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Key effort

Fort Recovery High School senior Ava Englehardt grins Sunday while school board member Don Wendel struggles to get the activity key around her neck during the commencement ceremony at Fort Site Fieldhouse. Englehardt and Zach Schoenlein earned the activity key honors for their participation and leadership across a wide variety of extracurriculars.

Jay's rate drops again

County came in at 2.7% in April

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
Unemployment numbers came down dramatically in March. They dipped even more last month. Jay County's unemployment rate fell by another 0.5 percentage points in April according to estimates Indiana Department of Workforce Development released this week. The local unemployment rate was down to 2.7% last month after it had climbed to 4.1% in February. It was by 0.3 percentage points from April 2024. Every county in the regional saw an unemployment decline of 0.4 percentage points or more. Jay County continues to fair better in the state rankings, coming in tied for the 28th-lowest rate amongst the state's 92 counties last month. It had been in the upper half of unemployment rates for most of 2024 but has ranked 30th-lower or better every month so far this year. Indiana's unemployment rate dropped to 3% from 3.4% in March. It was down from 3.6% in April 2024. Union County had the lowest rate in Indiana for the fourth month in a row, tying Daviess County at 2.1%. Wells County was among four tied at 2.2%. Howard County again had by far the highest rate in Indiana at 6%.

Israel to take full control of Gaza

By ROBERT MESSER, EMAD DRIMLY and GREGO MAYER
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Tribune News Service

TEL AVIV — Israel is seeking permanent military control of all of the Gaza Strip with its current offensive, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Wednesday. "At the end of this campaign, all of the territories of the Gaza Strip will be under Israel's security control," Netanyahu asserted. The Palestinian Islamist Hamas movement would be

Major offensive has been launched

"completely destroyed," the Israeli prime minister told reporters in Jerusalem. Israel's army recently launched a major offensive in the sealed-off Gaza Strip, where around 2 million Palestinians live. Ground troops are also involved. At least 62 killed in Gaza in renewed Israeli strikes. Dozens of deaths have been reported in recent days as a result of the fighting. At least 62 people have been killed and dozens injured since early Wednesday in the Gaza

Strip in the renewed Israeli attacks, according to the Hamas-run authorities in the Palestinian territory. There were airstrikes and fatalities in Jabalia and Deir al-Balah, as well as near Khan Younis in the south of the territory, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported, citing Gaza medical sources. Dozens of people were injured. The information could not be independently verified. The Israeli army did not provide any details, and said on its X account only that it had "struck over 115 terror targets throughout Gaza from the ground, sea and air" over the past day. Meanwhile, the Israeli military called on residents of several neighborhoods in the north of the Gaza Strip to leave their homes. An attack is imminent on these areas, from which Hamas is firing rockets at Israel, according to a statement by the army, which was distributed via text messages and online platforms. See Control page 2

Reconciliation bill passes

By DAVID LERMAN and CAITLIN REILLY
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WASHINGTON — House Republicans passed their "big, beautiful" reconciliation bill early Thursday morning, sending to the Senate a filibuster-proof package that would deliver the major elements of President Donald Trump's legislative agenda, from tax cuts and border security to lifting the nation's borrowing limit. The 215-214 vote capped weeks of grueling negotiations behind the scenes between House leaders and warring factions of the Republican conference. While moderates in high-tax states sought additional tax relief, hard-core conservatives sought deeper cuts to federal spending, particularly on Medicaid, and a faster repeal on clean energy tax credits they dubbed the "green new scam." A 42-page manager's amendment, released just hours before the final vote, gave both factions

Measure clears chamber by a single vote, 215-214

enough of what they wanted to turn undecided and dissenting lawmakers into supporters of the bill. While more than a dozen Republicans had threatened to vote down the bill in recent weeks, almost all agreed to support the final version of the sweeping package. "Some good, some bad," Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas, one of the ringleaders among rebellious conservatives, said of the manager's amendment before the vote. "We got some good cuts, but it just still blows a lot of deficits in the first few years." Roy helped secure a last-minute fix that would provide \$12 billion to reimburse states like his for border security costs, even as he was unsuccessful in cutting funds to states that expanded Medicaid and currently receive a 90% federal match for covering adults without disabilities. He ultimately voted for the measure. House Freedom Caucus Chairman Andy Harris, R-Maryland, had been leading opposition to the previous draft all day Wednesday, but ultimately was swayed by some in-person face time with Trump at the White House, the manager's amendment and some unspecified promises of further executive action to rein in costs. See Bill page 2



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U.S. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana) speaks to the media at a news conference after the House narrowly passed a bill forwarding President Donald Trump's agenda at the U.S. Capitol on Thursday in Washington, D.C. The tax and spending legislation, called the "One, Big, Beautiful Bill" Act, redirects money to the military and border security and includes cuts to Medicaid, education and other domestic programs. Johnson was flanked by House Committee Chairmen who helped craft the legislation.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 61 degrees Wednesday. The low was 51. There was about 0.15 inches of rain. Tonight's low will be around 40. Expect mostly sunny skies Saturday with a high in the mid 60s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Commercial Review experienced a catastrophic computer error late Tuesday. Efforts to restore lost data Wednesday were unsuccessful. We have developed short-term fixes in order to continue production, though some regular items may be impacted as we recover. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Coming up

Saturday — Details from the Jay County boys track team at the sectional meet. Wednesday — Coverage of Tuesday's Jay County Commissioners meeting. Thursday — Results from the girls track regional meet at Carroll.



Bill ...

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“I mean, now it might just be what the executive can do to, again, move the ball down the court, especially on making sure that we don’t have further Medicaid expansion that is honestly bankrupting my country,” Harris said before the vote. He ended up voting “present.”

No Democrats supported the measure, while two Republicans opposed it: Reps. Thomas Massie of Kentucky and Warren Davidson of Ohio.

Rep. Andrew Garbarino, R-New York, who didn’t like last-minute changes in the manager’s amendment that would speed up the expiration of tax incentives for clean energy projects, sat out the vote.

Spanning more than 1,000 pages, the legislation would make permanent the 2017 tax cuts, provide new tax breaks such as exempting tips from taxes, slash federal spending by at least \$1.5 trillion over 10 years, pump an extra \$300 billion into defense and border security, and raise the nation’s

\$36.1 trillion borrowing limit by at least \$4 trillion.

The vote marked the biggest political victory yet for Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., who has struggled to unite his razor-thin GOP majority since winning the speaker’s gavel in 2023. A defeat would have been seen as a major blow to his leadership after promising for weeks to pass the bill through the House before Memorial Day.

“Sometimes it’s good to be underestimated,” Johnson told his colleagues before the final vote. “What we are achieving here today is nothing short of historic.”

The vote was also a victory for Trump, who expended some political capital through public and private cajoling — and a visit to the Capitol Tuesday — to rally Republicans around what could be the most important legislation of his second term.

So much of his agenda was wrapped up in what he called his “one big, beautiful bill”: new and extended tax cuts, a more robust military, tougher border security measures and a downsizing of

government through major spending cuts.

But for all the progress, the fate of the bill is hardly secure. The measure now goes to the Senate, where Republicans have already made clear they intend to give it a rewrite. Senate GOP tax writers have suggested they are eyeing more generous tax breaks, while party moderates in that chamber have expressed concern about the size of Medicaid cuts.

Democrats in both chambers, meanwhile, excoriated the bill as a fiscal boondoggle that would explode the debt and reward billionaires with more tax breaks while cutting off health insurance to millions of needy Americans.

They forced a 20-hour session debating the bill and amendments in the House Rules Committee, in a meeting that started at 1 a.m. Wednesday. Upon moving to the floor shortly thereafter, Democrats forced procedural votes using maneuvers allowed under federal budget law.

Rules Committee ranking member Jim McGovern, D-Mass., joked that the GOP wanted to

debate the bill during “prime time in Guam” so voters wouldn’t watch.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office offered a preliminary estimate that the measure would add about \$2.3 trillion to deficits over 10 years, though it was incomplete and didn’t account for added interest payments on that extra debt.

“They’re patching it together in an effort to get through tonight. There’s nothing more to it than that. It’s chicanery. This has never added up,” said Massachusetts Rep. Richard E. Neal, the top Democrat on the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. “It’s an abomination.”

Republicans dismissed the Democratic attacks as fear-mongering, saying they only sought to cut “fraud, waste and abuse” in Medicaid, not benefits to those in need. Without their bill, they argued, taxpayers would be hit with what they called the largest tax increase in history, when tax rates return to the levels that existed before Trump’s 2017 tax overhaul.

House Budget Chairman Jodey






C. Arrington, R-Texas, also pushed back on the CBO deficit analysis Wednesday, saying it did not account for all the robust economic growth he said would be triggered by the tax cuts, energy production and other measures in the bill. Instead of a \$2.3 trillion deficit hole, Arrington said, the bill would actually reduce the shortfall.

“While I love many things in the bill, promising someone else will cut spending in the future does not cut spending,” Davidson said in a statement before the vote. “Consequently, I cannot support this big deficit plan. NO.”

Deficit concerns clearly rippled through financial markets on Wednesday, exacerbating GOP whip issues among the rank and file.

Treasury bond yields rose as investors dumped their holdings in the morning after overnight news of a pricey expansion of state and local tax deductions in the emerging deal. And then an afternoon auction of 20-year Treasury debt saw weak demand, sparking a new round of selling.

CR almanac

Saturday 5/24	Sunday 5/25	Monday 5/26	Tuesday 5/27	Wednesday 5/28
 68/44 <small>Mostly sunny skies are expected Friday with wind gusts up to 25 mph.</small>	 68/48 <small>Sunday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of rain late.</small>	 69/53 <small>Memorial Day looks to be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.</small>	 66/54 <small>Tuesday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a chance of rain late.</small>	 69/52 <small>Mostly sunny on Wednesday with highs in the upper 60s.</small>

Lotteries

Powerball 9-29-31-34-43 Power Ball: 2 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$163 million	Daily Four: 9-2-5-5 Quick Draw: 3-10-16-17-25-26-28-35-39-41-45-47-49-52-53-55-58-71-73-78 Cash 5: 4-17-18-41-43 Estimated jackpot: \$180,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$154 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 4-1-5 Pick 4: -4-9-4-2 Pick 5: 6-7-2-2-1 Evening Pick 3: 6-8-1 Pick 4: 8-2-0-0 Pick 5: 9-5-2-3-9 Rolling Cash: 1-15-19-22-27 Estimated jackpot: \$202,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 7-5-6 Daily Four: 6-7-9-2 Quick Draw: 2-4-6-8-19-20-25-26-29-30-39-45-46-53-54-57-58-62-68-73 Evening Daily Three: 0-8-3	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.82 June corn4.84 July corn.....4.86	June beans10.74 Wheat 5.05
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.80 June corn4.80 July corn.....4.83	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.70 July corn.....4.70 Beans10.71 June beans10.74 Wheat4.95
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Today in history

In 1973, an airplane caught fire at Steed Field (now Portland Municipal Airport). The pilot escaped without injuries and there were no passengers.

In 1998, the Jay County High School Marching Patriots took part in pre-race ceremonies for the 82nd running of the Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

In 2007, Matt Vagedes (pole vault) and

Holly Stein (shot put) of Fort Recovery High School finished second and third, respectively, at the Division III regional track meet at Piqua to advance to the OHSAA Track and Field State Finals.

In 2022, Gabi Bilbrey of Jay County High School earned a state berth with a runner-up finish in the discus during the regional meet at Ben Davis.

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Citizen’s calendar

Tuesday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 Mooney St., Redkey.	Wednesday 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St. Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.
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Rate ...

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Lake County was next at 4.4%, and Starke County was the only other at 4% or higher.

Area unemployment rates are as follows:

Adams County: 2.7%, down 0.5 percentage point, tied for 28th-lowest	Delaware County: 3.1%, down 0.7 percentage points, tied for 24th-highest	Randolph County: 3.3%, down 0.4 percentage points, tied for 12th-highest
Blackford County: 3.3%, down 0.9 percentage points, tied for 12th-highest	Jay County: 2.7%, down 0.5 percentage points, tied for 28th-lowest	Wells County: 2.2%, down 0.6 percentage points, tied for third-lowest

Control ...

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Such evacuation calls are frequent and accompany an Israeli offensive.

A few hours earlier, the military reported that militants from the Gaza Strip had fired a projectile at southern Israel. The projectile was intercepted in mid-air; it said. Three more projectiles fell in the Gaza Strip before reaching Israeli territory, the Israeli military said later.

Israel’s actions in the region are

facing increasing international criticism, including from close allies. On Tuesday, the United Kingdom suspended trade talks with Israel, sanctioned some West Bank settlers and summoned Israel’s ambassador to the UK.

Also on Tuesday, EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said the European Union intends to review its cooperation agreement with Israel in view of the situation in Gaza.

Capsule Reports

Club fire

A fire caused heavy damage to Jay County Conservation Club on Wednesday.

Jay County Sheriff’s Office received a call at 10:09 a.m. about a fire at the clubhouse, 6243 S. 325 West, Portland.

Sixteen Portland firefighters and two Portland firetrucks arrived on scene, with firefighters from Redkey and Ridgeville fire departments also responding to fight the flames. Responders extinguished

the fire in less than two hours.

Severe fire damage could be seen throughout the interior of the structure, as well as damage to the roof.

Officials believe the fire started in the southwest corner of the building and spread throughout structure. The cause of the fire is undetermined.

Jay County Conservation Club’s 80th anniversary celebration is still set for noon to 10 p.m. Saturday at Hudson Family Park.

The event will feature artisan vendors starting at noon, along with family activities and food trucks around 5 p.m. and a floating lantern ceremony starting at 9 p.m.

Recycling set

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

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Saturday

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Pickleball fundraiser

Patriot Pickleball players and friends played pickleball and table tennis May 16 for a free will donation event benefiting Jay County Cancer Society. This annual event is held in memory of Daniel Johnson, Mary Brotherton and Roger Prescott. The players raised \$1,070. Pictured above are pickleball and table tennis players, with (from left holding sign) Eric Butcher, Darwin Johnson and Carla Johnson.

Friend finds alcoholic’s habits unbearable

DEAR ABBY: I have known “Sheila” for 30 years. We were once dear friends. She was always a social drinker. Twelve years ago, she lost her husband to cancer and began drinking increasingly heavily. Sheila’s now an alcoholic. Friends and family have tried many times to help her. She went to rehab twice to appease her daughter. She tried AA but said she wasn’t comfortable there. She had an in-home program for months but went through the motions only until it was done. Over the last three years, Sheila has passed out, fallen and smashed her face and accidentally burned down her house. She has been taken to the hospital by ambulance a number of times, and most recently, got her

Dear Abby



second DUI conviction. My problem is, she phones me every week to chitchat about various everyday topics like nothing has happened. If I try to talk about her issues, Sheila says she’s sorry and will do better, and then changes the subject. Our conversations are making me sad and angry. Should I finally confront her, or just cut her out of my life? I have tried to be caring and supportive when most of her other

friends have written her off, but I’m ready to give up. — FINISHED IN MAINE
DEAR FINISHED: Tell Sheila that although you care about her, you are no longer willing to stand by and watch her try to kill herself, because that is what she has been doing. Tell her you would love to continue talking with her, but only once she has confronted her serious alcohol problem AND has started on the road to recovery. (Tell her daughter the same thing.) Sometimes, an addict must hit rock bottom before they realize what their habit has cost them.
DEAR ABBY: A month ago, I was to fly across the country

with my husband to attend my nephew’s wedding. It was a very special event because my nephew had never been married and seemed to be a confirmed bachelor. After we arrived at the airport and were about to check in, I realized I hadn’t brought my identification. I told my husband to board the flight without me. When my husband arrived, he told his brother that I wasn’t there because I had forgotten my identification. My brother-in-law told my husband he would tell his wife that I was sick, and my husband agreed. I was furious with my husband when I found out. I had told my husband to tell my sister-in-law (who is my friend) that I had forgotten my

identification. I am also angry at my brother-in-law for lying about me. Should I tell my sister-in-law the truth and let her know her husband lied about me? — NO-SHOW IN VIRGINIA
DEAR NO-SHOW: A better way to phrase it would be to tell your sister-in-law (who is your friend) that you couldn’t get on the plane because you forgot your ID, and STILL can’t figure out why your husband and hers didn’t give her the real reason.
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
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 BREAKFAST 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. PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant. 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.

conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844. A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Wednesday
WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time. PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center. PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland. EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge. 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. PORTLAND EAGLES —

Will meet at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Eagles’ lodge, 320 N. Meridian 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.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Thursday’s Solution

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

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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Without the support of these individuals and businesses, we would be unable to continue to serve and encourage the youth of Jay County.
Vickie Daniels
Brad Daniels
Judan Judo

Budget will hurt rural Americans

By MICHAEL CHAMEIDES

OtherWords

Right now, Congress is working on a giant, fast-track bill that would make historic cuts to basic needs programs to finance another round of tax breaks for the wealthy and big corporations.

As the Communications and Policy Director for the Rural Democracy Initiative, I've been hearing from rural leaders across the country about the devastating impacts this bill would have.

The good news is it's not too late. But there's little time to spare.

This dangerous, unpopular bill would increase costs for rural working families by thousands of dollars per year, leaving millions hungry and without health care — all to provide tax breaks and handouts to the wealthy and special interests.

Here are just six of the worst provisions.

1. It guts rural health-care.

The bill would drastically cut Medicaid and impose new barriers to care. It would take healthcare away from 13.8 million Americans and increase the cost for millions more. In some states, 50% of rural children get healthcare from Medicaid. Millions more rely on access to clinics and hospitals that would likely close because of these cuts.

2. It takes food off the tables of rural people.

The plan includes approximately \$290-\$319 billion in cuts to SNAP (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps) even as the cost of groceries continues to escalate. More than 15% of families in small towns and rural areas rely on this support to feed their families.

3. It shifts costs to states and local governments.

State and local governments in rural areas depend more on federal funding from programs like SNAP and Medicaid than other states. Slashing federal funding to states would create new burdens for rural states that are already struggling to provide critical public services like health care, transportation, and emergency response services to local communities.

4. It takes away local control.

Landowners have fought to stop the use of eminent domain for carbon pipelines by passing bans and moratoria, as well as

Michael Chameides



enacting county setbacks and safety requirements to protect their communities.

But this bill would overrule state and local laws and ordinances, override local voices, and deprive residents of a fair opportunity to evaluate the adverse impacts of pipelines. It also sets up a “pay to play” system under which companies can simply pay for pipeline, mining, and drilling permits — and avoid public comment and legal challenges.

5. It ends clean energy and infrastructure funding.

The bill would phase out existing tax credits for wind, solar, batteries, geothermal, clean energy, and advanced manufacturing. It would also take away \$262 million in funding for energy efficiency and conservation grants as well as transportation infrastructure.

Ending these tax credits will increase household energy costs, which are already higher in many rural communities. These changes would also reduce new clean energy projects — and jeopardize billions in rural investments in clean energy.

6. It gives handouts to agribusiness and mega farms.

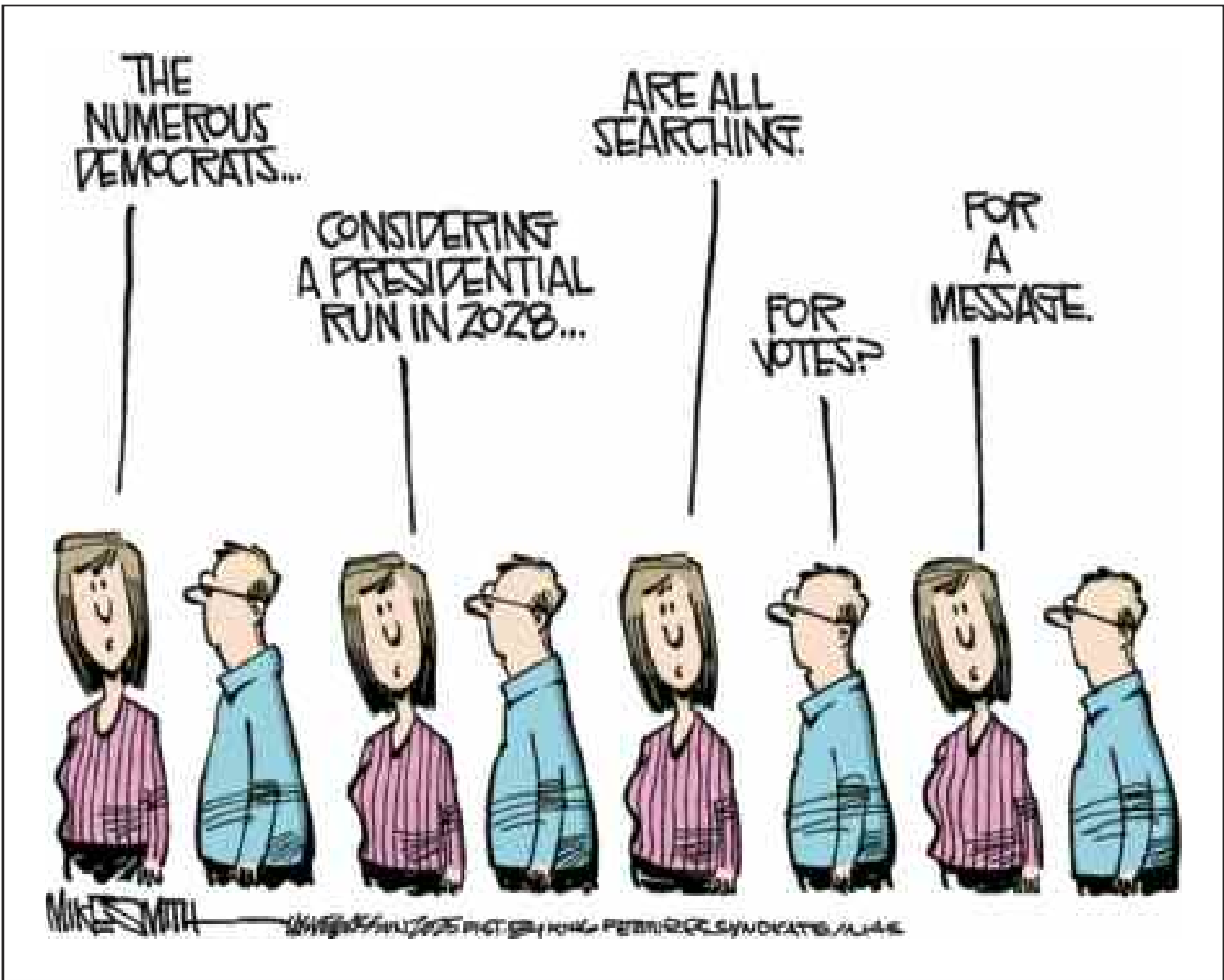
Leaders in Congress are using the budget reconciliation process to give big farms a \$50 billion windfall. Add the heightened pressures and instability caused by the Trump administration's erratic trade policy and more family farmers would lose their farms — while Big Ag consolidates more of the market.

In short, this bill would make it harder for rural people to meet their basic needs — all so the wealthy and corporations can avoid paying their fair share of taxes like the rest of us do.

Lawmakers have already heard from the giant corporations who helped write the bill. Now, they need to hear from the rest of us. It's up to us to alert our communities and tell our lawmakers: Don't sell rural America out to big corporations and the wealthy.

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Punning keeps family close

By ELANA RABINOWITZ

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I have my mother's eyes, but my father's sense of humor. While I've inherited many genetic traits from the paternal side of my family, the one I treasure most is the ability to make puns. It has given me my voice and endless laughter, and for that, I am forever grateful.

Some people think puns are cringey, but to me, this form of wordplay is masterful. Puns are more than knock-knock jokes. They're clever uses of language, formed spontaneously and shared unabashedly with the right audience.

These types of clever retorts seem to favor the male side of my family. My grandfather, while learning English, had a repertoire of puns and cliches that he rotated regularly — every time he drank a sip of something, he'd pause, sigh and then say, “Good to the last drop,” a once-popular advertisement for Maxwell Coffee.

My father, who is 92, still makes puns constantly, and even my brother has dabbled in them. But I am the biggest offender and with the right crowd can make them nonstop, like a rap battle among punsters.

My roommate recalls my father and me bringing my mattress to our apartment in the Cobble Hill section of Brooklyn. To lighten the load, I placed the mattress on top of my head and walked it into the room.

My dad looked at me and, without flinching, said, “Now, that's using your head.” She still giggles from that one.

Sometimes my brother steals my puns, which should be the greatest form of flattery. We were driving home when I noticed the personalized license plate of a car near us.

Elana Rabinowitz



As a wordsmith, I always keep an eye out. The plate said something about being a mohel, a person who performs circumcisions.

The mohel sped up and zoomed in front of us. My brother was livid. To deflate the situation, I said, “Well, he's a mohel. It makes sense he would cut you off — maybe he was hungry and needed to get a slice.”

Later, I found some version of this on my brother's social media page next to a picture of the infamous license plate.

Puns are more than wordplay; they actually gave me a voice. In middle school, I got my first French horn and named it Goldie Horn, so I guess I started early. As I became more comfortable with myself, my quips started to increase. In high school, among certain friends, my jokes emerged with greater force. I'm certain this type of quick wit won me over with the popular kids. Go figure.

In fact, my high school yearbook is filled with kind words, a few sarcastic one-liners and a plethora of “I will miss the puns.” What is considered corny in some circles is masterful in others. Find the latter group, you won't be sorry.

While my use of wordplay is vast, there's one that stands out. I was working as a production assistant for a TV pilot, and the assistant director considering I had potential and was thought making me his second, i.e., his second assistant director. He liked my quick wit and Brooklyn accent,

but I had little experience, so I was trying to impress him. I mentioned that I was a master punster, but how could I prove it?

A bunch of us were sitting around waiting for lighting when I met a man named Paul, who was the actual second, and then John entered the room. I got a huge grin on my face and offered to make an introduction: “This is John, Paul, the second.”

Mic dropped. Laughter ensued. Victory. They even asked me back for another shoot.

Puns, like most things, are better in person. They're proof that you are present and listening and that you can use your mind and knowledge in an instant. It's a skill, like golf or music: Precision and timing are everything, as with life. The speed at which you need to form and disseminate puns rivals that of a race car driver.

Puns are woven into my everyday life. Twice on Halloween, I dressed up as a pun: from the Freudian slip to the time I used Windex and tampons to create Picasso's blue period. I stopped using puns as costumes after that one.

I'm not alone in my love of this wordplay. There are actual pun-offs held annually in Austin, Texas, where people compete. It's impressive but not the same as the joy of crafting a perfect retort on the spot.

As for my dad, he and I still go at it. He's 92 and sharp as cheddar. And our wordplay is without a doubt my favorite thing we share.

So go ahead and give it a try. You might just find a new connection — something we could all use more of these days.

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AI improves erosion prediction

By MARIANNE STEIN
University of Illinois

Gully erosion is the most severe form of soil erosion, and it can seriously impact agricultural fields, contributing to sediment loss and nutrient runoff into waterways. Gullies can be triggered suddenly by a single heavy rainfall event, creating deep channels that are difficult to rehabilitate even with heavy machinery. Accurately predicting where gully erosion is likely to occur allows agricultural producers and land managers to target their conservation efforts more effectively.

In a new study, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign researchers use a new AI-driven approach that combines machine learning with an interpretability tool to enhance the prediction of gully formation and understanding of these models. They tested the methodology on land in Jefferson County, Illinois. “We had conducted a previous study in the same area, but we applied only an individual machine learning model to predict gully erosion susceptibility. While that study provided a baseline understanding, it had limited predictive accuracy. Furthermore, we were not able to explain how the model made predictions. This research aims to address these two key limitations,” said lead author Jeongho Han, who recently graduated with a doctoral degree from the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE), part of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and The Grainger College of Engineering at Illinois.



International Institute of Tropical Agriculture/Jonathan Odhong

Researchers from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign use a new AI method combining machine learning and an interpretability tool to enhance the prediction of gully formation. They tested the methodology on land in Jefferson County, Illinois. Machine learning models are increasingly used in erosion prediction, but their accuracy can vary significantly.

Jefferson County is part of the Big Muddy River watershed feeding into Rend Lake. This region features rolling topography and is about 60% agricultural land, primarily used for growing corn and soybeans. The researchers prepared gully erosion inventory maps of the study area based on elevation differences from 2012 and 2015. They also identified 25 environmental variables that can affect erosion susceptibility, including topography, soil properties, vegetation features, and precipitation patterns. Complex environmental processes, such as terrain, soil, hydrology, and atmospheric forces, cause gully

erosion, and they are challenging to predict and manage. Machine learning models are increasingly used in erosion prediction, but their accuracy can vary significantly. Stacking multiple models together can improve performance, but adding more models is not enough; it matters how they are combined. The research team evaluated 44 stacked models that combined different features from single models. Next, they created gully erosion susceptibility maps using the best-performing stacking model and four individual models. They found that the best stacking model achieved a prediction

accuracy of 91.6%, compared to 86% for the best individual model. To enhance model transparency, the team employed an explainable artificial intelligence (AI) technique called SHapley Additive exPlanations (SHAP). This tool clarifies how different variables influence a model’s output, offering deeper insight into AI systems’ decision-making process. “When you use AI modeling, you get an output, but it’s like a black box. You don’t know how it was determined, so you don’t have any criteria to evaluate the results. Explainable AI provides metrics that allow you to understand how different variables

influence model predictions and how they interact with one another,” said corresponding author Jorge Guzman, research assistant professor in ABE. “We integrated a stacking model with SHAP and applied it to a specific land area to demonstrate how it would work. The stacking model improved prediction accuracy, and SHAP helped to interpret what happened within the AI models.” For example, the SHAP analysis identified the annual leaf area index of crops as the most influential feature in all base models. Greater leaf coverage reduces the direct impact of rainfall on soil, which in turn decreases the severity of erosion.

The proposed framework enables agricultural producers and land managers to interpret AI-model outputs. They can use this information to decide which areas should be managed first and what management practices should be implemented to mitigate soil erosion. “By offering a transparent mechanism to evaluate how different features and models contribute to final decisions, this approach can be extended to broader environmental management and policy-making contexts, facilitating more informed and responsible resource allocation,” the researchers conclude in the paper.

Farmer charged with insurance fraud

By BILL ESTEP
Lexington Herald-Leader
Tribune News Service

A Kentucky farmer agreed to pay at least \$9.9 million to the federal government over fraudulent crop insurance claims. Larry Walden pleaded guilty to one charge of conspiracy to commit money laundering. The restitution agreement is part of his plea. Walden also faces up to 20 years in prison under the charge, though his sentence will likely be less under sentencing guidelines used in the federal court system. According to court documents, Walden, of Barren County, owned and rented farm land in the county and grew crops that included burley tobacco. Walden admitted he wrote checks to Farmers Tobacco Warehouse in Danville to show he had bought tobacco from the warehouse, even though he hadn’t. That was part of a scam to make it appear he hadn’t raised

Kentucky man pleaded guilty to money laundering

enough tobacco to fulfill the amount he had contracted to provide to tobacco companies, according to the court record. In reality, the warehouse paid Walden back for the checks, minus a fee, and Walden used the checks to support insurance claims that his tobacco crops had been short, his plea agreement said. That happened in crop years 2014 through 2019, according to his plea. Thomas Kirkpatrick, former manager of the Danville warehouse, has also been indicted on charges of conspiracy to commit

money laundering and conspiracy to commit fraud. He pleaded not guilty. For the 2020 crop year, Walden used the same process at Greensburg Tobacco Warehouse to get false documentation for crop insurance claims, and then did the same thing in crop years 2021 and 2022 at Fair Deal Tobacco, according to his plea. Walden admitted he also wrote checks to other farmers to make it appear he’d had to buy burley to fill his contract. The other farmers gave the money back to Walden, but he gave his insurance adjuster

copies of the checks to justify claims for payments. Walden also sold tobacco in other people’s names to hide production, he acknowledged in his plea. Walden agreed to pay “not less than” \$9,960,817 to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which backs crop insurance policies sold by private companies. He also agreed to forfeit 120 acres of land on Happy Valley Road in Barren County to the government, as well as 5.7 acres of land and a house on Pace Quarry Road to help satisfy the amount he owes. Walden pleaded guilty May 15 before U.S. Magistrate Judge Edward B. Atkins in federal court in Lexington. Atkins recommended that U.S. District Judge Karen K. Caldwell accept the plea deal. Walden is scheduled to be sentenced in August. His guilty plea was the latest in a federal investigation of crop-

insurance fraud in Kentucky that has been going on for years. More than 30 people have been charged or convicted, including farmers, crop insurance agents and people associated with tobacco warehouses. They included Michael McNew, who worked in Mount Sterling as an insurance agent and adjuster. Federal authorities said he caused a loss of more than \$23 million through fraud. “This investigation has revealed that the abuse of the crop insurance program is pervasive and severe,” prosecutors wrote in one court document. “Like any other government benefit program, people find a way to abuse and unjustly benefit from the system designed to help those who need it.” A judge sentenced McNew to seven years and two months in federal prison in 2021. The sentence included \$19.5 million in restitution to the government and an insurance company.



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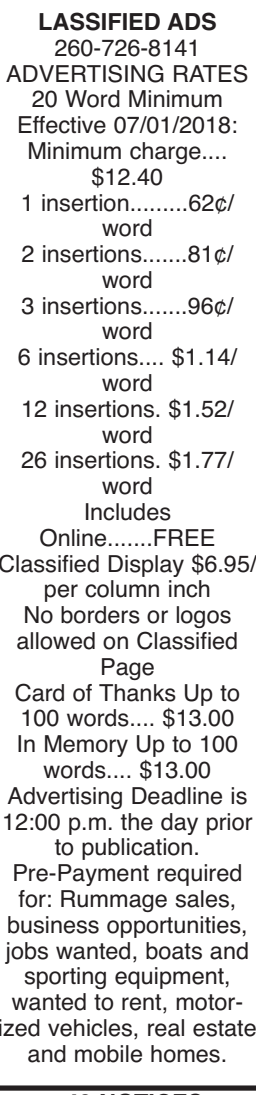
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Irsay ...

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In 1997, Irsay became the Colts' owner at age 37, the youngest in the NFL at the time. Prior to his ownership of the Colts, Irsay was the team's vice president/general manager.

His father, Robert, became the team's owner in 1972 and moved it from Baltimore to Indianapolis in 1984.

During his stint as Colts owner, Irsay oversaw a timeline that was one of the best in team history. After drafting quarterback Peyton Manning No. 1 overall in the 1998 NFL Draft, the Colts finished with a record of 143-81 from 1998 to 2011. Indianapolis also defeated the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XLI in 2006, the franchise's first championship since Super Bowl V before the team relo-

Irsay had owned the Colts for 28 years

cated from Baltimore in 1970.

During Irsay's ownership, the Colts made the playoffs 16 times and won two AFC Championships (2006, 2009) in addition to their Super Bowl XLI victory. In 2012, after Manning had suffered a neck injury the previous season, Irsay and the Colts released Manning after 13 seasons.

In recent years, Irsay's health became a massive concern. In 2014, he checked into a rehab center after he was arrested on charges of driving under the influence and four

felony counts of possession of a controlled substance. Then, after first responders found him unresponsive in his bedroom in December 2023, police officers found Irsay unresponsive and cold to the touch with bluish skin after they characterized the incident as a suspected overdose.

After Irsay's death, ownership of the Colts is expected to be transferred to his daughters.

"We're keeping 100 percent of the team," Irsay said after acquiring the team from his father. "I'm passing it on to my children."

MVP ...

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Jokic received 29 first-place votes and was second place or higher on all 100 ballots. Gilgeous-Alexander came in first on the other 71 ballots. They were the only players to receive first- or second-place votes. Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo was the other finalist.

The announcement comes after a tight second-round playoff series between the Nuggets and Thunder, which pitted the two MVP frontrunners against each other with their respective seasons on the line. Oklahoma City prevailed in Game 7, led by Gilgeous-Alexander's 35-point performance in the winner-take-all game. He averaged 29.7 points, 6.4 boards, 6.6 assists and 1.6 steals per game in the series.

Jokic averaged 28.4 points, 13.9 rebounds and 5.9 assists, registering two of his best games of the season and two of his worst.

Nikola Jokic finished second in voting

"Individually, it was a good season. I stayed healthy. I'm really thankful for that," he said after Denver's season-ending Game 7 loss. "I mean, I put a lot of effort in it. So I'm kind of — yeah, I'm thankful, but I know what's my routine and what I need to do. So I trust what I'm doing, and it seems it's working well for me."

Jokic is one of nine players to win the award three times. Only James, Russell, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Michael Jordan — the trophy's namesake — have won four or more.

This is also the first year since 2019-20 that Jokic has come away with neither the regular-season MVP trophy nor the NBA Finals MVP award.

Former Nuggets coach

Michael Malone was a steadfast lobbyist for his center, arguing that Jokic's three previous MVPs and subsequent voter fatigue were playing a role in the narrative throughout this season. He once claimed that if both players' statistics were anonymously presented, Jokic would be handed the award "10 times out of 10."

"If you don't think so," Malone told reporters, "I think you guys are all full of (crap)."

Not long after Malone was fired with three games left in the regular season, Nuggets interim coach David Adelman put it in simpler terms. "If Nikola doesn't win MVP, it will be the greatest season of all time to not win MVP," the 44-year-old said.

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS ñ OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS - TOOLS

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Saturday May 24th, 2025

TIME 10:00 A.M.

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WHEREAS, the Town of Bryant, Indiana ("Town") has authority under Indiana Code § 36-1-6 et seq. to enforce its ordinances through civil, administrative, or other lawful means;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-1-6-9 permits municipalities to enforce certain ordinances through administrative proceedings before a designated body; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Bryant finds it necessary and desirable to establish broad enforcement authority and processes to ensure compliance with all ordinances duly adopted by the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Bryant, Indiana:

Section 1. Purpose and Authority.

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the powers granted to municipalities under Indiana Code § 36-1-6 et seq. to provide the Town of Bryant with comprehensive authority to enforce its ordinances, regulations, and codes through civil action, fines, abatement, administrative proceedings, or other lawful means.

Section 2. Enforcement Authority.

(a) The Town of Bryant may enforce any ordinance through:

1. Civil court actions, including injunctive relief or collection of fines;

2. Administrative enforcement proceedings as authorized under Indiana Code § 36-1-6-9;

3. Orders for abatement of violations at the violator's expense;

4. Any other lawful method permitted by state law or municipal code.

(a) Enforcement actions may be initiated by:

1. The Town Council,

2. The Town Marshal or other law enforcement officers,

3. The Town Attorney,

4. Any designated Town official or agent as authorized by ordinance, resolution, or written designation.

Section 3. Administrative Enforcement (I.C. § 36-1-6-9).

A. The Town may enforce applicable ordinances through administrative proceedings as permitted under Indiana Code § 36-1-6-9.

B. The Bryant Town Council shall serve as the administrative hearing authority for purposes of enforcing ordinance violations, unless another administrative body or hearing officer is lawfully designated by ordinance or resolution.

C. The administrative body shall have authority to:

1. Conduct hearings;

2. Issue findings and orders;

3. Impose fines and penalties up to the maximums permitted by law; and

4. Order corrective action or abatement of violations.

Section 4. Penalties.

Unless otherwise specifically provided by ordinance:

(a) A violation of any ordinance of the Town shall constitute a civil offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,500 per violation, per day, in accordance with Indiana Code § 36-1-6-3.

(b) Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 5. Cumulative Remedies.

The remedies provided in this Ordinance are cumulative and do not exclude any other remedy available at law or equity.

Section 6. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRYANT, INDIANA, ON THE DAY OF 2025.

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Beiswanger’s B-line

Ariel Beiswanger of the Jay County High School girls track team races down the final 100 meters of the 400-meter dash at the IHSAA Sectional 12 meet hosted by Delta on Tuesday. She won the event with a time of 1 minute, 3.41 seconds. She also advanced to the regional in the 200 dash, the 4x100 relay and the 4x400 relay.

FR takes down second-seeded Tri-County North

LEWISBURG, Ohio — The Indians and the Panthers couldn’t create any separation that lasted for more than a half an inning. Right after one team would build a lead, the other would usher in a prompt response. Luckily for the Tribe, the response the Panthers provided in the bottom of the sixth wasn’t enough to overcome a two-run lead. The fifth-seeded Fort Recovery High School softball team scored three runs in the top of the sixth inning to lead to a 10-9 upset of the No. 2 seed Tri-County North Panthers in Wednesday’s OHSAA Division VI Southwest 2 District opener. The win advanced the Indians to the district final against No. 3 seeded Riverside. The game will take place today at 5 p.m. and is hosted by Anna. Fort Recovery (16-9) entered the sixth inning with a 8-7 deficit. Emma Will led the inning with a triple, but was cut down at home plate on a fielder’s choice that Ava Grisez grounded into. Jenna Homan followed with a second fielder’s choice that resulted in both runners being safe. Ella Schoen walked to load the bases before Alexis Grisez delivered a two-RBI single to right field that gave the Tribe the lead. The final run of the inning came in on a single by Kylie Post. Tri-County North (16-10) came back in the bottom half of the inning on a Lola Grieshop sacrifice fly, but couldn’t find any more offense to reclaim the lead. Schoen and Alexis Grisez led the FRHS offense with three RBIs apiece and Homan followed with two. Post secured three hits, while Homan, Schoen and Alexis Grisez each had two. Homan scored the most runs at three. Will broke Brenna Homan’s record for most career runs scored after crossing home plate twice in the game. Homan earned the win in the circle after throwing all seven innings. She struck out nine batters while conceding nine runs, only one of which was earned, on seven hits and four walks.

Jim Irsay dies at 65

By **ANTWAN STALEY**
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service
The Indianapolis Colts announced on Wednesday night that Jim Irsay, who has owned the team since 1997, has died at the age of 65. “We are devastated to announce our beloved Owner & CEO, Jim Irsay, passed away peacefully in his sleep this afternoon,” Colts chief operating officer Pete Ward said in a statement released by the team. “Jim’s dedication and passion for the Indianapolis Colts, in addition to his generosity, commitment to the community, and most importantly, his love for his family, were unsurpassed.” Irsay is survived by his daughters, Carlie Irsay-Gordon, Casey Foyt and Kalen Jackson, his ex-wife and his daughters’ mother, Meg Coyle, and 10 grandchildren. “We were deeply saddened to learn of Jim Irsay’s passing today. Jim was a friend, and a man deeply committed to his family, the game, the Colts, and the Indianapolis community,” NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement. “He led with integrity, passion and care for the Colts’ players, coaches and staff, and his courageous work in support of mental health will be a lasting legacy. On behalf of the entire NFL, I extend my heartfelt condolences to Jim’s daughters and their families, and to his many friends throughout the NFL.”
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SGA wins MVP

By **BENNETT DURANDO**
The Denver Post
Tribune News Service
DENVER — Nikola Jokic’s greatest statistical season will not be decorated with the commensurate laurels. Despite stamping himself as the third player and first center in NBA history to average a triple-double in a season, Jokic fell short of a fourth career MVP trophy, the league announced Wednesday. The 30-year-old Nuggets big man was voted runner-up to Oklahoma City’s Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, who won the award for the first time. Jokic was trying to join LeBron James and Bill Russell as the only players to win four MVPs in five years. He averaged 29.6 points, 12.7 rebounds and 10.2 assists per game, becoming the first player in league history to rank top-three in all three major statistical categories. He also finished second in steals per game with 1.8 and sixth in true shooting percentage at 66.3%. “I will say that I think I’m playing the best basketball of my life,” Jokic said in March, the closest he’s ever come to making a campaign statement for himself. “So if that’s enough, it’s enough. If not, the guy deserves it. He’s really amazing.” Gilgeous-Alexander ran away with the scoring title, averaging 32.7 points for a 68-win Thunder team that broke the all-time record for point differential in a season. The 6-foot-6 guard pulled it off with impressive efficiency, ranking 17th in true shooting at 63.7%.
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