 East and 200 North  
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Services: 9 a.m.

**New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine**  
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Randy Smith  
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Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
nbholiness.com

**New Covenant Fellowship**  
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Chuck Myers  
(260) 251-0063  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**New Life Ministries**  
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Services: 4 p.m.  
drkayfairchild.com

**New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist**  
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Services: 9 a.m.

**Noble Congregational Christian**  
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**Oak Grove United Methodist**  
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Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Services: 10 a.m.  
RedkeyFaith.org

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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**Redkey United Methodist**  
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**Redkey Church of the Nazarene**  
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Chuck Hollandbeck  
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

**River of Life**  
722 W. Main St., Portland  
Susan Hathaway  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

**The ROCK**  
1605 N. Meridian St., Portland  
Matt Ransom  
(260) 726-7474  
Services: 10 a.m.  
matt@therockjc.org

**Salamonia Church of Christ**  
3900 S. 600 East  
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(260) 335-2017  
Services: 9 a.m.

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

**St. Joseph Catholic**  
1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery  
Rev. Alexander Witt  
Services: 7:30 a.m. Sunday

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

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

**Sugar Grove Nazarene**  
County roads 400 North and 550 West  
Rev. Mike Heckman  
(260) 731-4733  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. (the 2nd and 4th Sunday at Pennville Park from June through September)

**Sugar Grove United Methodist**  
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Scott McClain  
Services: 9 a.m.

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

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(260) 726-6311  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Services: 10:35 a.m.  
churchatwestchester.org

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301 N. Wayne St., Fort Recovery  
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pastorrobino@gmail.com

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

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**Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene**  
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Fred Stevens  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

**Walnut Corner**  
County roads 200 North and 500 West  
Steve Rogers  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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NORTH	
♠ A J 6	
♥ Q 8 7 4	
♦ A 10 5 3	
♣ Q 10	

WEST	EAST
♠ 9 5 3 2	♠ 8 7 4
♥ —	♥ J 10 6 3
♦ 8 7 6 2	♦ 9
♣ A K 9 5 2	♣ J 8 7 4 3

SOUTH	
♠ K Q 10	
♥ A K 9 5 2	
♦ K Q J 4	
♣ 6	

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
2 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass  
5 ♥ Pass 6 ♥  
Opening lead — king of clubs.  
Some hands have built-in traps, and here is such a case. West begins by leading the K-A of clubs against South's six-heart contract. Declarer ruffs, but what should he do next?  
If South is the happy-go-lucky type, it does not take him long to go down one. He plays the ace of trump, on which West shows out, and the party is very quickly over.

There is nothing South can do now to stop East from scoring a trump trick.  
But if South is the type of cautious individual who always fears the worst, he makes the slam. After ruffing the ace of clubs, he sees that the only threat to the slam is a 4-0 trump division. So he focuses all his attention on how he can overcome that division if it exists.  
It should not take him long to realize that the slam is hopeless if West has all the missing trumps, so his next step is to consider what can be done if East has them. This is something South can deal with effectively, and he adjusts his play accordingly.  
At trick three, he leads a low heart to the queen, and when West shows out, South's precautionary approach is well-rewarded. He returns a trump from dummy through East's J-10-6, and sooner or later picks up all of East's trumps without loss to bring the slam home.  
Note that if South had held the ten of hearts instead of the five, his proper play would be to cash the ace first to protect against J-x-x in either opponent's hand.

Tomorrow: Double-dummy problem.  
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G Q O A F Y Z Y T A Q D R V D L  
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE THE CAT NEEDED TO STOP THE RECORDED SHOW UNTIL A BIT LATER, IT HIT THE PAWS BUTTON.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals H

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By Eugene Sheffer

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18 Here (Fr.)

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32 Opposite of "sans"

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DOWN

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2 Photo, for short

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48 Baby horse

49 Mon. follower

53 Make lace

54 Corp. boss

55 Chop

Solution time: 24 mins.

Yesterday's answer 5-22

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# NASCAR ...

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“Everyone who’s on the ballot is someone who can go into the Hall,” Busch said Tuesday. “Just a blue collar kid out of Vegas, I never would have imagined this. We were a family where it was just a hobby — it was like a hobby to race — since it was just fun to go to the track.”

### Harry Gant

One of this year’s two “modern era” inductees posted 18 wins in NASCAR’s premier series, including a pair of Southern 500 victories. Gant, the Taylorsville native, became the oldest winner in premier series history when he won his final race in August 1992 after joining stock car racing’s highest circuit as a 39-year-old. He won four races in a row late in the 1991 season, becoming known as “Mr. September.”

### Ray Hendrick

This year’s “pioneer” inductee recorded more than 700 wins in modifieds and late model races. Known as “Mr. Modified,” Hendrick put together a 35-year racing career in Virginia. The legend dominated on short tracks — but also won at superspeedways in late models and sportsman races, including Talladega, Charlotte and Dover. Of no relation to Rick Hendrick, the modifieds legend has long had influence in NASCAR. Fellow Richmond-area native Denny Hamlin has driven a Cup Series car with the iconic “Flying 11” design made famous by Ray Hendrick.

### Kurt Busch

The Las Vegas native made a name all over NASCAR. In a career that originated racing go-karts out west, Busch won

races with four different manufacturers (Dodge, Ford, Chevrolet, Toyota). He became a powerhouse in the Cup Series, posting 11 wins in his first year and beating Jimmie Johnson for the Cup Series championship in 2004. He won at least one race in 19 of his past 21 seasons.

### Humpty Wheeler

Humpty Wheeler, the longtime Charlotte Motor Speedway executive, is this year’s Landmark Award recipient for outstanding contributions to NASCAR.

### Induction ceremony

•The NASCAR Hall of Fame Class of 2026 Induction Ceremony is scheduled for Jan. 23, 2026, at the NASCAR Hall of Fame and Charlotte Convention Center in Uptown Charlotte.  
•Tickets will be available later this month at NASCARHall.com.

# NFL owners allow Olympic flag football

By THUC NHI NGUYEN  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — NFL team owners approved the participation of NFL players in the 2028 L.A. Olympic flag football competition at the league’s owners meetings on Tuesday. The resolution permits NFL players currently under contract to try out for flag football, but limits only one player per NFL team to play for each national team participating in the Olympics. An exception was made for each NFL team’s designated international player, who is allowed to play for his home country.

Injury protections and salary cap credit will cover any players injured during flag football activities, and Olympic flag football teams must implement minimum standards for medical staff and field surfaces to be eligible to have NFL players on their rosters. Flag football is one of five new sports in the 2028 Olympics and will make its Olympic debut, along with squash. There are five players per team on the field and each team builds a 10-person roster. The U.S. men’s national team has won five consecutive world championships.

# Advance ...

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But just as soon as Byrum held the lead, it was taken away as Gibson rounded even further outside and surpassed the JCHS freshman. Gibson finished first with a time of 2:28.04, Byrum followed with a 2:28.67 and Gifford claimed the final qualifying spot with a 2:30.30. “We were all going as fast as we could, all three of us,” Byrum said. “I tried to get around Yorktown, managed to do that. Then (Gibson) just came out of nowhere and she just took off.” Hutzler and Dues picked up the other individual qualifications for the Patriots. Hutzler finished second in the shot put with a mark of 33 feet, 9.5 inches. (Mairin Gesler of Yorktown earned the sectional title with a throw of 36 feet, 0.5 inches.) Dues finished as part of a four-way tie for second place in the high jump at 4 feet, 10 inches. Glory Ellis of Union had the initial tiebreaker by clearing the height on her first try, while Dues beat out Adelaide Zoller of Delta and Yorktown’s Caroline Caward, both of which made it over the bar on the final attempt. (Winchester’s Lilyanna Mayberry won the event with a height of 5 feet.) Jay County finished fourth in three events and are awaiting call-

backs to see if they will be making the trip to Fort Wayne as well. Maria Hemmelgarn only cleared the 8-foot mark in the pole vault, while Delta’s Grier Backus and Zoller claimed the final spots with vaults of 8 feet, 6 inches. Ava May ran a 12:56.89 in the 3,200 run, coming up 7.75 seconds short of the final qualifying spot, which went to Ella Taylor of Wapahani. May was also on the 4x800 relay team that finished fourth. She was joined by Paityn Wendel, Jessie Homan and Byrum and they combined for a time of 10:31.62. They fell short of third place by 4.44 seconds. Other scores came from: •Jessie Homan in the 3,200 run (fifth) •Hutzler in the discus (fifth) •Mya Kunkler in the pole vault (sixth), the high jump (sixth) and the 300 hurdles (seventh) •Lloyd in the 200 dash (sixth) •DeHoff in the 100 hurdles (seventh), the 300 hurdles (eighth) and the long jump (eighth) •May in the 1,600 run (seventh) •Carpenter in the long jump (seventh) “As a day, that’s a pretty good day,” Imel said. “Everybody did what they were supposed to do.”



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Jay County High School senior Jordyn Hutzler throws her shot during the IHSAA Sectional 12 hosted by Delta on Tuesday. Hutzler’s third throw traveled 33 feet, 9.5 inches, securing her second place and a spot at Carroll in the regional meet.

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Jenna Dues of the Jay County High School girls track team attempts to get over the 4-foot, 10-inch bar during the IHSAA Sectional 12 meet at Delta on Tuesday. Dues cleared the bar on her second attempt, earning her third place and a spot at the regional meet. The Patriots totalled 106 points to trail only Yorktown (152.5) and Delta (129).

## Two relays and five individuals qualified for regional meet

By **ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

MUNCIE — In 2024, Ariel Beiswanger ran in the 4x100-meter relay team for the Patriots that advanced to the regional, but found herself just outside of a trip to Indianapolis as she placed fourth and fifth in her individual events.

In 2025, the sophomore broke through in her individual events, even claiming a sectional title of her own.

Beiswanger led the Jay County High School girls track team on Tuesday as it finished third at the IHSAA Sectional 12 meet hosted by Delta.

The Patriots qualified for the Regional 3 meet hosted by Car-

roll on May 27 in eight events, leading to 106 points for the third-place finish. They only trailed sectional champion Yorktown (152.5) and host Delta (129).

“That’s where I expected us to finish,” said JCHS coach Joe Imel. “I’m extremely pleased with everyone. We had a lot of young kids that did very well today. We had some seniors moving on – Jenna Dues in the high jump, Morgan DeHoff in the 4x1 and Jordyn Hutzler in the shot put – and I can’t say enough about their leadership these past couple seasons, especially this year as their senior year.”

Beiswanger led the way for

the Patriots, qualifying for the regional in all four events and claiming the only sectional title. The 400-meter dash was a tight race with the top five finishers less than a step apart with only 50 yards remaining. Within the final 150 feet of the race, Beiswanger pulled ahead of the group to finish on top with a time of 1 minute, 3.41 seconds. Rachel Ward of Muncie Burris, who finished second by 0.38 seconds, was the last athlete to hold the lead before Beiswanger took over.

“I just realized that she wasn’t that far ahead of me and I could beat her, so I just pushed,” Beiswanger said. “I think I really just locked in today and did-

n’t get in my head as usual. I just went out and did it.”

Peyton Carpenter also punched her ticket to the regional with a third-place finish (1:04.21). She beat Randolph Southern’s Gracie Minnis by 0.37 seconds for the final spot.

In her other individual event, Beiswanger completed the 200 dash in 27.36 seconds, only trailing Delta’s Mia Bollinger (26.75).

Beiswanger was also on both the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams that placed second to earn spots at the regional.

Beiswanger was joined by DeHoff, Dues and London Lloyd and they combined for a time of 52.60 seconds to qualify. The

group finished behind Delta’s team by 2.06 seconds.

Brooklynn Byrum and Carpenter joined Lloyd and Beiswanger for the 4x400 relay. Their time of 4:19.35 placed behind Yorktown’s 4:17.80.

Similar to the 400 dash, the 800-meter run had a dramatic finish.

All through the first lap and 300 meters of the second, Yorktown’s Casey Gifford paced right in front of Byrum and AnnMarie Gibson of Wapahani. As the trio rounded the final curve to the last 100 meters, Byrum made a move to the outside and successfully passed Gifford to claim the top spot.

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## NASCAR announced three new Hall of Fame inductees

By **SHANE CONNUCK**  
The Herald (Rock Hill, S.C.)

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kurt Busch couldn’t believe he was racing on NASCAR’s biggest stage.

Just one year removed from running in a Legends car at The Bullring in his native Las Vegas, Busch found himself holding the wheel of a Jack Roush-built Cup Series machine qualifying for a race at Dover with Dale Earnhardt at his bumper and Jeff Gordon lined up next to him.

It all happened quickly for Busch, and 34 Cup wins later, the legend is set to be immortalized.

Ray Hendrick, Harry Gant and Busch will be inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame as its 2026 class, the voting

*Busch, Gant, Hendrick and Wheeler inducted to Hall of Fame*

panel decided on Tuesday afternoon. Humpy Wheeler is this year’s Landmark Award recipient.

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