

Council reviews employee issues

Alleged misconduct discussed Tuesday

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review
Personnel topics flooded Redkey Town Council's meeting Tuesday.
The council tabled decision on firing a town employee and discussed switching titles between the town's police officers.
It also introduced its newest council member, Byron Daugherty, during a more than two-hour meeting.
Council member Jenny Staver noted the town board held an executive session June 18 to discuss alleged misconduct by the clerk-treasurer's assistant, Billie Hammond. Pointing to the town's personnel policies, Daugherty said Hammond appeared to have made major and minor infractions. (Council president Brenda Beaty later said some of Hammond's comments could have been interpreted as sexual harassment, although no specific details of the alleged infractions were shared.)
Redkey clerk-treasurer Gloria May noted she selected her assistant when she took office. She said the choice on Hammond's future in the office should be up to her, referencing the town's ordinance. Others on council and some in attendance pointed to Hammond's status as a town employee and said the council has final decision on whether to terminate her.
May then told the board Hammond will remain in her office regardless and threatened to fight the issue in court. Town attorney Maura Hoff suggested hosting another executive session, pointing to threats of litigation.
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Chatting with Ceann

Jay County Development Corporation executive director Ceann Bales chats with Chelsea Bollenbacher, a senior accountant with Bollenbacher & Associates, during a meet and greet event Tuesday. Bales and new Jay County Chamber of Commerce executive director Amanda Blair met with community members at Community Resource Center.

NATO OKs defense increase

By ANDREA PALASCIANO
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Tribune News Service
NATO leaders agreed to increase defense spending to 5% of GDP and renewed their commitment to mutual defense in an historic move that comes at the time of an increasingly belligerent Russia.
The decision from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's 32 members at their high-stakes summit in The Hague is a major win for Donald Trump who has repeatedly lambasted his European allies for underspending on security. Even on his way to the summit, the U.S. president appeared to question the key tenet of the alliance known as Article 5, which requires members to defend each other from attack.
The declaration endorsed at the

two-day summit in the Netherlands on Wednesday states that allies "reaffirm our ironclad commitment to collective defence" and "remain united and steadfast in our resolve to protect our one billion citizens, defend the Alliance, and safeguard our freedom and democracy."
The summit has been dominated by efforts to ensure that Trump remains engaged with the

transatlantic alliance amid growing concerns that the U.S. is looking to pull back weapons and troops from Europe. Ukraine's allies are also struggling to mount an effective response to Russia's war in the country, which is now well into its fourth year.
The declaration said the new target, which will mark an increase from the current spend-

ing goal of 2%, comes in response to "profound security threats and challenges, in particular the long-term threat posed by Russia to Euro-Atlantic security and the persistent threat of terrorism."
NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte has suggested that the Kremlin may be in a position to consider an attack on the alliance within five years.
See NATO page 2

Leaders agreed to new benchmark of 5% of GDP for each country

Court reviewing TikTok

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Indiana's highest court weighed allegations of TikTok's alleged deceptive practices in the Hoosier State on Tuesday, skeptical of arguments from both sides about jurisdictional issues.
The two suits, heard together, were filed by Attorney General Todd Rokita against the popular, short-form video app in December 2022 in Fort Wayne. He accused TikTok and its parent company, ByteDance, of violating Indiana's Deceptive Consumer Sales Act with its age rating for those 12 and older — claiming that it contained more sexual content, profanity and drug references than advertised.
The above made TikTok unsafe for children, he continued. Additionally, he claimed in a separate lawsuit that the company failed to protect user data from the Chinese Communist Party.

Indiana attorney general has alleged deceptive practices

Justices noted ongoing national security concerns about the app, including a rare bipartisan law requiring ByteDance to sell the app to an American company. President Donald Trump, who embraced the app in his second campaign, has intervened and delayed that law's implementation three times.
"Congress doesn't agree on much, but they agreed on this. And the (U.S.) Supreme Court said it's okay to (ban) in this context," said Justice Christopher Goff. "But now, we're on pause ... this seems to be a completely unique circumstance. And I cannot, for the life of me, imagine, with all of that

going on, why it would be appropriate for us, or reasonable for us, to cite the precedent to exercise jurisdiction here and write a rule for all time."
Conservative and liberal lawmakers both cite worries about TikTok's parent company, Beijing-based ByteDance, and its ties to the Chinese Communist Party. Some have openly wondered if the app feeds user data to Chinese authorities, including Rokita.
"Our lawsuit against TikTok was filed to protect our children and to protect our data privacy that we allege is being stolen by the Chinese Communist Party.
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Sash secured

Jasmine Esparza accepts her second runner-up sash Sunday from 2024 Miss Jay County Molly Muhlenkamp at the end of the fair queen pageant at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

In review

Second Harvest Food Bank will host tailgate food distributions at:
•10 a.m. Friday at Goodrich Park, 701 N. Union St., Winchester
•5 p.m. Tuesday at Second Harvest Food Bank, 6621 N. Old State Route 3, Muncie
•10 a.m. Wednesday at Hudson Family Park, Portland

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 93 degrees Tuesday. The low was 76.
Showers and thunderstorms are expected tonight with a high in the lower 70s. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with a 50% chance of rain.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Fort Recovery Public Library will have outdoor games available at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Games will set up in the park behind the library, which is located at 113 N. Wayne St.

Coming up

Friday — Results from the Jay County Summer Swim Team vs. Wells Community.
Saturday — New judge's stand in place at the Jay County Fairgrounds grandstand.
Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Council ...

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May said Hammond did nothing wrong and said worse infractions have been made by town personnel and ignored. She refused to write a disciplinary referral for Hammond and, after more discussion, threatened to leave before the meeting adjourned.

Staver made a motion to terminate Hammond's employment but died for lack of a second. Ultimately, council tabled the issue, with discussion circling around readdressing the issue in an executive session.

Also Tuesday, council talked about but took no action on making police officer Alex Heath town marshal and demoting town marshal Chris Jack to an officer position.

Currently, Redkey Police Department doesn't have access to the county's police software system through Spillman Technologies, which police have attributed to a lack of permission from Jay County Sheriff Ray Newton. Officials and police have said Red-

key does not have permission to use it for a few reasons, with the largest being that Jack does not have the necessary credentials. Heath now has those credentials, according to the council.

A few council members said they didn't want to punish Jack but pointed to the need to be able to do police work.

"This situation sucks and it's not their fault," said Staver, who like other council members also questioned whether the sheriff's office will allow access to the system if Heath becomes marshal.

Heath and Jack shared conflicting perspectives. Heath said Newton has told him that once he and Jack complete their training at Indiana Police Academy, they will be allowed to use what they need. Jack argued otherwise, saying the sheriff can choose not to allow them to use the system, which would cost the town several thousand dollars to purchase on its own.

After more discussion, coun-

cil didn't vote on the matter, leaving Jack as marshal and Heath as an officer. Hoff suggested the town receive Newton's perspective in writing and said she would attempt to reach out and look into a new contract with the county for the software system.

Relatedly, council approved contracts with Jack and Heath for them to both attend the Indiana Police Academy, with their graduation date set for Sept. 26.

Also, council introduced Daugherty, who was appointed to the council seat vacated by Dave Dudelston in May.

In other business, council:






- Heard from utility worker Ted Kolodka that officials will be creating a new long-term control plan after advice from Indiana Department of Environmental Management suggested the plan — it was drafted using guidance from a \$90,000 master utility study completed last year — would not address flooding problems at the wastewater plant. He

said he is working on creating a new plan that would come at no cost for the town.

- Were reminded from Redkey Fire Department firefighter Mark Leavell about a request to purchase another used firetruck for the department. He noted the department nearly failed the department's second "pumper" nearly failed inspection last year and, if the department doesn't get a new truck, will fail inspection this year, saying that will lead to higher interest rates. Questions cropped up about how to fund the cost, with Leavell suggesting a loan through Indiana Bond Bank. Beaty also pointed to a pending contract between the town and fire department, suggesting each groups' lawyers meet to hash out details.
- OK'd the following: paying \$1,350 for concrete repairs to the intersection of Daugherty and Burr streets; a ordering \$650 replacement check valve from Utility Supply for the water plant, a requirement

after a recent Indiana Department of Environmental Management inspection; Jack to have repairs made to the police department's Dodge Durango and pay for equipment to be used while he and Heath are at the police academy.

- Heard police have been issuing citations for ordinance violations, including unkept yards and abandoned vehicles. Redkey resident Roger Clay asked if the town ordinance addressed abandoned houses, with Beaty saying she and Hoff would look into the matter.
- Learned the town received \$10,800 from Miller Pipeline in compensation for dumping in town. Moving forward, the company will pay the town \$5 per dump.
- Heard Redkey Lions Club has donated \$1,000 to help pay for installing a handicap-accessible swing at the park. Staver is looking into cost estimates for the playground equipment.
- Made \$500.08 in water bill adjustments.

CR almanac				
Friday 6/27	Saturday 6/28	Sunday 6/29	Monday 6/30	Tuesday 7/1
				
92/72	87/70	89/72	87/70	86/64
Heat index values will continue to swell into the upper 90s Friday, when there's a 50% chance of showers.	Saturday's forecast shows a 70% chance of showers with heat index values in the mid 90s again.	Mostly sunny with a 50% chance of rain. Otherwise, highs in the upper 80s.	Another 70% chance of rain is expected Monday with a higher chance later in the day.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Tuesday when there's a 30% chance of rain.

Lotteries	
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$140 million	Daily Three: 1-6-7 Daily Four: 6-0-5-2 Quick Draw: 10-14-17-21-25-28-30-34-35-36-37-49-56-65-67-68-72-74-78-79
Mega Millions 10-11-18-24-60 Mega Ball: 20 Estimated jackpot: \$348 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 6-9-7 Pick 4: 1-7-8-1 Pick 5: 3-3-4-9-0 Evening Pick 3: 4-0-3 Pick 4: 4-4-6-5 Pick 5: 9-4-6-3-0 Rolling Cash: 4-15-18-23-36 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 2-7-3 Daily Four: 6-4-7-7 Quick Draw: 4-9-11-14-18-24-32-33-34-41-44-48-51-55-61-65-71-72-76-80 Evening	

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Today in history	
<p>In 1870, a portion of the Atlantic City Boardwalk opened on New Jersey beach. Started 20 years prior, the Boardwalk had beaches, hotels, restaurants, shops and a connecting railroad line.</p> <p>In 1963, President John Kennedy delivered his "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech at the Berlin Wall. Describing West Berlin as a symbol of freedom amid the Cold War</p> <p>In 1997, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's</p>	<p>Stone," also called "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," was published in London by J.K. Rowling. The series about a boy wizard had a movie adaptation and spin-off series, "Fantastic Beasts."</p> <p>In 2022, Sophia Fugiet was crowned as the winner of the Miss Jay County Fair Queen Pageant. She was also honored as Miss Congeniality.</p> <p>—The CR</p>

Citizen's calendar	
Today Noon — Jay County Jail Building Corporation, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N.	Tuesday 7 p.m. — Salamoniam Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.

Court ...

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We maintain their business model intentionally deceives children and adults to drive up profits by saying it is appropriate for kids and that your personal data is safe. Neither is true," the office said in a statement in 2023.

The lower courts dismissed Rokita's suits and the agency appealed the case to the Indiana Supreme Court. State attorneys on Tuesday countered that the "federal law over the divestiture of ownership of TikTok has nothing to do with this case," maintaining that the issue at hand was "deceptive and misleading representations made to consumers."

Attorney Brian Paul, representing TikTok and ByteDance, argued that the Indiana Supreme Court wasn't the appropriate venue for the case, which is the first issue before the justices.

"Indiana is seeking to punish

TikTok for statements that were not made in Indiana, that are not about Indiana, that were not targeted at Indiana and were not tailored to Indiana," Paul said in his opening remarks.

The state previously argued that justices could intervene because Hoosiers enter into user contracts with TikTok when they download the app.

Paul said because TikTok has no physical presence in the state, not even a server, Indiana wasn't appropriate for the lawsuit — though the company makes \$46 million off of Hoosier data annually by using collected data to tailor advertiser content, plaintiffs said.

Justices seemed to doubt that reasoning, pointing to other products, like magazines shipped across state boundaries, and legal precedent.

"TikTok seeks to escape the

rules that apply to everyone else, from print magazines to burger franchises," said Solicitor General James Barta, arguing on behalf of the state.

Barta said that these "daily exchange(s) of data" are used by the plaintiffs to craft "addictive content" based on user locations to earn millions.

"And yet, TikTok says Indiana courts can do nothing to hold it accountable for misleading and deceptive statements that induced Indiana parents to download this app for themselves or for their children, and that ultimately end up harming children and other users," Barta concluded.

Chief Justice Loretta Rush wondered if such a broad application of Indiana law might capture other apps and social media companies anytime a Hoosiers accepts a website's cookies or agrees to a user contract.

SERVICES

Today

Huss, Lorene: 10:30 a.m., Church of the Living God, 8472 S. 800 E. Union City.

Norris, Colleen: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

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

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Flag Day

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Former POW to speak Saturday

A local history group will hear from a former prisoner of war during its annual meeting this weekend.

Captain Guy Dennis Gruters of Minster, Ohio, will speak during the Museum of the Soldier’s annual meeting Saturday at

Pennville Community Gym. Gruters, a United States Air Force Academy and Purdue University graduate, served in South Vietnam. He was forced to eject over North Vietnam and taken prisoner of war in December 1967. He spent 1,912 days in

captivity before being released during Operation Homecoming in March 1973.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for the event Saturday, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program to follow. For more information, call (260) 766-4235.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior; and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more informa-

tion, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. To learn more information, please call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday

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

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. 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.

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.

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 – 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.

Woman’s pastime becomes a habit

DEAR ABBY: I need help! I am a 50-plus-year-old, married, well-educated woman. I am also a kleptomaniac and I’m not proud of it. It started a few years back when I accidentally left an item in my shopping cart. Since then, I have found it easy to take things — shoes, makeup, jewelry, clothing.

I am out of control. I know it’s wrong. I tell myself, “That’s it! I will not steal.” Then I go and do it again. I want to stop this madness within myself, but I can’t tell anyone. Please help me. — TAKING WHAT’S NOT MINE IN TENNESSEE

DEAR TAKING: Stopping this “madness within yourself” on your own obviously isn’t working. Embarrassing as it may be, the time has come to admit to someone who is qualified to help you that you need it. Your doctor or medical insurance company may be able to refer you to a licensed psychotherapist while keeping the matter confidential. Please don’t wait to reach out.

DEAR ABBY: I went to dinner with a friend who had told me a couple of years ago that he was an alcoholic and had gone into rehab. Since that time, I have had doubts about his sobriety due to his serious family problems and his subsequent statement to me that, after one year of therapy, he

Dear Abby



decided he “was not an alcoholic.”

When we had dinner recently, I ordered a glass of wine, and he ordered his usual Diet Coke. At the end of dinner, I went to the restroom and on my way back I saw him take a couple of sips of my leftover wine. When I returned to the table, I said nothing. I’m not sure if that was the right thing to do. If not, what should I have said to witnessing an alcoholic have a drink? — SURPRISED IN NEW YORK

DEAR SURPRISED: At the end of therapy, a problem drinker does not announce that he is not an alcoholic. Your friend may be an alcoholic in recovery, but he still is one. It appears from your letter that his sobriety may be a bit wobbly. If the two of you are very close friends, you could have told him you saw what he did. If you are not, then you were right to remain silent because it wouldn’t have been helpful.

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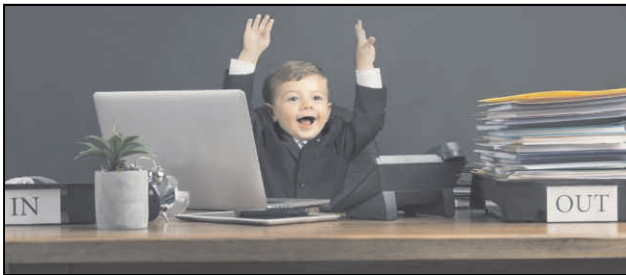
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Wednesday’s Solution

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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.

AI legislation ban should be struck

The Seattle Times
Tribune News Service

In the current national political climate, bipartisanship is extremely rare, especially when it comes to important topics such as states' rights and regulating the use of artificial intelligence. But it was exactly such legislation that brought U.S. Sens. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., and Marsha Blackburn, a Republican from Tennessee, together. Just as time winds down for a final vote, Senate Republicans tucked inside the tax and budget bill President Donald Trump calls "big and beautiful" a provision that would ban states from enforcing any laws their state

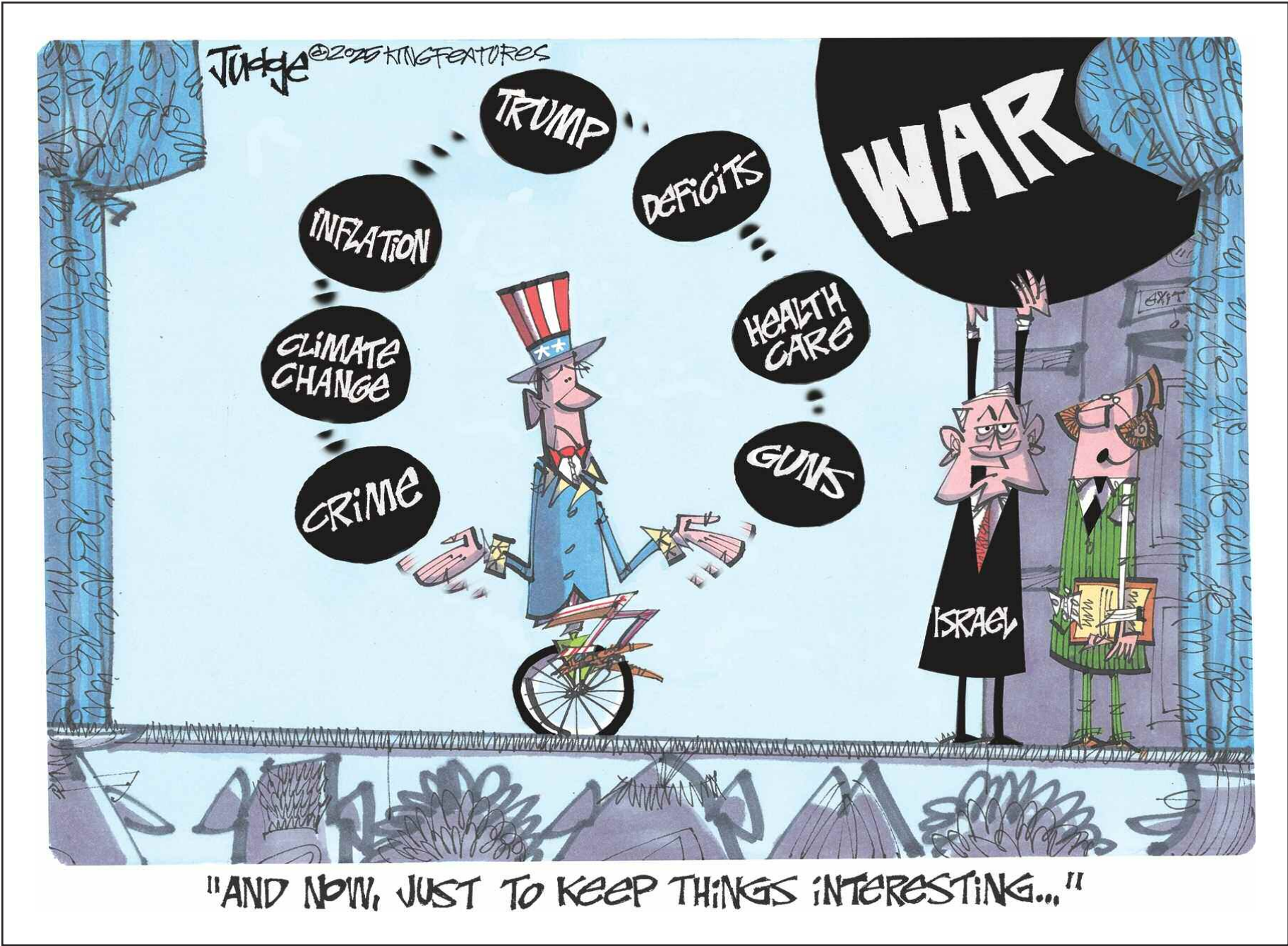
Guest Editorial

legislatures may have passed that regulate artificial intelligence. Washington and Tennessee are among 40 states, including other red states such as Arkansas and Louisiana, whose attorneys general have voiced opposition to the provision that seeks to undo a lot of what their offices have done. Tennessee's attorney general joined Washington AG Nick

Brown in opposition to the ban on AI rules enforcement. "At the pace technology and AI moves, limiting state laws and regulations for 10 years is dangerous," Brown said. "If the federal government is taking a back seat on AI, they should not prohibit states from protecting our citizens." Washington has been in the forefront when it comes to protecting consumers, children and the public in general from bad actors in the AI sector. In 2023 the state Legislature passed a law that requires political campaigns to disclose when media content or ads that depict a candidate have been altered

using AI. It created a law in 2024 to make it a criminal offense to create, possess or distribute fabricated intimate images of minors engaged in sexual acts. And this year, it passed a law that makes it illegal to purposefully distribute a "forged digital likeness" of another person's image or voice for the purpose of deception. "Companies shouldn't want us to wait until something really bad happens, until someone dies because of a lack of AI regulation," said state Rep. Cindy Ryu, D-Shoreline, who sponsored the digital likeness bill and serves on the AI task force for the National Council of State Legislators.

To tighten the rules even more, the proposed provision, which was added to the reconciliation bill, would make access to funding from the Broadband Equity Access and Development program contingent on compliance with the 10-year moratorium. Washington was allocated \$1.2 billion from the program to provide better access for the 214,000 Washington residents who have inadequate broadband. States have a duty to protect residents and their identities in an industry that is developing rapidly. That will take unity and increased pressure on the Senate Republicans.



We still have a healthy middle class

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

I'm often asked, "What has happened to the middle class?" The best answer I can think of puts the question into historical context, if only because so many folks are thinking back to their childhood. The end of World War II is a good place to start, because it marks the start of the baby boomer generation, the youngest of whom turned 60 in 2024. For many, the relatively good economic conditions after World War II mark an important and nostalgic period in American life. The U.S. standard of living has risen about five-fold since then. I prefer to measure this by looking at the time price of a good, or how many hours a worker would have to toil to purchase it. The beauty of this approach is that it measures wages by what they can buy, peeling away changes in family consumption and different measures of inflation. One great example is gas prices. Most folks think gas is more expensive today than it was in 1950. In purely nominal, or inflated dollars, that is true. However, in 1950, it took the median worker about 10 minutes to earn enough money to buy a gallon of gasoline, while it takes the median worker under 5 minutes of work today. Almost everything is cheaper today than it was in the 1950s and

Michael J. Hicks



1960s by that measure, though it is harder to measure quality differences. For example, popular belief suggests housing has become notoriously expensive. However, in 1950, the average home was 938 square feet, lacked air conditioning and about a quarter had no indoor toilets. The average price was \$7,354. Now, the average home is worth around \$281,000 but is over 2,200 square feet, and almost all homes have air conditioning and indoor plumbing. Buying a single square foot of housing in 1950 cost the median worker about 5 hours, 20 minutes. Today, that same square footage costs the median worker 5 hours, 16 minutes. The time price of housing shows how a quality measure like size can be deceiving on costs. It doesn't do well on measuring the convenience of air conditioning or indoor plumbing. As another example, the price tag on newer cars might be eye-popping, but in 1950 more than 70 people died for every billion miles driven, while today that

number is 13.4. In terms of time price and safety, cars are really the best they've ever been. We take for granted many of these quality improvements. That said, the biggest issue in the middle class involves changes to consumption, not earnings. In 1950, \$6 of every \$10 in family spending went to manufactured goods. About 48% of spending was on non-durable goods, mostly clothing and food, and more than 15% went to durable goods like housing, automobiles and home appliances. By the late 1960s, the average family saw their spending on manufactured goods decline to about half their annual income. Services, such as health care, recreation, food service and accommodations accounted for half of household spending. Today, services are 70% of spending. In 2025, middle-class Americans might consider themselves financially stressed, but they are allocating much more of their spending to experiences rather than tangible goods, and buying a lot more health, safety and comfort than anyone before them. That is an unvarnished good. Still, being middle class isn't just about the available consumption of the median worker. Other changes have taken place. Families are smaller than they were in 1950, people live longer and the scourge of childhood diseases,

from polio to mumps, rubella and chicken pox, are tamed by vaccinations. More families work two jobs, a rapid change that took place in the 1970s. There is also a larger share of single-parent (mostly moms) families. Most particularly, the distribution of jobs seems to differ from 1950. The median occupation in Indiana pays \$26.04 an hour, and the middle 10% of jobs in Indiana pay between \$24.31 and \$30.16 per hour. In 1950, wages were clustered closer to the average, so there was a larger share of people who might have considered themselves middle class because their earnings were closer to average. Some of this is due to stronger unions in 1950, and a larger share of people in factory work, where wages were more concentrated. Another reason might be that in today's more flexible labor markets, households enter and exit jobs more frequently. A more important explanation is a large replacement of skills over the past 75 years. In 1950, only about one-third of American workers had finished high school and fewer than 1 in 20 had completed college. Along with life expectancy, the work life of the average worker was also a decade shorter in the 1950s than it is today. Educational attainment affects wages, but the largest effect comes over time — formal

education complements experience. So, folks with a high school degree or lower tend to see their real wage top out in their 30s or earlier. People with a college degree or higher, on the other hand, tend to see wage growth through most of their careers. That does not mean we should diminish the concerns that many people have about changing standards of living. To be middle class today, nearly everyone will need to complete high school and spend substantial time in post-secondary schooling, and there's no policy that will change that. Nationally, most kids in a cohort attend college, while here in Indiana we fall just short of half. That means most young Hoosiers today will not be in the middle class — a fact that should embarrass us. Also, the geography of the middle class is changing. Today, there are more very rich and very poor places, and more clustering of affluent and poor people in different places. This makes it seem as if the middle class is gone, when in fact it remains healthy. ***** Hicks is the director of the Center for Business and Economic Research and the George and Frances Ball distinguished professor of economics in the Miller College of Business at Ball State University. Email him at mhicks@bsu.edu.

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susan.duroveyantrim@in.umc.org

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Pamela Freeman
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(260) 726-9184
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Dunkirk
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(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

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Ronald Willis
(260) 726-4844
Services: 11 a.m., 6:30
p.m. Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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Hugh Kelly
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.
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p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

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Services: 9:30 a.m.
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401 E. Boundary St., Fort
Recovery
(419) 375-4680
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day
frnaz@frontier.com

**Fort Recovery
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309 E. Boundary St., Fort
Recovery
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(304) 617-0101
Services: 9 a.m.

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Dunkirk
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m.
Wednesday

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**High Street
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Fr. Martin Sandhage
Services: 8 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Saturday

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County road 200 South, 2
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(260) 251-8581
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6
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day, 9 a.m.

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(260) 251-2406
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drkayfairchild.com

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Bruce Bryan
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mypleasanthillchurch.org

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Bible School: 6 p.m. Wed-
nesday
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.

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Services: 10:30 a.m.
Bible study: 6 p.m. Wed-
nesday

Sugar Grove Church
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Scott McClain
Services: 9 a.m.

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♠ K Q J 10 9
♥ 7 5
♦ 9 8 3
♣ J 7 4

EAST
♠ A 6 5 2
♥ 9 8 4 3
♦ J 7
♣ Q 5 2

SOUTH
♠ 7 3
♥ A K Q J 10 2
♦ A K 5
♣ A K

The bidding:
South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 NT Pass 5 ♣ Pass

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

East cannot afford to take the ace, which would make life easy for declarer, so he ducks. South thereupon trumps the jack of clubs, producing this position:

North
♠ K Q J
♦ 9 8

East
♠ A 6 5
♦ J 7

South now cashes the A-K of diamonds and leads a spade to the jack. East takes the ace and must return a spade, giving declarer the slam.

Of course, one can argue that this is very easy to do after looking at all four hands, but how can anyone be expected to play this way seeing only two hands? All the same, the fact is that the hand should be played in this fashion because it offers the only real chance for the slam.

It is plain common sense that if a contract can be made only when the defenders' cards are divided a certain way, one must assume they are divided that way and proceed accordingly.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals H

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1 Pear-shaped fruits

5 Chum

8 Mayberry moppet

12 Booty

13 Brit. record label

14 Air outlet

15 Okla-homa tribe

16 Quarter-back Brady

17 Sicilian volcano

18 Sushi condiment

20 Pack animals

22 Ran into

23 Okla-homa city

24 Siestas

27 Entreated

32 Multi-purpose truck

33 Sugar suffix

34 — -Magnon

35 Seed of a palm tree

38 Counterfeit

39 Mined matter

40 Ref

42 Gulp

45 Executed perfectly

49 "Rule, Britannia!" composer

50 Half of bi-

52 Golfer's cry

53 Bank charges

54 Navarro of "The View"

55 Thwart

56 Legal wrong

57 Guitar great Paul

58 Village People hit

21 "Friendly skies" co.

24 Gist

25 Noshed

26 Cat food purchaser

28 The Spartans' sch.

29 Funnel-shaped flowers

30 Historic period

31 — Pérignon

36 Papa Hemingway

37 Golfer

38 Dapper

41 Bell or Barker

42 Loony

43 Popular layered cookie

44 Two-way

46 Weaver's device

47 Idle of Monty Python

48 Crème — crème

51 Away from SSW

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Porzingis reportedly traded to the Hawks

By ZACK COX

Boston Herald
Tribune News Service

BOSTON — Make that two blockbuster trades in less than 24 hours for the Celtics.

One day after Boston shipped guard Jrue Holiday to the Portland Trail Blazers, ESPN's Shams Charania on Tuesday reported the team was finalizing a three-team deal to send center Kristaps Porzingis to the Atlanta Hawks.

The Celtics reportedly will receive forward Georges Niang and a second-round pick in the trade, which, in conjunction with the Holiday swap, pushes Boston below the second apron of the NBA's luxury tax. The third involved team, the Brooklyn Nets, will receive Hawks guard Terrance Mann and Atlanta's first-round selection (No. 22 overall) in the 2025 NBA draft.

While the Celtics were able to get a quality return in the Holiday trade (26-year-old scorer Anfernee

Celtic big man was a part of 2024 title squad

Simons and two second-rounders), the Porzingis move is more of a straight salary dump. The center was set to make \$30.7 million on an expiring contract this coming season.

Niang, 32, is an NBA journeyman who's spent time with five different franchises, plus three G League teams. He appeared in 79 games this season for Cleveland and Atlanta, averaging 9.9 points and 3.4 rebounds per game while making 40.6% of his 3-pointers (5.2 attempts per game). Niang is a career 39.9% shooter from 3-point range.

Haliburton last to succumb to Achilles injury in playoffs

By STEVE HENSON

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — Could Achilles injuries be the Achilles heel of the NBA?

Regardless of allegiance, anyone watching Game 7 of the NBA Finals on Sunday had to be struck by the calamitous impact of the injury to superstar Tyrese Haliburton on the Indiana Pacers.

Haliburton had the ball in the first quarter, took a step backward and began to go left. Pushing off with his right foot, the right tendon tore, and the Pacers chances of defeating the Oklahoma City Thunder were shredded.

"In that moment, my heart dropped for him," OKC guard and Finals MVP Shai Gilgeous-Alexander told reporters. "I couldn't imagine playing the biggest game of my life and something like that happening. It's not fair."

It's also not uncommon. Haliburton was the third superstar lost during the playoffs to an Achilles tear, following Damian Lillard of the Milwaukee Bucks and Jayson Tatum of the Boston Celtics.

Players who sustained the injury during the regular season include Dejounte Murray of the New Orleans Pelicans, Dru Smith of the Miami Heat and two of Haliburton's Indiana teammates — Isaiah Jackson and James Wiseman.

Regenerative medicine doctor Jesse Morse pointed out in X posts that the high-grade calf strain Haliburton suffered in Game 5 was a precursor to the Achilles injury.

"Hailburton was playing with fire by playing in Games 6 and 7 after being diagnosed with a high-grade calf strain, an injury that is notoriously slow to heal," Morse wrote. "There was a significantly increased risk of a possible Achilles tear due to him already having the high-grade calf strain, regardless of what the 'data shows.'"

"We saw it with Kobe Bryant. We saw it with Aaron Rodgers. Likely more. A calf strain lead to an Achilles tear."

Bryant ruptured his left Achilles on April 12, 2013, after playing every minute of eight consecutive quarters as the Lakers pursued a playoff spot with two games remaining in the regular season. Bryant had suffered injuries to his knees earlier in the game. He returned to action eight months later.

Rodgers tore his left Achilles in his first game as quarterback of the New York Jets on Sept. 11, 2023, shortly after he'd experienced tightness in his calf. He missed the entire season but returned in 2024 at age 41.

The Achilles tendon is a fibrous cord that directs movement from the leg to the foot, connecting muscles from the calf to the heel bone. A sudden explosive movement like running or jumping can cause the tendon to tear or rupture.

The origin of term Achilles stems from the hero of that name in Greek mythology. His mother sought to make him immortal by dipping him into a river that held magical powers. She held him by the heel, however, leaving it vulnerable. Sure enough, the seemingly eternally brave Achilles was killed by an arrow to his heel during the Trojan War. The Achilles' heel has been known ever since as a metaphor for a person's vulnerable spot.

Haliburton certainly displayed a knack for heroics all season, culminating in the jump shot he made with 0.3 seconds to play in Game 1 of the Finals that gave the Pacers a victory over the heavily favored Thunder. He helped them to reach Game 7 and hit a trio of three-point shots early in the contest only to — alas — crumple to the floor when his Achilles tendon popped. The Thunder prevailed, 103-91.

Roundup ...

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Corbin Brown powered the PG14 offense as he drove in four of the 10 runs on a pair of hits.

Ashton Conn, Parker Huntsman and Liam Ride-nour provided nice lifts at the plate as well in the loss.

Lions Club wins

Lions Club beat Southern Thunder 18-5 in Tuesday's Portland Junior League Willie Mayes baseball tournament opener.

Madden Barnett led the way for Lions Club with a triple and a double, while

Drew Lingo smacked a pair of doubles. Reid Wendel also managed multiple hits in the contest.

Corbin Hutzler had the only extrabase hit for Southern Thunder as he had a double and a single in the loss.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Fort Recovery ACME baseball vs. Marion Local - 4:15 p.m.
Jay County Summer swim at South Adams - 6 p.m.

Saturday
Portland Rockets doubleheader vs. South Bend Royals at Bethel University - 1 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
2:10 p.m. — MLB: Philadelphia Phillies at Houston Astros (NBC)
2:15 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals (FSDN Indiana)
3 p.m. — FIFA Club World Cup soccer: Juventus at Manchester City (TNT)
7 p.m. — WNBA: Los Angeles Sparks at Indiana Fever (FSDN Indiana)

Friday
7:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Austria Grand Prix (ESPN)
3 p.m. — LIV Golf Dallas (FOX)
7 p.m. — NHL Draft (ESPN)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: San Diego Padres at

8 p.m. — NBA draft round 2 (ESPN)
3 p.m. — International Friendly women soccer: United States at Ireland (TBS)

Cincinnati Reds (FSDN Indiana); Minnesota Twins at Detroit Tigers (FOX)
10:30 p.m. — MMA: Professional Fighters League (ESPN)

The LIUNA! 150 (FS1)
12 p.m. — FIFA Club World Cup: Palmeiras at Botafogo (TNT)
1 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: The LIUNA! 150 (FOX)
2 p.m. — PGA Tour Champions: U.S. Senior Open (NBC)
2 p.m. — Major League Rugby: Houston SaberCats at New England Free Jacks (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Rocket Classic (CBS)

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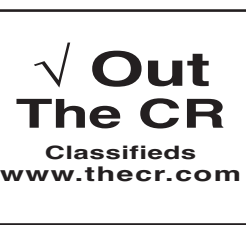
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Tribe takes down Bulldogs in five innings

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians just scraped a run across in the third inning. In the fourth, the runs poured in with ease. The Fort Recovery ACME baseball team beat the Celina Bulldogs 12-0 in five innings during Tuesday's regular season finale. Reece Wendel scored the first run in the third inning on a Dylan Klenke groundout. The flood gates opened in the fourth with runs scoring on a Jett Tobe single, a bases-clearing double by Wendel, an Alex Gaerke double, a single by Klenke, Ian McCain's double, a Garrett Diller base hit and a triple from Tobe. Klenke earned the win after throwing the first two innings and giving up zero runs on four hits. Gaerke and Wendel pitched in relief, giving up a combined two hits and one walk. The Tribe (5-2) will host Marion Local in the first round of the ACME play-offs on Thursday at 4:15 p.m.

Local roundup



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Four compete

FISHERS — The Jay County Winter Swim team had four athletes compete at the Swimming Open Water State Championships on Tuesday at Geist Waterfront Park. Cooper Glentzer, who competed in the event for the first time in 2024, and Carson Westgerdes competed in the 15-and-older boys 1,600-meter race. Cooper Glentzer posted a time of 20 minutes, 3.97 seconds to claim 19th

Anthony Roessner, the second baseman for the Fort Recovery ACME baseball team, goes to tag the base with his glove to start a double play during Tuesday's 12-0 win over Celina. The Indians will host Marion Local in the opening round of the playoffs today.

place. Westgerdes' 21:38.38 earned a 24th-place finish. Grant Glentzer earned the highest spot of all the competitors as he took 17th in the 13-14-year-old boys 1,200 race with a time of 16:37.64. As the lone girl representing Jay County, Addisyn Champ took 21st with a time of 12:22.53.

Loys splits

Loys and Local 1620 split a pair of games in Portland Junior League Sandy Koufax baseball play on Tuesday. Loys took the first game 6-3 before falling 9-5 in the second contest. Sam Wiggins led the offense for Loys in game No. 1 with four RBIs on a pair of home runs.

David McKee earned the win on the mound after striking out six batters and not surrendering an earned run over four innings pitched. Cooper Reynolds and Tyan Rodgers had the only RBIs for Loys in the second game of the double-header, the former driving a run in with a double and the latter on a single.

Wiggins suffered the loss after giving up two earned runs in one inning of work. **Walk-off win** Tuck Hemmelgarn delivered a two-RBI single in the eighth inning to help Kiwanis walk-off PG14 11-10 in the opening round of the Portland Junior League Willie Mayes

baseball tournament on Tuesday. Along with the walk-off single, Tuck Hemmelgarn had two doubles and another base hit to total three RBIs and two runs scored. Sawyer Hemmelgarn and Klay Farmer followed with two RBIs apiece on three doubles and a triple, respectively. See **Roundup** page 7



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