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Return trip denied

Fort Recovery High School's Gavin Evers clasps his hands over his helmet after hitting a flyout to end the OHSAA Division VI Region 24 championship game against Fairview at Newton on Wednesday. The Indians fell one game short of their second straight state appearance after giving up four unearned runs in a 7-1 loss to the Apaches. For the full story, see page 8.

Trump signs travel bans

Proclamation denies visitors from a dozen countries

By CHRIS JOHNSON
CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service
WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signed a proclamation late Wednesday that effectively banned travel to the U.S. from 12 countries, citing risks related to public safety and national security in a move immigration advocates likely will challenge in court.
The proclamation banned from entry nationals from Afghanistan, Burma, Chad, the Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.
Trump also partially restricted the entry of nationals from seven other counties: Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan and Venezuela.

The proclamation states the list was developed by the attorney general, the Homeland Security secretary and the director of national intelligence through a process evaluating the screening and vetting of nationals in various counties.
The selected countries were considered deficient in screening and vetting procedures, and others have taken advantage of the visas by refusing to accept back their citizens deported from the United States, the proclamation states.
The justification for the proclamation also includes aspects related to containing illegal immigration. Trump in the proclamation wrote that nationals from some of the countries "also pose significant risks of overstaying their visas in the United States."

Netanyahu allies threaten exit

By GALIT ALSTEIN
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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's ruling coalition faces the possibility of collapse and early elections after his ultra-Orthodox partners threatened to bring down the government.
The United Torah Judaism party has indicated it would support the dissolution of parliament unless agreements are reached on the longstanding exemption of its men from enlisting in the military, with the Shas party expected to follow.

Party indicates it would support dissolution of Israeli government

The issue is contentious in Israel, particularly as the 20-month war in Gaza takes a toll on the tens of thousands of citizens who are called up to the reserves.
Netanyahu has until June 11 to smooth out the differences with his partners, otherwise a vote will take place on a bill to dissolve Knesset — the Israeli parliament — with the opposition on track to win a majority with Ultra-Orthodox support. That could lead to elections as early as this fall, a

year ahead of schedule, depending on the outcome of further votes.
In a statement from his office Wednesday, Netanyahu acknowledged the growing divide within the government and said a meeting will be held on Thursday to try to reach a compromise.
While the situation is fluid and could quickly change, Netanyahu and his ruling coalition have lost ground in polls since the Oct. 7, 2023 Hamas attacks and subsequent war in Gaza, and are not projected to win a majority in the next election.

First draft unveiled

Proposal would replace Indiana's A-F grade system

By CASEY SMITH
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Indiana education officials presented the first draft of a sweeping new school accountability framework Wednesday, marking a major step toward replacing the state's previous A-F grading system with a model that instead "values the unique skills and strengths of each student."
The proposal, shared at the Indiana State Board of Education's June meeting, outlines a point-based system designed to measure a broader range of student outcomes — from academic proficiency to work-based learning and attendance, as well as soft skills like communication and collaboration.
The school performance model is still

in development and must undergo a months-long rulemaking process that includes multiple rounds of public comment and revisions.
A final version is expected to be adopted by the state board by December. State law now requires the first round of school grades under the new system to be issued in fall 2026.
"This model is intentionally designed to encourage schools to support and nurture the unique skills and strengths of each student," said Ron Sandlin, Indiana Department of Education's (IDOE) chief innovation officer, who co-presented the draft. "The model no longer evaluates schools based on how well all of their students do on a single assessment. Rather, it shifts, and it evaluates schools on their ability to help individual students be on track for postsecondary success."
The shift is part of a broader effort mandated by House Enrolled Act 1498, signed into law earlier this year. The legislation, authored by Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis, requires the state education board to adopt a new school accountability model by December 2025, with implementation beginning in the 2026-27 school year.

See Draft page 2

A fan of the circus

Waylon Shepherd, 4, of Dunkirk, claps as Leo the clown makes his grand entrance Tuesday at the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus in Redkey.



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Deaths

William Hudson, 86, Michigan
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 86 degrees Wednesday. The low was 73.
There is a 50% chance of showers tonight with a low of 60. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with a high in the upper 70s and a slight chance of rain.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Redkey Post Office and the parking lot south of Salamonia Fire Station.

Coming up

Saturday — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Works meeting.
Tuesday — Details from Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.
Wednesday — Coverage of next weeks' Dunkirk City Council meeting.

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Obituaries

William Hudson
June 18, 1938-June 2, 2025
William “Bill” Lewis Hudson, age 86, of Michigan and formerly of Fort Madison, Iowa, died Monday, June 2, 2025, at Memorial Healthcare Hospital, Owosso, Michigan.
He was born June 18, 1938, in Portland, Indiana, a son of Chester and R. Kathryn (Caster) Hudson. On Feb. 14, 1995, he married Ferol Leonhard at the Santa Fe United Methodist Church, Fort Madison.
He was dedicated to his career



Hudson

at the GM Powertrain Flint V8 plant for over 40 years and retired from his supervisor position in 1997. He and Ferol enjoyed traveling and spent many winters RV-ing in Arizona. He was of the Methodist faith.
Bill was gifted in mathematics, which aided him with the woodworking, building and construction projects he completed throughout his life. He enjoyed mentoring others and was a patient teacher. Most recently, he learned woodcarving and created beautiful, precision carvings that were second to none. They generated offers from strangers, yet Bill preferred to give them to friends and family.

As a boy, he dreamed of learning to fly. In the 1970s, he earned his pilot’s license and became part-owner of a Cessna 182 airplane used for business and pleasure.
He is survived by three children from his first marriage, Jill (Steve) Pitts of Birmingham, Alabama, Janna Hudson Birchmeier of Owosso, Michigan, and David (Marie) Hudson of Frisco, Texas; two stepsons, Shawn (Karla) Leonhard of Hamilton, Illinois, and Jeffrey Leonhard of Dallas City, Illinois; six grandchildren, Taylor Birchmeier, Ashtyn Prater, Kyle Leonhard, Jasma “Nikki” Schwieterman, Cody Leonhard and Colbi Peterson; 12 great-

grandchildren; three siblings, Alice (Keith) Lehman of Portland, Indiana, John (Leona) Hudson of Blissfield, Michigan, and Ruth Stephenson of Portland, Indiana; and nieces and nephews.
He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Ferol; son-in-law Doug Birchmeier; and stepson, Mark Leonhard.
Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. am Friday, June 6, 2025, at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will follow and begin at 11 a.m. at the Barr Memorial Chapel with Pastor Padma Templeton officiating. Private burial will be at the Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison.

For those wishing to make a donation in lieu of flowers, please consider the American Cancer Society.
Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Hudson family, and an online guest book may be found at [barrmemorialchapel.com](#).

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.

CR almanac

Saturday 6/7	Sunday 6/8	Monday 6/9	Tuesday 6/10	Wednesday 6/11
77/59	79/61	77/58	76/56	82/59
Saturday looks to be mostly sunny with a slight chance of rain.	Another day of mostly sunny skies. There's also a small chance of showers.	Monday's forecast shows a 40% chance of thunderstorms under mostly sunny skies.	Mostly sunny on Tuesday, when the high will be in the mid 70s.	Wednesday's forecast shows sunny skies with highs in the low 80s.

Lotteries

Powerball 5-17-23-35-45 Power Ball: 24 Power Play: 10 Estimated jackpot: \$44 million	Daily Four: 2-4-1-0 Quick Draw: 4-5-7-8-11-17-33-35-36-37-41-43-49-57-58-62-66-69-70-79 Cash 5: 4-10-16-17-41 Estimated jackpot: \$125,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$223 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 1-1-1 Pick 4: 8-2-6-5 Pick 5: 2-3-3-6-5 Evening Pick 3: 9-1-7 Pick 4: 1-8-4-4 Pick 5: 8-6-3-5-9 Rolling Cash: 10-13-30-32-33 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 6-1-6 Daily Four: 3-7-5-8 Quick Draw: 7-11-15-18-19-23-25-27-29-39-40-44-47-52-55-57-58-62-64-70 Evening Daily Three: 6-2-6	

Draft ...

Continued from page 1
The move follows a years-long push to update Indiana's previous A-F grading system, which has been effectively suspended since 2018 amid transitions in state testing and COVID-related disruptions.
During the pause, schools instead received performance report cards posted online. The cards offered data on test scores, graduation rates, attendance, and postsecondary readiness, but stopped short of assigning a single letter grade.
Supporters of a revamped system, including Republican Gov. Mike Braun and key GOP lawmakers, maintain that it provides needed clarity and transparency for parents. But critics, including some Democrats and educators, have warned against oversimplifying complex school dynamics when evaluating overall performance.
The new system, as proposed, aligns closely with Indiana's recently redesigned high school diploma and the state's “Graduates Prepared to Succeed” (GPS) characteristics — a set of five competencies state leaders say matter most to lifelong success: academic mastery, work ethic, communication and collaboration, civic and digital literacy, and career readiness.
Under the draft framework, schools would earn points based on student outcomes at four key checkpoints.
Each student's “score” combines academic mastery — such as ILEARN or SAT performance — with additional indicators includ-

ing regular attendance, completion of college-level coursework, progress in English language acquisition, and participation in work-based learning or credential programs.
For example, a hypothetical third-grade student who scores just below proficiency in math but passes the IREAD reading exam and maintains high attendance would earn 90 points under the proposed model — compared to zero points under the current A–F system.
“That student is on track,” Sandlin said. “We want to support and cultivate their interests and strengths, and this model values that.”
In third grade, evaluations would specifically assess “essential” math and literacy using ILEARN standardized test scores. Third grade reading proficiency and “regular attendance” rates would be factored in, too.
ILEARN scores would also be used to determine academic mastery for students in grades 4–8. But other points could be earned for good attendance rates, for high percentages of students proficient in science and social studies, and for “advanced” students who take accelerated coursework before high school.
By the end of ninth grade, students should have earned at least 10 high school credits. Evaluations for high schools would also factor in student participation in college and career ready coursework; proficiency on a biology-specific standard-

ized test; PSAT scores; school attendance; and English language learner progress.
Accountability points for 12th grade could additionally be earned based on SAT proficiency, and if students complete any of the following: a new diploma “seal,” work-based learning, or a credential of value. Like at other checkpoints, school attendance and English language learner advances would also qualify for points.
Board members and school leaders largely praised the more “student-centered approach” at Wednesday's meeting.
“I think our new accountability model completes the story for students,” said board member Byron Ernest. “We are creating, now, an environment where we can finally tell that story, and just applaud that and encourage us to keep that. ... This makes our accountability truly student-driven. It's not about the school. It's about the student.”
The draft rule proposes awarding maximum points to high school students who graduate with an “honors plus” diploma seal.
Indiana Education Secretary Katie Jenner emphasized that those credentials now carry “real currency” in Indiana and can lead to automatic admission at public universities, guaranteed interviews with major employers, or advancement opportunities in the military.

This story was edited for length. For the full version, visit [indianacapitalchronicle.com](#).

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.72 July corn.....4.74 Aug. corn4.81	July beans10.64 Wheat 5.05
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.74 July corn.....4.74 Oct. corn4.35	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.55 July corn.....4.57 Beans10.70 July beans10.64 Wheat5.05
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Today in history

In 1970, the Dunkirk Watsons stayed undefeated with a 4-0 victory over Redkey.
In 2013, Anne Vormohr broke a pair of Jay County Summer Swim Team records in a 659-538 victory over South Adams at Berne Pool. She posted record times of 1 minute, 3.38 seconds, in the 100-meter freestyle and 1:11.34 in the 100 backstroke. Both records

were previously held by Abby Arnold.
In 2018, Fort Recovery High School graduate Nick Thwaits was selected by the San Diego Padres in the 15th round of the Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft. Thwaits had signed to play at Kent State University, but would later accept a contract with the Padres.
—The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, living facility, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland.	7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. Tuesday 6 p.m. — Ridgeville Town Council, fire station, 302 N. Walnut St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. Wednesday 8 a.m. — Upper Wabash River Basin Commission, Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton.
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Staff to be cut

By CASEY SMITH
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Ivy Tech Community College will lay off 202 employees statewide as it responds to significant cuts in state funding and frozen tuition rates, the school system's president, Sue Ellspermann, announced Friday.
The layoffs — affecting both full-time and part-time workers — represent about 2.8% of Ivy Tech's total workforce, including 180 full-time positions, or 5.3% of its full-time staff, according to data provided by the college. The reductions include 38 faculty members, 162 staff and two administrative faculty.
In a Friday letter to school employees, Ellspermann said the layoffs are a result of a \$54 million shortfall over two years, driven by a 5% cut in state appropriations to higher education institutions. An additional 5% in potential funding held in reserve by the State Budget Agency deepened the financial strain.
Ivy Tech Community

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SERVICES

Today

Schwartz, Peter: 8:30 a.m., Schwartz residence, 677 Covered Bridge Road, Geneva.
Hudson, William: 11 a.m., Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Avenue F, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Saturday

Masters, Bret: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Sunday

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

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Bureau donates

Jay County Visitor and Tourism Bureau donated \$8,000 Wednesday to help pay for a new storage building for Portland Rockets.

Marriage licenses

Levi N. Christner, 22, Bryant, and Lucinda S. Neuenschwander, 20, Bryant
Christine C. Wickey, 18, Bryant, and Martin A. Wickey, 22, Bryant
Brandon M. McDavid, 37, Portland, and Kimberly N. Pinkerton, 35, Portland

Katieann E.M. Neuenschwander, 22, Pennville, and Johnny M.B. Schwartz Jr., 20, Geneva
Logan L. McGinnis, 22, Amarillo, Texas, and Gabrielle E. Paxson, 23, Pennville
Carter R. Homan, 26, Portland, and Nicole M. Ontrop, 22, Fort Recovery

Elizabeth Espinoza Hernandez, 20, Portland, and Eleazar Jimenez Velasco, 23, Portland
Sindi Azucena De Leon Camo, 30, Portland, and Nictali De Leon Ramirez, 23, Portland
Taryn C. Caldwell, 21, Dunkirk, and Ryler J. Johnson, 20, Dunkirk

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.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon Friday, June 6, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

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.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday

of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

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.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County

Campus of Arts Place, 131 E Walnut St, Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

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.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio.

Tuesday

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

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

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-

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

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

Wednesday

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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

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

Health changes cause tension

DEAR ABBY: I am struggling with a recent diagnosis of severe liver disease (non-alcoholic) and need to lose 30 pounds. I have had two bouts of cancer in five years as well as arthritis. I have dedicated myself to explicitly following my doctor's directions to eat organic and low-fat foods and to exercise daily to improve my liver. I face surgery in the next few months.

I live with family members who claim to be supportive yet get angry when I turn down invitations to all-you-can-eat buffets, buttered popcorn at movies, fast food and pastries. One stormed off when I turned down a visit to a deli for a huge salami sandwich! I politely said I wasn't hungry, which was true. After this argument, I lost focus. I stopped weighing myself daily and began backsliding.

I am no longer hopeful about improving my health. These family members are well aware of my diagnosis because they were present at the medical consultation. How can I stay strong

Dear Abby



without moving out? It is my house! — SICK AND TIRED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SICK AND TIRED: It's time to reaffirm your desire to LIVE. Because of your health problems, this will mean making changes that will be lifelong. Ask your doctor for a referral to a registered dietitian who can guide you in making those adjustments, and when you have your first consultations, bring your sabotaging relatives with you.

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Thursday's Solution

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

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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RECREATION

GUN SHOWS

The data does not tell us the future

By MORTON J. MARCUS

I was having coffee with Belle Fast, one of our state's prominent economic developers. She asked me, "What's the purpose of spending time on data from yesterday when what people want, and truly need, is a look at tomorrow? We know yesterday and even today, but the trick is having a clue about what's ahead of us." What a softball she'd pitched. "Most people," I answered, "have little idea of where we were yesterday and even less sense of where we are today. How do you know where you are going, if you don't know where you are and where you have been?" "Come on," Belle said, "you can look at a weather map of a

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town 50 miles to the west and get a pretty good read on local conditions coming our way." "Unless the winds change direction," I replied. "Tell me. What's Indiana's biggest contributor to our gross domestic product?" "Manufacturing," she said confidently. "Right," I pronounced. "The Indiana Manufacturers' Association would be proud, even

though you're defying the mythology of the farming community." "Manufacturing," I continued, "was 26% of Indiana's GDP in 2024 down from 29% in '05. Nationally, the figures were 13% in '05 and 10% in '24. In '05, Indiana had 4.2% of the nation's manufacturing, but we climbed to 4.8% in '24." "Well," Belle demanded. "What does that mean? Are we lagging the nation in adjusting to a new reality, or are we ahead of the nation in strengthening manufacturing?" "We're schizophrenic is what we are," I said. "In durable goods manufacturing, (things expected to last more than a year like steel, aluminum and the prod-

ucts made from them) the industry, in its share of GDP statewide and nationally, was 23rd of 23 industry groups tracked by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. "In non-durable goods, (things like chemical and food products), this sector led the state in gaining its share of GDP, while nationally, it declined as a share of GDP." "So we had some winners and some losers," Belle, ever the bright-side seer, enthused. "Agreed," I confirmed. "Over that 20-year period, we had nine of 23 industries that outpaced the nation, led by non-durable goods manufacturing and even professional, scientific and technical services. However, our average annual GDP total

growth rate was 4.1% compared with 4.4% national." "Where I'm concerned," I went on, "is we think we're catching up, but I'm not sure. Information, a catchall including newspapers and much of the computer software world, was our worst-performing industry. "Indiana's growth of GDP in that industry was 1.6% compared to 4.7% nationally. I'm not sure that data centers, which process information, are a replacement for producing information." "We'll find out," Belle said, departing cheerfully. Marcus is an economist formerly at the Kelley School of Business. Email him at mortonjmarcus@gmail.com.

Somewhere would love to have Harvard

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In the 1930s and 1940s, America played a crucial role in keeping academic inquiry alive. By welcoming thousands of researchers fleeing fascism in Europe, it enhanced its national brainpower and fostered breakthroughs of immense value to people everywhere — from the digital computer to the discovery of DNA. Now it's in the process of throwing that priceless legacy away. If wiser minds don't prevail, one can only hope Europe and others will step into the breach. Establishing itself as a haven of academic freedom was among the smartest moves the U.S. ever made. Its unrivaled collection of research universities attracts top global talent, fostering innovation that enriches the nation.

By some estimates, each dollar spent on research and development generates \$5 or more in social benefits, such as higher productivity and better living standards. It's by far the most profitable form of public investment. Yet the White House now seems bent on destruction. Citing (among other things) rising antisemitism on college campuses, it has withheld billions of dollars from the likes of Harvard and Columbia, forcing them to terminate projects, lay off researchers and limit graduate-school admissions.

It has proposed tens of billions in budget cuts at federal agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. It has detained foreign academics and — most recently — sought to block enrollment of international students. The repercussions promise to be devastating. The economic damage could exceed that of the recession of 2008. Projects in areas ranging from climate science to medicine have shut down. An exodus looms: Three-fourths of U.S.-based scientists who responded to a recent Nature poll said they were seeking a way out, with Europe and Canada the top destinations. By one estimate, up to a fifth of post-doctoral students at elite U.S. universities have studied in the European Union and hence might be amenable to moving. Rival research centers are jumping at the opportunity. As Bloomberg News has reported, countries including Australia, Canada, Denmark and Norway are offering funding,

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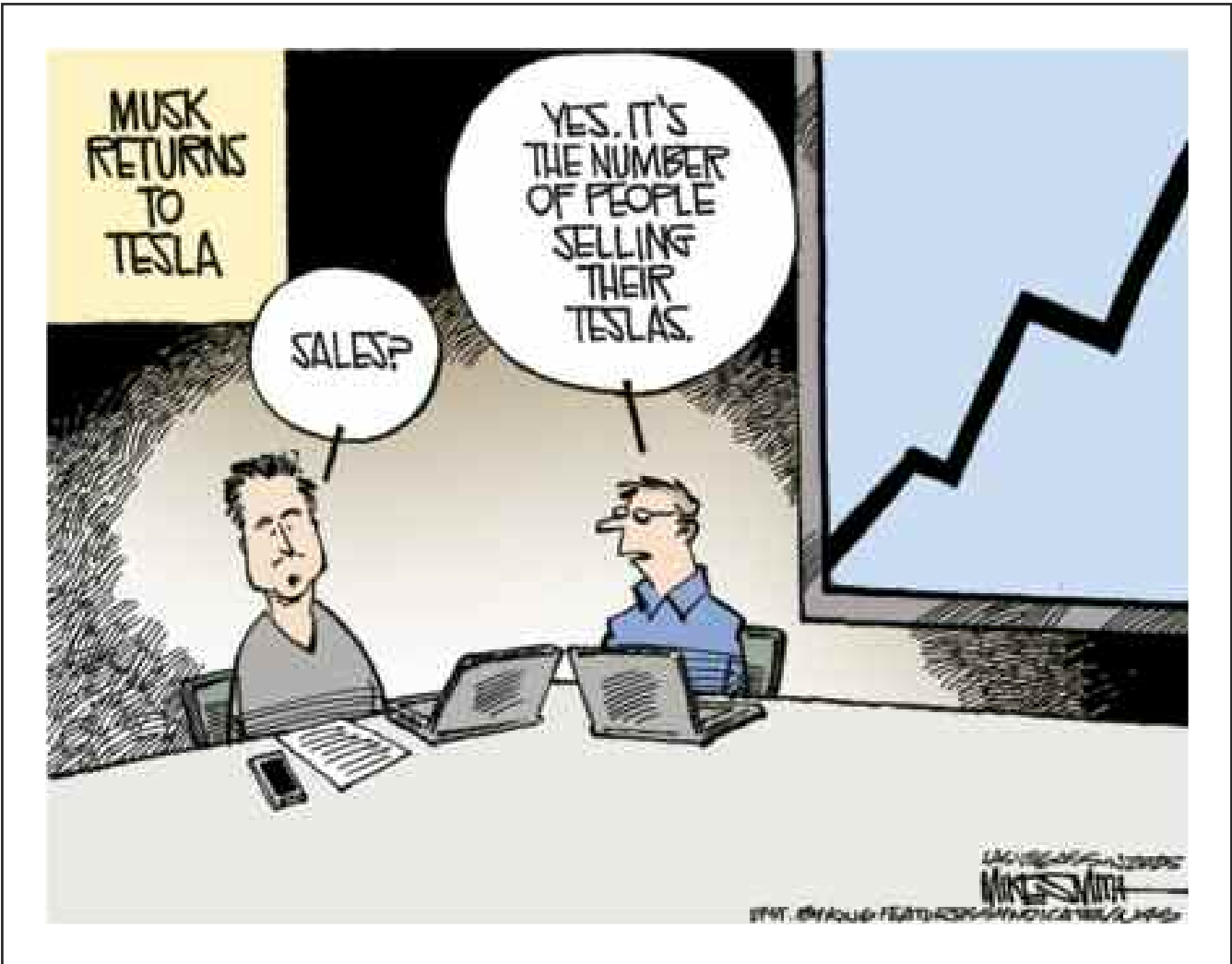
streamlined visas and other perks to lure top academics. Germany has invited Harvard to set up an "exile campus." The EU has launched a €500 million "Choose Europe" program.

These efforts are welcome, to the extent that they keep crucial work going. Yet the funds so far committed pale in comparison to the potential cuts in the U.S. If America abdicates, Europe in particular will need to be much more ambitious.

A better option would be for the U.S. to come to its senses. Legislators should reject the false economy of slashing public research funding. Courts should issue injunctions where the administration's actions have violated the law or the Constitution, as they plainly have in several cases. Researchers, alumni and industry groups should alert the public to the scale of potential damage ahead.

Universities, for their part, might consider some introspection. Although the administration's actions are nuts, it's true that too many schools have indulged antisemitic protesters who have created chaos on campus, obstructed learning and menaced their fellow students. Imposing zero-tolerance policies for such disruption might placate the White House; it's also the right thing to do.

Amid the chaos, researchers will need to do their jobs as best they can. It'd be a truly spectacular act of self-harm if America managed to trigger an exodus of talent back across the Atlantic. If other countries rise to the occasion, its loss will be their gain.



Diagnosis should be teaching moment

By DANIEL J. STONE
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

Former President Joe Biden's metastatic cancer diagnosis brings together two controversial issues: PSA testing for prostate cancer and presidential politics.

To understand what is at stake Americans need basic information about PSA testing, and a frank discussion of the reasoning behind the prostate cancer screening decisions in the former president's case. The dribble of information we've gotten only creates more uncomfortable questions for Biden and his family. The absence of adequate explanation also fails to contribute to public appreciation of these important medical issues.

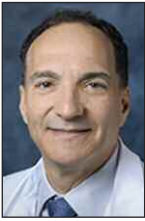
The prostate, a walnut-shaped gland at the base of the bladder, produces "prostate specific antigen," or PSA. Chemically classed as a glycoprotein, a sugar/protein aggregate, it leaks from the prostate into the blood, where its level can be measured with routine blood testing.

As men age, the prostate enlarges, increasing PSA levels. Screening tests take advantage of the fact that prostate cancer usually leaks more PSA than normal prostate tissue. And in the case of prostate cancer, the PSA typically rises relatively fast.

Beyond these basic facts, the PSA story becomes hazy. Although an elevated PSA may signal cancer, most men with an elevated PSA have benign prostate enlargement, not prostate cancer. Worse yet for screening, many men with prostate cancer have a mild and slow-moving disease that requires no treatment. They coexist with their disease rather than dying of it. This fact leads to the old adage that prostate cancer is the disease of long-lived popes and Supreme Court justices.

Medical advisory panels view PSA screening with skepticism partly due

Daniel J. Stone



to the challenges of distinguishing benign PSA elevations from those related to cancer. Confirming a suspected cancer diagnosis requires prostate biopsies that can be painful and can produce side effects. Additionally, once a diagnosis is made, patients who might have coexisted with their disease may needlessly be subject to the harms of treatment, such as radiation and surgery. Finally, the benefits of early treatment of prostate cancer have been difficult to prove in clinical studies.

For all these reasons medical advisory panels have discouraged widespread testing or recommend a nuanced approach with careful discussion of risk and benefits between patients and their physicians.

Despite these concerns, the pendulum has swung toward more PSA testing in recent years. One reason is that improvements in radiographic imaging, such as MRI, allow for "active surveillance" that can track early lesions for signs of spread, allowing doctors to distinguish between relatively benign cases of prostate cancer and those likely to progress. Interventions can then be directed more specifically to those at high risk.

In my medical practice, I have generally been an advocate for prostate cancer screening despite the controversy surrounding the clinical benefits. My experience leads me to believe that early diagnosis improves prognosis. But even without improved medical outcomes, patients and their families still benefit from

early diagnosis for the purposes of planning. No one wants to be side-swiped by a late-stage symptomatic disease that limits both clinical and life choices.

In Biden's case, after some initial delay a spokesperson revealed on May 20 that there had been no PSA testing since 2014, during Biden's vice presidency. The reasons were not revealed.

Such a decision might have been justified based on questions about the benefits and risks of PSA testing. However, given the importance of the health of a vice president and potential future president one might have expected doctors to err on the side of more information. The omission invites speculation that the political implications of a borderline or increasing PSA might have played a decisive role. More information regarding his last PSA and the basis for the decision not to continue screening might put such speculation to rest.

In the past, the public has gained insight into important medical conditions from the unfortunate maladies affecting the first families. Colon cancer screening received increased attention after President Reagan's diagnosis in 1985. Betty Ford's public disclosure of her struggles with alcoholism and prescription drug dependency helped de-stigmatize treatment for substance use disorders.

Biden's illness also offers an opportunity. Consider that prostate cancer poses the greatest cancer mortality risk faced by non-smoking American men. Transparency in dealing with the former president's condition would serve the public interest by increasing awareness and understanding of the important, nuanced care decisions faced by so many men.

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Combat threat of avian flu

By STEVE KOPPES

Purdue Ag News

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Highly pathogenic avian influenza reached Antarctica’s mainland in early 2024, leaving Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Island nations as the only regions on Earth that remain free from the H5N1 strain.

Purdue University researchers now have developed an innovative, paper-based diagnostic test for rapidly detecting avian influenza, the main cause of recent high egg prices. This novel test addresses the urgent need for an efficient and cost-effective surveillance tool to combat the global threat posed by avian influenza viruses, said Mohamed Kamel, a Purdue postdoctoral research associate.

This assay is suitable for use in field settings, including areas with limited access to advanced laboratory facilities. Kamel and four co-authors published the details of their new assay in the journal Scientific Reports.

A key advantage of the test is potential use across a variety of species, said lead author Mohit Verma, associate professor in the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering and the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering.

“It works by using an oral or nasal swab from an animal or human and then transferring the sample to the paper-based devices,” Verma said. The test should work across different livestock (poultry, dairy) and wildlife (birds, rodents), as well as humans.

“The role of avian flu, particularly highly pathogenic avian influenza, in contributing to the high cost of eggs now and in the future, can be understood through its impact on the poultry industry,” Kamel said. In 2022, avian influenza outbreaks affected 67 countries and resulted in the loss of 131 million domestic poultry. U.S. losses totaled 40 million animals and \$2.5 to \$3 billion.

“Such large-scale losses in poultry directly reduce the supply of eggs, which can drive up



Purdue University/Joshua Clark

Jenna Schober, PhD candidate, and Gregory Fraley, the Terry and Sandra Tucker Endowed Chair of Poultry Science, both in Purdue University’s Department of Animal Sciences, collected poultry samples for laboratory testing of a new avian influenza assay.

prices due to decreased availability,” said Kamel, who is also a faculty member at Cairo University in Egypt.

Other factors add to the costs. Farmers must implement rigorous and expensive protective measures. These include enhanced sanitation, restricted farm access, and separation of wild and domestic birds, he noted. And the need for stringent biosecurity measures and trade restrictions following avian influenza outbreaks can further strain the market.

Key features of the paper-based assay, which uses loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP), are its simplicity and accessibility, Kamel said. “Unlike conventional laboratory tests, it requires minimal training and only a water bath for incubation, enabling it to deliver results visible to the naked eye.”

The LAMP assay specifically

targets the H5 hemagglutinin gene of the avian influenza virus. This assay offers important advantages over traditional diagnostic methods, Kamel noted. It detects the ribonucleic acid (RNA) from H5N1 strain of the avian influenza virus with 100% analytical sensitivity and specificity in test samples. The system is able to detect RNA down to 500 copies per reaction (25 copies/microliter). Highly specific to H5N1, the assay showed no evidence of cross-reactivity with 16 different bird and cattle pathogens during thorough validation experiments and comparative tests with standard quantitative polymerase chain reaction techniques.

Last year, Verma’s team announced a paper-based biosensor that offers fast, easy detection of fecal contamination on produce farms. His team had previously invented

similar tests for bovine respiratory disease and COVID-19.

The potential applications of the new technology extend beyond its current capabilities, Kamel noted. Further enhancements could include multiplex testing to detect various influenza subtypes simultaneously as well as other pathogens.

Such enhancements could offer a practical solution to improve future global surveillance and control of avian influenza outbreaks. “The continuous threat of highly pathogenic avian influenza and its potential to infect other animals and humans underscores the importance of developing efficient diagnostic tools,” Kamel said.

The technology behind the assay is owned by the Purdue Research Foundation and is exclusively licensed to Krishi, a startup company where Verma

serves as chief technology officer. The license was granted by the Purdue Innovates Office of Technology Commercialization. Krishi has just launched SherpaTM as a platform field-deployable technology, which could incorporate the H5N1 test if needed. Krishi is a Purdue Strategic Ventures portfolio company.

“This test is compatible with the technology that Krishi has recently launched for detecting antimicrobial resistance genes in cattle and so could be deployed quickly if we receive interest and support,” Verma said.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention currently assess the public health risk of H5 bird flu as low. The virus may require just one key mutation to improve its ability to infect human respiratory cells, Kamel noted.

“The H5N1 avian influenza virus presents a concerning but not yet imminent threat that warrants serious attention,” he said. The virus has shown an increasing ability to cross species barriers, spreading extensively among birds and into mammals including cattle, cats and dogs.

“As of March 2025, the United States reported 70 human cases of H5N1 infection, with at least one death,” he said. Most cases were associated with exposure to infected animals. No sustained human-to-human transmission has yet been identified.

“As the virus continues to impact both the poultry industry and public health worldwide, this diagnostic tool could play a crucial role in mitigating the spread of the disease and safeguarding both animal and human health,” Kamel said.

This work was funded in part by the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research and one of the researchers was supported through the Clinical and Translational Sciences Award from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences.

Sentiment is high

By MORGAN FRENCH

Purdue Ag News

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Farmer sentiment improved for the second consecutive month in May, reaching its highest level since May 2021.

The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer rose 10 points to a reading of 158, up from 148 in April. Both the Index of Current Conditions and the Index of Future Expectations contributed to the increase, with the current conditions index up 5 points to 146 and the future expectations index jumping 12 points to 164. The sentiment boost was driven by a more optimistic outlook on U.S. agricultural exports and a less negative view of how tariffs will impact farm income in 2025. The May barometer survey took place May 12-16.

The Farm Financial Performance Index increased by 8 points in May to a reading of 109, suggesting producers expect 2025 to be a somewhat stronger income year than 2024. However, the Farm Capital Investment Index declined 6 points to a reading of 55, primarily driven by fewer producers saying now is a good time to invest in their farm operations. Despite the drop in this month’s investment index reading, the index remains stronger than it was in May of the last three years, when readings ranged from 35 to 37. Since November 2024, the investment index has averaged a reading of 54, which is higher than the 35-point average recorded from January through October 2024.

The Short-Term Farmland Value Expectations Index rose sharply in May, climbing 14 points from April’s report to a reading of 124 — the highest reading since March 2024. The shift reflects a growing

Measure reached four-year high in May

anticipation among producers that farmland values will increase, with 37% of respondents now predicting a rise, up from 25% in April. At the same time, the percentage of producers who expect values to remain steady declined from 60% to 50% in May.

A key factor contributing to this month’s climb in farmer sentiment could be linked to a more positive view of the U.S.’s long-run agricultural trade prospects. In May, 52% of producers said they expect agricultural exports to increase over the next five years, surging from 33% in April and the highest percentage of positive responses to this question since November 2020. Meanwhile, 12% of producers said they believe exports will decline, down from 24% the previous month.

To better understand U.S. producer views on trade, the May survey revisited a barometer question first asked in the fall of 2020. Producers were asked to rate their agreement with the statement, “Free trade benefits agriculture and most other American industries.” On average, 49% of respondents “strongly agreed” with the statement during the fall 2020 surveys. In contrast, only 28% of respondents chose “strongly agreed” in May 2025. Additional evidence of changing views comes from responses to questions about the impact of U.S. tariff policies on

their farms’ income. In March and April, 57% and 56% of producers, respectively, responded that tariffs are likely to have a “negative” or “very negative” effect on their farm’s income. However, by May, only 43% of respondents said they expected a negative impact, while those indicating “no impact” rose to 30%, up from 19% in March and 22% in April.

The May survey also included two questions related to farm labor to learn more about whether producers are facing challenges in hiring adequate labor for their farm operations. Just over half (51%) of respondents reported that they typically hire nonfamily labor. Among this group, one in four said they expect to face difficulties hiring adequate labor due to the U.S. administration’s immigration reduction policies. Specifically, 10% anticipate having a “lot of difficulty,” while 16% expect “some difficulty” in hiring adequate labor. While the Ag Economy Barometer’s survey does not explicitly target specialty crop producers who more commonly rely on nonfamily labor, these results suggest labor availability could be an emerging concern for some U.S. crop and livestock operations.

“While the uptick in sentiment is certainly notable, it’s important to recognize that producers are navigating a complex mix of optimism and caution,” said Michael Lange-meier, the barometer’s principal investigator and director of Purdue University’s Center for Commercial Agriculture. “Producers’ expectations for exports and farm income have improved, but concerns remain about capital investment and, for some operations, the potential for labor shortages due to immigration policy changes.”



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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:
North East South West
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What would you bid with each of the following seven hands:
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2. ♠753 ♥Q965 ♦K842 ♣86
3. ♠KQ973 ♥85 ♦943 ♣974
4. ♠A82 ♥Q6 ♦AJ53 ♣8742
5. ♠954 ♥10 ♦Q42 ♣AQ10854
6. ♠J42 ♥73 ♦963 ♣AQ874
7. ♠QJ5 ♥J7 ♦Q943 ♣K543

1. Three hearts. The usual rules for how to respond when partner opens the bidding and the next player passes are suspended after an opponent makes a takeout double. For example, the mention of a new suit after the double is not forcing — which it would be if your right-hand opponent had passed — and similarly, jump-bids are not forcing or even invitational. The customary way of showing strength after an opposing takeout double is by a redouble, which indicates ten or more high-card points.

In the present case, the three-heart bid is pre-emptive and is made primarily to interfere with the opponents' bidding.

2. Two hearts. This shows a relatively weak hand with heart support. Obviously, the raise to two hearts indicates less all-around playing strength than a raise to

three hearts.
3. One Spade. After a double, a simple change of suit on the one-level might be based on anywhere from five to nine high-card points and is not forcing. The purpose of the one-spade bid is to let partner know that he is facing a relatively weak hand with a good spade suit.

4. Redouble. This tells partner you have at least 10 points in high cards but says nothing about your distribution or support for his suit. Usually, the opener does not speak again until the redoubler indicates the type of hand he has at his next turn to bid.

5. Two clubs. This merely shows a strong suit in a hand that lacks the values for a redouble. Partner can pass the two-club bid.

6. Pass. Here the clubs are not good enough to mention on the two-level, and there is no good reason for any other call than a pass. If partner has a very good hand, he will indicate this at his next turn, in which case you can show your modest values.

7. One notrump. Your values are just short of a redouble, and the best way to show them is by a voluntary bid of one notrump. The notrump bid indicates seven to nine high-card points and balanced distribution — which is exactly what you have. A pass could lead to an uncomfortable problem at your next turn.

Tomorrow: That's all there is to it!
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Klenke secured the second out with a five-pitch strikeout of Zane Timbrock, but issued a walk to Drayden Grinnell-Dennis to plate a fourth run in the inning. The inning finally ended when Singer grounded out to Colson Post at shortstop.

Things never got better for FRHS as it managed only three more base runners over the final five frames and gave up three more runs. (The first run came on an Elijah Arend single in the third, while the other two scored in the sixth on a passed ball and a grounder by Grinnell-Dennis.)

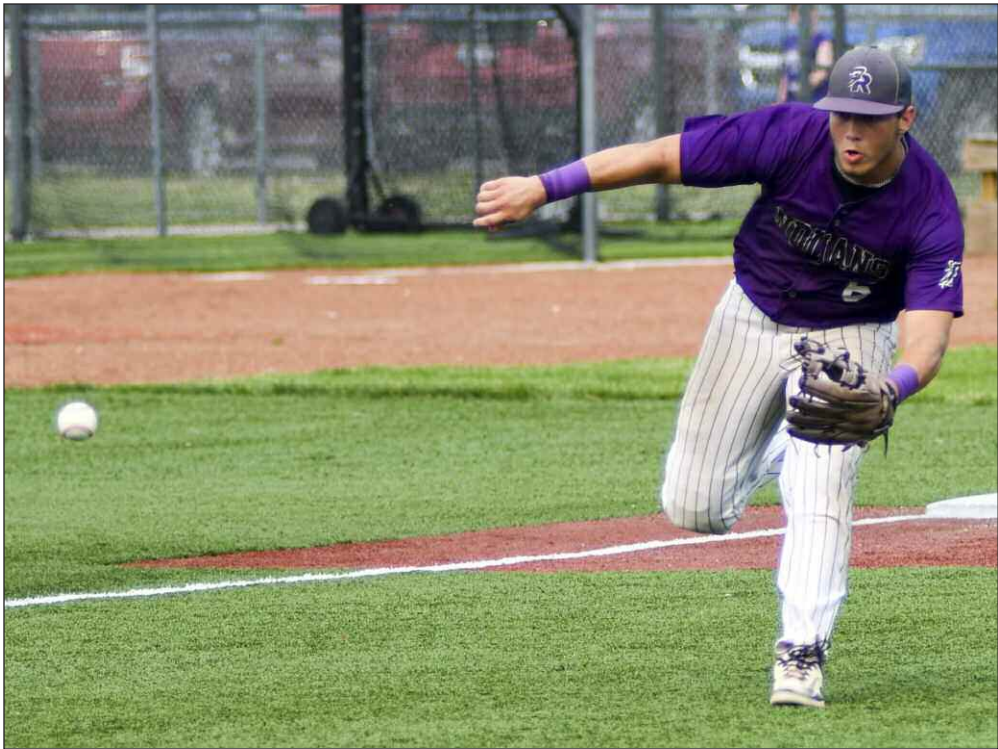
Fort Recovery's sole run came in the first inning. Reece Wendel got hit by a pitch to lead things off and stole second base. After a Mason Diller popout, Grisez drove Wendel in with a single through the right side of the infield.

Following the first inning, the Indians struggled against Mack. Siegrist slashed a single in the second inning, but got caught stealing, Wendel notched a hit in the third, but Diller and Grisez grounded into

Caden Grisez, a senior at Fort Recovery, fields a chopping ground ball at third base in the regional final at Newton on Thursday. Grisez drove in the only run for the Indians as he, along with six more Indians, donned the the Tribe's uniform for the final time in his career.

fielder's choices to prevent any advancement and Caden Homan reached base after being hit on an 0-2 count. Outside of those small blips, Mack handled business for the Apaches, retiring the Patriots in short order from the fourth through the sixth inning.

"Cole's done a great job all season," said FHS coach Andy Singer. "He



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doesn't overpower anybody, he's not going to have a lot of strikeouts, but he's going to make the ball move a lot. That's what keeps the hitters off balance a little bit and makes them roll things over and pop things up."

Fort Recovery graduates seven seniors including starters Diller, Gavin Evers, Grisez and Siegrist, relief pitcher

Jacob Foote, pinch runner Keegan Muhlenkamp and Cody Klenke.

Grisez has been a four year starter and played a key role in getting the Indians to the state tournament in 2024. He was one of two Indians named to the second team All-MAC this year.

Diller was the only Indian to make the first team All-MAC, while Foote was

one of four Indians listed as an honorable mention.

"This is a great group of seniors who accomplished a lot last year and then here again this year," Eyink said. "They're good leaders, good ballplayers and they've built this program up a little bit and got it in a good place and now we've got to find a way to keep it going."

Box score

No. 2 Fort Recovery Indians
vs. No. 1 Fairview Apaches

OHSAA Division VI
Region 24 championship

Fort Recovery (19-9)

	ab	r	h	bi
Wendel cf	2	1	1	0
Diller rf	3	0	0	0
Grisez 3b	3	0	1	1
Gaerke p/dh	3	0	0	0
Hart c	3	0	0	0
Homan 1b	2	0	0	0
Evers lf	3	0	0	0
Siegrist 2b	2	0	1	0
Post ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	23	1	3	1

Fairview (22-3)

	ab	r	h	bi
Arend ss	3	1	1	2
Fritch lf	3	1	1	1
Mack p	2	1	0	1
Timbrock rf	2	0	0	0
Grnnll-Dnns 1b	2	0	0	1
Singer 3b	4	0	0	0
Palladino dh	2	1	0	0
Coolman c	3	1	0	0
Olinger 2b	1	2	0	0
Totals	22	7	2	5

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LOB — Fort Recovery 3, Fairview 8, 2B — Fairview 1 (Fritch) SB — Fort Recovery 1 (Wendel).

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Fort Recovery

Gaerke	1.1	0	4	1	4	1
Klenke	4.2	2	3	2	3	2

Fairview

Mack	7	3	1	1	0	3
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Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Fort Recovery — Track state prelims at Jesse Owen's Memorial Stadium — 10 a.m.

Saturday
Fort Recovery — Track state finals at Jesse Owen's Memorial Stadium — 9:30 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Boys golf sectional at Monroe Central — 9 a.m.

TV schedule

Today
5 a.m. — French Open tennis (TruTV)
9 a.m. — French Open tennis (TNT)
12 p.m. — NCAA baseball tournament: Arizona vs. North Carolina (ESPN2)

2 p.m. — LIV Golf: LIV Golf Virginia (FOX)
6 p.m. — NCAA baseball tournament: Florida State vs. Oregon State (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NHL Stanley Cup: Florida Panthers at Edmonton Oilers (TNT)
8 p.m. — NCAA softball tournament: Texas Tech vs. Texas (ESPN)
8:15 p.m. — MLB: Los Angeles Dodgers at St. Louis Cardinals (FDSN Indiana)
9 p.m. — NCAA baseball tournament: Coastal Carolina vs. Auburn (ESPN2)

Saturday
8:05 a.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: DQS Solutions & Staffing 250 (FS1)
9 a.m. — French Open tennis (TruTV)
9 a.m. — MotoGP: Grand Prix of Aragon (FS1)
11 a.m. — NCAA baseball tournament: Louisville vs. Miami (ESPN)
12 p.m. — NCAA baseball tournament: Arizona vs. North Carolina (ESPN2)

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12 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: DQS Solutions & Staffing 250 (FOX)
1 p.m. — PLL lacrosse: Boston Cannons at Utah Archers (ABC)
1 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Gotham FC at Kansas City Current (CBS)
2 p.m. — NCAA baseball tournament: West Virginia vs. LSU (ESPN)
3 p.m. — NCAA baseball tournament: Coastal Carolina vs. Auburn (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Canadian Open (CBS)
3 p.m. — WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at Golden State Valkyries (ABC)
4:10 p.m. — MLB: Arizona Diamondbacks at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)
5 p.m. — NCAA baseball tournament: Tennessee at Arkansas (ESPN)
7:35 p.m. — MLB: San Diego Padres at Milwaukee Brewers (FOX)

8 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN)
8 p.m. — WNBA: Indiana Fever at Chicago Sky (CBS)
9 p.m. — NCAA baseball tournament: Florida State vs. Oregon State (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — Boxing: Edwin de los Santos vs. Keyshawn Davis (ESPN)
10 p.m. — USL Champions soccer: Monterey Bay at Lexington (CBS); Oakland Roots at El Paso Locomotive (FOX)

Local notes

Challenge continues
The Adams County Challenge continues with a pair of races in June.
The first will be held on June 7, as the Youth for Christ 5K starts at the Ceylon Covered Bridge outside of Geneva at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$20.
The Fitness Delivered Charity 5K and Fun Run will be held on June 21 at 8:30 a.m. The race will

begin at Fitness Delivered located at 141 N. First St. in Decatur. Registration will cost \$20 and includes a tshirt if done by June 1. The Fun Run is free for anyone 12 and younger.
Registration forms for both races can be found at adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

Registration open
Registration for the 35th annual Flat 50 Plus bicycle ride in Adams County is now open. To register, visit RunSignUp.com.
There are rides ranging from 20 to 100 miles long.
The event will be held at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 21. It will start at Bellmont High School and will have stops in Willshire, Geneva and Monroe with refreshments.
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TIME 10:00 A.M.

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TIME 9:00 A.M.

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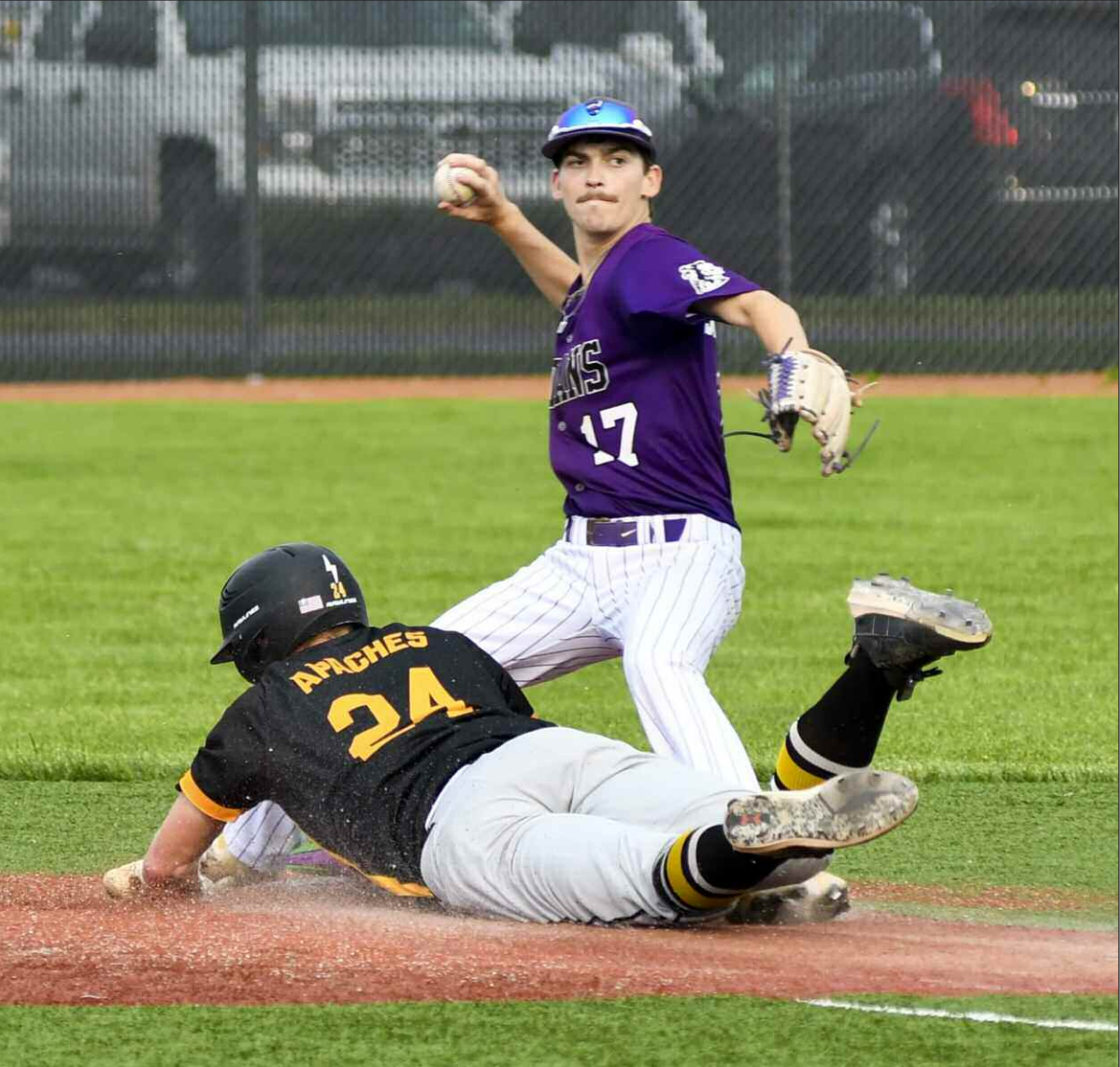
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Second slips away

Indians give up four runs in second inning on walks as chance at second consecutive state appearance is squandered



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Fort Recovery High School's Austin Siegrist starts to throw the baseball to first base after fielding it and stepping on second to get Fairview's Drayden Grinnell-Dennis out on Wednesday. The Tribe lost to FHS 7-1 in the OHSAA Division VI Region 24 final at Newton.

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

PLEASANT HILL, Ohio — The Indians couldn't have asked for a better first inning.

However, as quickly as the Tribe got up in the first frame, it inflicted enough wounds on itself in the second to give the game away to the Apaches and end its bid for a second straight appearance in the state tournament.

The No. 2 seed Fort Recovery High School baseball team gave up four unearned runs in the second inning to the top-seeded, fourth-ranked Fairview Apaches in a season-ending 7-1 loss during the OHSAA Division VI Region 24 championship game at Newton on Wednesday.

The win clinched Fairview its first ever trip to the state tournament, where it will take on the winner of defending state champion, No. 1 Hiland and Southeastern in Canton at Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium on June 14 at 10 a.m.

"That's a tough way to end (the season)," said FRHS coach Kevin Eyink. "We really didn't bring our best and really kind of handed it to them. We didn't make them earn it and didn't bring our best. So that's a tough way to end it, but these guys should be proud of what we did to get to the regional final. To have 19 wins, it was a great year."

The Indians (19-9) suffered from multiple self-inflicted wounds throughout the day, leading to four unearned runs,

including three in the second inning.

Fort Recovery recorded its first out as Anthony Singer lined out to second baseman Austin Siegrist to open the inning.

Things started to turn sour as Alex Gaerke worked a full count against Gavin Palladino of Fairview (22-3) before plunking the Apache to give him a free base.

Gaerke bounced back quickly to go up 0-2 and get Jesse Coolman to roll over a potential double-play ball to Caden Grisez at third base. However, things continued to turn for the worse as Siegrist couldn't hang onto the ball, allowing both runners to be safe with only one out.

Gaerke then began to lose it as he walked the next three batters, allowing two runs to cross that gave Fairview a 2-1 advantage. Eyink called a mound visit to chat with Gaerke, but on the next pitch, he hit Cole Mack with a pitch, allowing a third run and prompting the Indians skipper to make the call to bring Dylan Klenke in for relief.

"He had a great first inning and was really locating," Eyink said. "We had an error (early) in that inning and then the walks just piled up on each other."

"Yesterday, Grisez was able to come back and throw strikes to get an out. Here they strung three-four walks together in that span and it's really hard to get out of that hole."

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Fans wait hours for tickets

Berlin — NFL fans had to wait for hours on Thursday to get their hands on tickets for the first-ever regular season game in Berlin. The official ticket sale for Atlanta Falcons v Indianapolis Colts started at 12 pm (1000 GMT). Fans trying to make a purchase were placed in a virtual queue and many had more than 500,000 people ahead of them, as screenshots posted on social media showed.

A dpa reporter who joined the queue at 12 pm was only redirected to the sales website after almost three hours. In the past years for games in Munich and Frankfurt, tickets were sold out in a matter of minutes. This year, however, there were still plenty of options available by the early afternoon. Fans speculate whether the price increase could have negatively hit the interest in the game.

The lowest category ticket was priced at €83.50 (\$98.15), while a seat in the most expensive Category 1 costs €375. Last year for the game in Munich, the Category 1 ticket was priced at €207.

According to the league, there are around 19 million NFL fans in the country, 3.6 million of whom follow the NFL closely. "We are the number one growth market for the NFL," NFL Germany boss Alexander Steinforth said earlier this year.

The match between the Colts and the Falcons on Nov. 9 is the fifth regular season game in Germany since 2022. Munich and Frankfurt have hosted two games each.

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