

Nuclear subs moved in U.S. response

Russian official made 'highly provocative statements'

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said the U.S. is moving two nuclear submarines to respond to what he called “highly provocative statements” from former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

“I have ordered two Nuclear Submarines to be positioned in the appropriate regions, just in case these foolish and inflammatory statements are more than just that,” Trump said in a social media post Friday. “Words are very important, and can often lead to unintended consequences, I hope this will not be one of those instances.”

Trump, speaking to reporters later Friday, suggested he was acting out of caution, saying that “we had to do that, we just have to be careful and a threat was made and we didn’t think it was appropriate.”

“I have to be very careful, so I do that on the basis of safety for our people,” he said. “We’re going to protect our people.”

Asked what Medvedev had said that angered him, Trump responded, “You just have to read what he said. He was talking about nuclear. When you talk about nuclear, we have to be prepared, and we’re totally prepared.”

The office of the Secretary of Defense referred requests for more details to the White House and declined to comment on whether Trump was referring to submarines armed with nuclear weapons rather than simply nuclear-powered vessels.

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2025 Indiana State Fair Band Day  
Up to fourth



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots finished fourth Friday in the Indiana State Fair Band Day competition at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. Pictured, from left, are saxophone player Melia Fosnaugh, clarinet players Jacey Smith and Emma Miller, and saxophone player Dougie Cox. It marked their 35th top-five finish at the state fair.

Jay County Marching Patriots pass Richmond to jump up one spot at the Indiana State Fair

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

INDIANAPOLIS — In the opening contest at Centerville, the Red Devils marched one spot in the order ahead of the Marching Patriots.

In the results, they were in the same position.

The trend carried throughout the summer.

Until Friday night. Jay County High School’s Marching Patriots hurdled a Richmond group that had their number throughout July to jump into fourth place in

the finals of the Indiana State Fair Band Day competition.

“I could not be prouder of the kids,” said JCHS band director Chuck Roesch following Friday night’s awards. “It’s a group that just never ceases to amaze me. They’re a group that, when they’re focused and 100% engaged, they’re just amazing performers.”

“You want the effort of your students to be recognized and for their achievement to be rewarded, and I think we got some of that. And Dan

(Merkamp) has got a great program at Richmond.

“It’s been a really great day. The kids are ecstatic.”

The Marching Patriots closed the season with 87.85 points in the evening show at the state fair, finishing 0.675 points ahead of Richmond. (The Red Devils were one spot ahead of JCHS in the standings at both the Archway Classic in Centerville and the Spirit of Sound in Muncie.) It was Jay County’s 35th top-five finish and a step up after placing fifth a year ago.

Anderson pulled an upset at

the top of the standings, knocking off the defending champion Spirit of Muncie band that had won every contest it had entered this year, including Friday’s state fair preliminaries. The Highlanders scored 92.85 points to claim their first state fair championship since 2019 and eighth overall, while Muncie Central totaled 91.963.

Kokomo took third place with 90.888, just over a full point ahead of the Marching Patriots.

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Headed to state

The Jay County Junior-Senior High School cheerleading squads held their Indiana State Fair preview shows Friday evening at East Jay Elementary School. Pictured at left, front row from left, are varsity cheerleaders Faith Faulkner, Emma Hatzell, Kayla Jetmore and Dakota Blalock. Second row are Ashlynn Brunswick, Emmarie Barton, Aubree Shannon and Kaylyn Bell. Back row are Tinley Walker and Brenna Schmiesing. At right, from left, are junior high cheerleaders Charli Stephens, Adalyn Broering, Jordyn Champ, Aubree Hunley, Ali Luna and Aubree York. The Jay County junior high squad will take the mat at 9:42 a.m., with the varsity to follow at 11:02 a.m. Awards are scheduled for 2:25 p.m.

Weather

The temperature in Jay County topped out at 75 degrees Friday. The low was 59.

Skies will be mostly sunny today with a high in the mid 70s. Sunday’s high will be in the upper 70s under sunny skies before

climbing back into the 80s Monday with mostly sunny skies. Lows will be in the 50s tonight and Sunday night. There will be a slight chance of rain Tuesday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

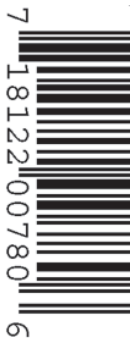
Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon today in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Redkey Post Office and the parking lot south of Salamonia Fire Station.

Coming up

**Tuesday** — Coverage of the Jay County Junior-Senior High cheerleaders at the state fair.

**Wednesday** — Details from next week’s Jay School Board meeting.

**Thursday** — Results from the JCHS girls golfers in the Belmont Invitational.





# Moved ...

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Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, on his personal social media account, shared a screenshot of Trump's post without comment.

Officials at the Kremlin didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Trump's post Friday was the latest in a heated public exchange with Medvedev, who currently serves as Russia's deputy chairman of the security council. Medvedev, in a July 28 post on X,

had warned Trump that "each new ultimatum is a threat and a step towards war. Not between Russia and Ukraine, but with his own country."

West Texas Intermediate crude, the U.S. benchmark for oil, fell as much as 3.2% Friday after weak jobs and manufacturing data, although prices later stabilized following Trump's comments on the potential threat from Russia. His hardening stance toward Russia in recent weeks is raising speculation

that the U.S. will impose tariffs on nations buying crude from Moscow, which could tighten global supplies. Trump has said he expects to hit Russia with sanctions after providing a new deadline — which falls on Aug. 8 — for Russian President Vladimir Putin to halt the war in Ukraine.

In a social media post on Thursday, Trump assailed Russia and India — a major customer for Russian energy — and lashed out at Medvedev, calling him a "failed"

former president who needed to "watch his words."

"He's entering very dangerous territory!" Trump had said.

Medvedev responded in a post to Telegram hours later in which he said that Russia would continue in its own way, jabbing at Trump.

Trump's interactions with Medvedev intensified in the same week that U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio dismissed the Russian official as "not a relevant player."

# Felony arrests

**Dependent neglect**

Two Redkey residents were arrested Thursday for neglect of a dependent.

Isaac T. Bowler, 36, 6453 W. 800 South, is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime. He was also preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug. Bowler was released on \$6,000 in bonds from Jay County Jail.

Megan A. Eicher, 40, 6453 W. 800 South, was charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime, as well as a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She was released from Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.






# Capsule Reports

**Lost control**

A Portland woman lost control of her car and crashed into a Portland man's vehicle at the intersection of Indiana 67 and county road 700 South about 7 a.m. Thursday.

Anne M. Vormohr, 28, was driving her 2022 Jeep Wrangler south on the highway. Other drivers began to apply their brakes on the wet roadway, and Vormohr told police she saw headlights and brake lights. She attempted to stop but began hydroplaning and crashed into the 2021 Dodge Challenger — it was driven by 57-year-old Chad E. Bechtol — in front of her.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

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The forecast calls for sunny skies with a high around 80.	Expect mostly sunny skies with a high in the 80s. At night, the low may dip to 62.	The forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of rain and a high of 83 degrees.	There's a chance of rain on Wednesday under mostly sunny skies.	Thursday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of showers.

Lotteries	
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 1-7-4 Daily Four: 5-2-3-8 Quick Draw: 3-7-12-15-19-23-24-28-31-32-39-41-42-44-60-69-71-74-76-77	Pick 3: 3-6-0 Pick 4: 4-7-4-6 Pick 5: 5-6-9-1-4
<b>Ohio</b> Midday	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$410 million
	<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$140 million

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Today in history	
<p><b>In 1802</b>, the French Senate proclaimed Napoleon Bonaparte "Consul for Life."</p> <p><b>In 1870</b>, the world's first underground railway, the Tower Subway, opened. It ran under the Thames River in London.</p> <p><b>In 1876</b>, American frontiersman, marksman and gambler Wild Bill Hickok was murdered in Deadwood, South Dakota.</p> <p><b>In 1923</b>, Calvin Coolidge became president of the United States following the death of Warren G. Harding.</p> <p><b>In 1924</b>, author James Baldwin was born in New York City. His first novel, which was semi-autobiographical, was "Go Tell It on the Mountain" in 1953.</p> <p><b>In 1972</b>, the Bryant High School baseball team got knocked out of the Eastern Indiana High School Baseball Conference Tournament with a 7-5 loss to Mississinewa. The Owls had been the last Jay County representative remaining in the double-elimination tournament.</p> <p><b>In 2010</b>, Jay School Board approved contract extensions for superintendent Tim Long, assistant superintendent Wood Barwick and business manager Brad DeRome by a 5-2 vote.</p> <p><b>In 2023</b>, Jay County High School's girls golf team placed 10th in the South Adams Invitational at Wabash valley Golf Course. Maddy Snow led the Patriots with a 99.</p> <p><b>In 2024</b>, the Jay County High School Marching Patriots placed fifth in the Indiana State Fair Band Day competition with their James Bond-themed show. They trailed champion Muncie Central, Anderson, Kokomo and Richmond.</p> <p>— The CR</p>	

Citizen's calendar	
<b>Monday</b> 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.
<b>Tuesday</b> 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S.	<b>Thursday</b> 5:15 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.



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## Pick a popsicle

Adrian Nava, 7, Portland, picks a popsicle stick Thursday at the Adapt Ability Autism Services stand during the Back-to-School Bash at Jay County Public Library.



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# Four siblings share same lucky birthday

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LOS ANGELES — An Apple Valley, California, mother just went 4 for 4 on her kids all being born on the date 7/7.

Just before Nauzhae Drake, now 26, delivered her firstborn, she called her mother while driving to school. She told her that she saw a license plate that ended in four sevens — her lucky number. Drake's mom took it as a sign.

"She was like, 'Yep, that's because he's coming on that day,'" Drake said. "And I'm like, no, he's not."

But on July 7, 2019, Drake delivered her oldest, Kewan.

Two years later, on the same date, she delivered Na'Zaiyla.

And in 2022, on the same date, she delivered Khalani.

And a few weeks ago, on July 7, Drake delivered a baby boy, Kailowa.

None of her babies were induced and none of them arrived on their due date. Drake feels that it's a "sign from God at this point," she said.

Drake is currently in nursing school, graduating in December. She said she went through all of her clinical rotations carrying Kailowa.

"They're telling me to stop doing this and that because I'm doing a lot, they're like, 'you're going to make yourself go into labor,'" Drake said. "But I ended up finishing all of my clinicals and all of that, and I'm like, 'I'm still pregnant!'"

Some mothers have tactics for inducing labor — eating spicy food, exercising, driving down a bumpy road.

For Drake, decorating for her kids' birthday party seems to do the trick.

"I would be doing a bal-



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Nauzhae' Drake's children Kewan, 6, left, Na'Zaiyla, 4, Kailowa, two weeks and Khalan, 3, all have the same birthday, July 7, on July 25, 2025 in Apple Valley, California.

loon arch," she said. "And every time I do the balloon arch, like two hours later, when I lay down, my water breaks or I start having contractions."

Sesame Place, SeaWorld and the San Diego Zoo. This year's birthday party was circus-themed, but it didn't go as planned.

"My mother, my grandmother actually was in the delivery room with me and they had on like clown suits because they were ready for the party," Drake said. "And I was ready for the party too, until I went into labor."

Some kids get jealous when a sibling's birthday rolls around and all the attention turns to the birthday child. Drake said her kids love sharing a birthday, and they're especially excited for this year's present, another sibling.

"They fight over him already," she said, of Kailowa. "They're so helpful. It's been amazing."

So what are the odds of something like this happening? According to Randall Swift, chairman of the math department at California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, you are more likely to win the Powerball lottery 100 times than to have four children born on the same date.

Instead of four siblings, he calculated using an instance of four independent individuals at a grocery store. The probability of these random strangers all having the same birthday is about 0.00000000056349%, he said.

But he said these odds may be higher for a mother giving birth on the same date, depending on personal habits and health patterns.

But to Drake, this coincidence is a blessing, she said. Seven has always been Drake's favorite number, but it has a new meaning to her now.

"It's perfection, completion," she said.

# Move for family appeared to create more distance

DEAR ABBY: I made a terrible mistake moving 2,000 miles across the country to be closer to my grandchildren. In the past, I have always noticed my son and daughter-in-law treated the other grandparents better. They roll out the red carpet for my daughter-in-law's parents. They arrange outings with them, take photos and post the special grandchild-grandparent moments on Facebook. No one takes photos of me doing the same things with the

Dear Abby



like she wants her parents to be the only ones who have a special relationship with the grandkids.

I feel sick to my stomach every day. In the past, I couldn't take off work to travel for visits like the other grandparents, so I missed out on a lot. I thought by moving here I would stop feeling like an outsider with my grandchildren. I am single and still working, and although this was a major disruption to my life, it was a sacrifice I thought was worth making for

the joy of being a more involved grandparent. But not much has changed. What do you think? — OUTSIDER IN TENNESSEE

DEAR OUTSIDER: That queasy feeling you describe may be anxiety. This is something you should discuss with your son. Before I render any judgments, it would have been helpful to know if you discussed your "possible" move to Tennessee with him and his wife to see how they felt about

it. Or did you simply announce you were coming? If they welcomed the idea but haven't included you, shame on them.

Family counseling might help smooth things out if they are willing. If they aren't, and you aren't able to forge the kind of relationship you want with your grandchildren, consider making another move — somewhere where you are wanted and not so isolated.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

**Today**

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](http://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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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.

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 ANONY-

MOUS — 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.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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.

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# Study must consider ramifications

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The extra scrutiny about to be given to changes in subminimum wage employment should be viewed from a surface level. It's going to take more than numbers and charts to figure out the real impact for disabled Oklahomans if the state tries to transfer out of the need for Section 14(c) waivers. Oklahoma is one of 33 states that still uses the federal waivers that allow employers to pay disabled staff below \$7.25 an hour. People unfamiliar with

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how it all works might look at that and see it as exploitive, but in many cases it is the exact opposite. Legislation was passed this year to form a task force to study how the state could transition its more than 1,200 subminimum-wage workers into minimum

wage jobs or day programs. The task force is expected to begin meeting in 2026, with recommendations by the end of 2027. A report from The Frontier specifically pointed to Enid's 4RKids. The organization is able to field more than 50 jobs at a time including screen printing, candy making, shredding services and many others. The businesses have expanded over the years but leadership there is concerned that an increase in wages could lead to cutting back. "Phasing out 14(c) makes total sense in theory. Everybody deserves to make minimum

wage if they're working," 4RKids director Rachel McVay told The Frontier. "I just hope that the task force can figure out how to work with vocational sites that are servicing people that can't participate in a minimum wage job." One of the main issues is that many of the workers will not transition into other jobs, no matter the vocational training. Another chief concern among family is that higher wages might lead to a cut to supplemental financial safety nets. It seems unlikely but we've seen the federal government take aim

at a lot of things we might have taken for granted just a couple of years ago. It's good we have organizations like 4RKids that can give people a sense of purpose, get them out of the house and provide some supervision in cases where otherwise it would be a 24/7 job for a family caretaker. Maybe state leaders can get this figured out in a way that works for everybody. We can be a little optimistic, but to do so they'll need to explore the exact impact this has on families of people with physical or intellectual disabilities.

# Keep ICE raids out of our schools

By SONIA BANKER  
OtherWords

Only a few years after the pandemic, young kids in this country are seeing a whole new disruption to their learning: immigration raids.

One of the Trump administration's first actions after assuming office was to rescind the Biden administration's guidelines for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which limited enforcement activity in "sensitive locations" like schools and churches.

Since then, immigration raids have escalated — often under questionable pretenses. This spring, immigration agents tried to enter two elementary schools in Los Angeles. At the door, agents said they wanted to determine students' well-being and claimed to have authorization from the children's caretakers.

Administrators denied them entry — and when they spoke with caretakers later, they learned that agents had lied about receiving permission. "I'm absolutely incensed that DHS agents would try to enter elementary schools," said Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA). "These are children who should be learning to read and write, not cowering in fear of being ripped away from their homes."

Unfortunately, schools are no longer a safe haven for our students. You can imagine the trauma and disruption that comes from armed agents entering schools and removing students. But these raids will also have long-term implications on learning outcomes, mental health, and even school funding for children enrolled in public schools nationwide.

And we're seeing that now in rising rates of absenteeism.

In June, Stanford professor Thomas Dee published a groundbreaking report detailing the relationship between raids and school absences. Focusing on recent raids in California's Central Valley region, Dee studied attendance data from over three years at five nearby school districts. Dee was able to correlate raids with a 22 percent increase in student absenteeism, particularly affecting youngest learners.

In the weeks following Dee's report, media outlets from across the county — from New York to Denver and Chicago — reported similar patterns of immigration raids leading to increased student absences. Fearful of raids, families across the nation have opted to keep their children home. In many states, includ-

Sonia Banker



ing California, school funding is determined by average daily attendance. This means that the more students miss school, the less that school will receive going forward. So when a raid forces a student to miss school, it doesn't just impact their own learning — it also means fewer resources for their classmates, teachers, and their entire district.

This threatens the public school ecosystem, inflicting long-term harm on a generation of students already recovering from pandemic-era setbacks. "Absences are both more common for everybody, but they are also more extreme," said Jacob Kirksey, an associate professor of education policy at Texas Tech. Raids "can essentially create what we found from COVID — this generation of students who have a patently different experience with schooling."

Importantly, students and educators still have rights. For instance, a school district cannot ask about a student's citizenship or immigration status as proof of that student's residency. Students have the right to withhold this information, and schools may not prohibit that student from enrollment if they do not disclose it.

You can explore your legal protections as a student or an educator by visiting MySchoolMyRights.com, a website published by the ACLU where you'll find clear, accessible guidance on what ICE can or can't do in schools.

Over half of American voters believe schools should not be touched by immigration raids. They understand that ICE raids on schools don't make communities safer. They make classrooms emptier and schools more vulnerable to funding cuts.

We must advocate on behalf of those students by demanding transparency and passing policies that limit ICE access to protect our students and families. We owe all kids a safe haven at school and the freedom to learn without fear.

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# Jobs have become a side gig

By JOHN KRULL  
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Some day in the not-so-distant future, historians are going to ask a question about Hoosiers of this era. What was it about the people of Indiana that prompted them to keep electing politicians who didn't want the jobs for which they ran?

This has become a trend. Perhaps it started with Mike Pence, who ran for governor in 2012 because he knew he needed executive branch experience if his dream of running for president was ever to become more than a fantasy. Pence spent his four years in the governor's office desperately looking for ways to engage in discussions about national issues and elevate his profile while paying only cursory attention to the state's business. Or maybe it began when Todd Rokita tried to hold onto his well-paying private sector gig with a health care brokerage firm after he was elected Indiana attorney general. Rokita begrudgingly surrendered the health care job when it became a focus of criticism. But he has continued to turn being attorney general into a side hustle while he scrambles to find yet another office for which to run or sets himself up for a spot bloviating for Fox News or Breitbart.

Not even six months after taking the oath of office as Indiana's governor, Mike Braun was telling people he didn't like the job and was thinking about mounting a 2028 campaign for president, his political intimates told political reporter Adam Wren. Braun has since denied that he was bored with being governor, but his public demeanor does little to knock down the story. Braun seems to approach going to work in the state's top office with the same sort of enthusiasm the rest of us reserve for heading to the dentist for a root canal.

John Krull



And then there's Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith.

As Indiana Citizen's Sydney Byerly reports, Beckwith has continued to maintain his position as pastor for Life Church in Noblesville while also occupying the lieutenant governor's office at the Statehouse. On his LinkedIn profile, he lists both positions as full time.

(Disclosure: The Indiana Citizen and TheStatehouseFile.com are partners and Byerly is a former student of mine.)

Beckwith, a self-proclaimed Christian nationalist, is a special piece of work. Not long ago, he made news by offering up an explanation of the infamous three-fifths compromise in our Constitution—the clause that made enslaved Black people unwilling accomplices in their oppression—that only a member of Jefferson Davis's Confederate cabinet could endorse.

To say that Beckwith's interpretation of our history and Constitution was mistaken is like saying the Titanic's collision with the iceberg was a minor mishap.

He now has turned those same powers of analysis and discernment to defining his service to the public as lieutenant governor.

When conservative radio host Steve Deace asked Beckwith the difference between being a pastor and a politician, our lieutenant governor said:

"I don't think there is much." Beckwith elaborated. "My pastoral hat, I find out what

God says about things, and I tell people. As a politician, my job is to find out what God says about things and to tell people. And you're shepherding people. I mean, a pastor's job is to shepherd the flock, to protect the flock, to defend the flock from evil. A politician's job is the same way."

Oh, boy. Where to start with a mess like this?

First, a church draws its authority from the divine. It exists to serve and worship God.

Government in our state and society, on the other hand, draws its authority from the consent of the governed. That is what makes America a nation of free people.

This means government must be responsible to all the people it represents, not just the folks who voted for any particular elected official —or worship the way he does—but everyone, regardless of faith.

Indiana has citizens who are Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, agnostic, atheist and, for that matter, Christians who don't share Beckwith's selective interpretation of the Gospels.

Somehow, I suspect they won't be persuaded that a man who boasts he's using their tax dollars to proselytize to them is at all concerned with giving them a fair hearing, much less representing their interests.

Indiana law doesn't prevent someone from turning the state's second-highest office into a moonlighting gig.

But that doesn't make it right. Hoosiers deserve public officials who actually want to do the jobs to which they were elected.

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## 2025 Indiana State Fair Band Day



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The Jay County High School Marching Patriots continued their long streak of success at the Indiana State Fair on Friday, advancing to the Sweet 16 for the 48th time in 48 tries and placing in the top 10 for the 46th time. Pictured above left, mellophone player and drum major Ella Littler performs the part of the Marching Patriots’ show — Consumed — moments after a dragon ravaged the village. Above right, Gracie Rowles’ flag curves over her head near the end of Jay County’s preliminary performance early Friday afternoon.

### Fourth ...

Continued from page 1  
It was the energy that Jay County brought in its preliminary performance Friday that gave both student leaders and the directing staff a hint it was going to be a good day.  
“We felt really powerful and connected,” said drum major and mellophone player Ella Littler. “We didn’t tear. So ... it just felt really strong.”  
“I think we all really left it all on the field,” she added. “And that’s a good thing.”  
Roesch had similar thoughts following the preliminary performance.

“Pleased,” he said. “Good, strong musical performance, a lot of expression involved with it. Our kids get such a nice, big, full sound. I just love the sound that we get.”  
“From down there on the track and the vibe and hearing the crowd reacting and responding to the show — you know they did a good job connecting with the audience.”  
“And playing for each other — keeping yourself focused on what you’re supposed to do and your responsibility — then you go out there and be confident and still have fun.”

The Marching Patriots were also fourth in the preliminaries, about a half-point ahead of Richmond. They extended the margin slightly in the finals.  
Muncie Central won Class AAA in the preliminary competition Friday, also taking caption awards for music and visuals, and tying with Anderson for general effect. Other caption awards in the class went to Kokomo for color guard and Richmond for percussion.  
Centerville won Class AA, sweeping captions for music, visuals, general

effect and color guard, while Hamilton Heights took percussion. Cowan-Daleville took the top spot in Class A, including captions for visuals, general effect and percussion. Other caption awards went to Tip-ton for music and Eastern Hancock for color guard.  
For Jay County, Friday was a strong finish to a summer that saw Jay County open with a third-place finish behind Richmond and host Blue Regiment in the Archway Classic at Center-ville. They then placed third again in a standstill contest at home following rainy

weather earlier in the day. The band finished fifth in its only other scored competition — Muncie Central’s Spirit of Sound — as the Drums at Winchester was called off midway through because of inclement weather.  
As he has throughout the season, Roesch took a moment to reflect on the growth the Marching Patriots have made.  
“It’s been a season of growth,” Roesch said, noting the band includes just 12 seniors in a group of 85. “I’m real pleased with how they’ve come along.”



TheStatehouseFile.com/Connor Burress

Members of the Jay County High School percussion section (above) react during a solemn moment of their show during Friday’s preliminaries. Below left, Kinley Krieg tilts back while playing her saxophone. Below right, baritone saxophone player Lukes Powers keeps his eyes on the conducting of Sam Roesch.



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CRYPTOQUIP

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ITX AYXL, ADBUG XLIE ZI

EDBJ XTRXI ZBGR?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN THE REALM OF PARASITIC JUMPING INSECTS, THE SUBJECTS PROBABLY CRY "IT'S A FLEA COUNTRY!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals W

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

It's in the title

1) What title character of a TV show had siblings named Dewey, Reese and Francis?

2) What two cities does the title of the novel "A Tale of Two Cities" refer to?

1) Malcolm (in the Middle)  
2) London and Paris

8-4

CRYPTOQUIP

Z XNKKBZ JLED NFWLJ N

KZNOXDJ KWEVFB0C JSNJ SNK

VWED SDNC WMDO SDDXK:

"N JNENVDO BE XWMD."

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU HAD FRIENDS THAT YOU REGULARLY WENT OUT TO EAT WITH, WOULD THEY BE YOUR TASTE BUDS?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals C

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to dessert. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 7 = A)

A. 23 7 18 4 2 1  
Clue: Cooking food by dry heat

B. 17 14 1 7 12  
Clue: Sweetener

C. 11 12 26 7 11  
Clue: Special food

D. 5 24 24 18 4 26  
Clue: Portable dessert

Answers: A. baking B. sugar C. treat D. cookie

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to dessert.

PRYSTA

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor and politician born in Austria on July 30, 1947. I decided to pursue a career as a bodybuilder at age 14. I became the youngest person to win Mr. Universe. Eventually I found myself in Hollywood and became a well-known action star, and later governor.

Answer: Arnold Schwarzenegger



World FACT:

This beach in the U.S. Virgin Islands was ranked #1 on the list of the "World's 50 Best Beaches."

Answer: Trunk Bay

How they say that in...

English: Dolphin  
Spanish: Delfin  
Italian: Delfino  
French: Dauphin  
German: Delfin

Maze Craze

Find your way through the center of the maze.

START

FINISH

NEW WORD

KELP

large brown algae or seaweeds

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

JUL 28

1540: Henry VIII of England marries his fifth wife, Catherine Howard.

1854: The USS Constellation is commissioned.

1984: The summer Olympic Games open in Los Angeles.

TASTY DESSERT WORD SEARCH

A N G N M R O H E O T G M M H P C F C  
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U B R N F H M D K O L F L A N T L R A G  
B P K K H N Y U P W F L O U S S E D F Y

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

BLONDIES  
BROWNIES  
CAKE  
CANDY  
CHEESECAKE  
COOKIES  
CREAM  
CRÈME BRÛLÉE  
CUPCAKES  
CUSTARD  
ÉCLAIR  
FLAN  
GELATIN  
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SORBET  
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STRUDEL  
TART  
TIRAMISU

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Actor — Seton

Baron

Cohen

6 Saws street

12 Respectful bow

13 Comedian George

14 Leaf vein

15 Turkey's capital

16 Duel prompter

17 Baseball stats

19 Bank-book abbr.

20 Langston Hughes poem

22 U.K. recording label

24 Use henna

27 "— She Lovely"

29 Speck

32 Group that supports a larger organization

35 Crunchy lunches

36 Novelist

37 Devoured

38 Paris street

40 Micro-waves

42 Pub pint

44 Free stuff

46 Words said with

50 Soup choice

52 Sea off

54 Tarzan types

55 Clarifying words

56 Stop

57 Peculiar

2 Actor Alan

3 Wrist bones

4 Japanese "yes"

5 Food of the gods

6 Anti-oxidant berry

7 Can-can, in Cannes

8 Deluge refuge

9 Sword lilies

10 Ireland

11 Crisp cookie

12 Texting format, for short

18 Sudden windfall

21 Up to

23 Karaoke prop, for short

24 Apply cream

25 Actor Brynner

26 Highs and lows

28 Make another attempt

30 Boy king

31 Actor Vigoda

33 Terre Haute sch.

34 Chatter

39 — Park, Colorado

41 Bob of "Full House"

42 Slightly

43 Unhurried gait

45 Refuses to

47 Miami team

48 Oodles

49 Tolkien creature

51 "— Blue?"

53 Outback bird

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterdays answer 8-2

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Try the impossible

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

WEST

EAST

SOUTH

The bidding:

Opening lead

This deal occurred in a pairs tournament in New Jersey some years ago. After North-South reached four spades, West, at favorable vulnerability, elected to sacrifice in five diamonds.

South should probably have passed his partner's double of five diamonds, but he was reluctant to settle for plus 300 or 500 points (it would have been 500) when he felt there was a good chance to score 650 at five spades.

South regretted his decision as soon as he saw the dummy. To make the contract, he would have to hold his losers to one heart and one club. This would apparently require a successful diamond finesse (virtually assured by the bidding), a successful spade finesse with East holding only two spades, and a 3-2 division of the opposing clubs.

Given West's ominous four-of-clubs lead, which looked like a sure singleton, South did not like his chances, but he plunged ahead bravely and found a way to make the contract. If you like solving problems of this sort, see if you can figure out how he did it before reading on.

Declarer took East's eight of clubs with the ace, led a diamond to the queen and returned a spade, finessing the queen after East followed low. South then cashed the ace of spades and king of clubs, confirming the bad news in the club suit, and led the three of spades to dummy's six. The ace of diamonds was then cashed, declarer discarding a club, and the seven of diamonds was led. But instead of ruffing, South discarded his remaining club!

This sequence of plays left West without recourse. He had to return a heart — allowing South to score a trick with the king — or a diamond, allowing South to discard a heart as he ruffed in dummy. Either way, the improbable game was home.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

WEST

EAST

SOUTH

The bidding:

Opening lead

This deal occurred in the Open Pairs at the Eastern States Regional tournament many years ago. The heroine was Helen Sobel, considered by many to have been the greatest woman player of all time.

Sobel was South and opened with two hearts, in those days strong and forcing. Had the opposition remained silent, she no doubt would have settled into a quiet four hearts, making exactly.

But when East-West began bidding spades, Sobel adopted a different strategy. Looking at 10 tricks in her own hand, and certain West would lead a spade, she bid notrump at both her second and third turns!

True, she didn't have the "book" distribution for notrump play, but this didn't stop her from making what she considered to be the best bid under the circumstances. She had not, after all, achieved her reputation by rigidly following textbook principles.

West doubled four notrump but wound up taking second money when Sobel ran off the first 10 tricks for a score of +810.

At several other tables, East-West also reached four spades, but at most of these tables, less-imaginative Souths continued on to five hearts and went down one.

The four-spade bidders who got doubled fared badly although not quite as badly as the pair that doubled four notrump. North led his singleton heart, and South cashed two hearts and the ace of diamonds before leading a third heart. There was then no way declarer could prevent North from scoring a trump trick either immediately or eventually, and West wound up down three, -800.

Tomorrow: A partnership game.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Scrooge cries

5 Drench

8 Unrepaired

12 Latin 101 word

13 Berliner's cry

14 Ponder

15 Marathon fraction

16 "I'll go second"

18 Dog barks

20 Doctrines

21 Castle defense

23 Sticky stuff

24 New in theaters, as a film

28 Took to court

31 Dos preceder

32 — Hall University

34 "Science Guy" Bill

35 Iditarod terminus

37 Pursue

39 Chopper

41 Antitoxins

42 Chopped finely

45 Pancake toppers

49 "Please go ahead"

51 Folklore monster

52 Mother of Horus

53 SASE, e.g.

54 Peter Fonda role

55 Medics

56 Homer's holler

57 Gra-tuities

DOWN

1 Crimson Tide, briefly

19 Decays

2 Actor El-Masry

3 50%

4 Cooks, as

5 Traveler on foot

6 Green prefix

7 Dull sound of impact

8 Juan's pals

9 Overcome

10 Actress Rae

11 Tennis match parts

17 Shore concealer

19 Decays

22 Ballerinas' skirts

24 Gaiety

25 Daughter of Cadmus

26 Like Rylan/Hanks comedies

27 Model of excellence

29 Storm center

30 Aachen article

33 Not even one

36 Surplus

38 Bizarre

40 Always, in verse

42 Hotel worker

43 In that case

44 Used henna

46 Wrinkly fruit

47 Get ready, briefly

48 Be-holds

50 Artist Yoko

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 8-4

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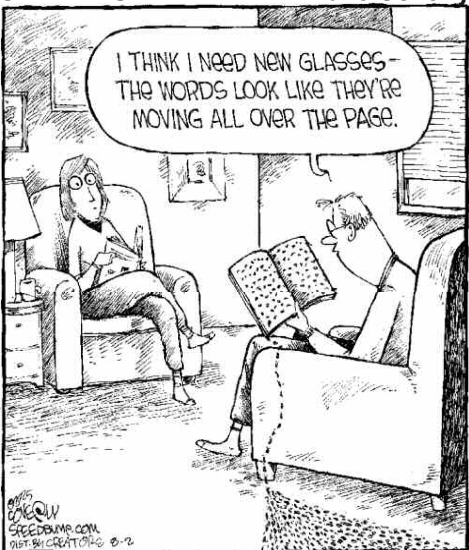
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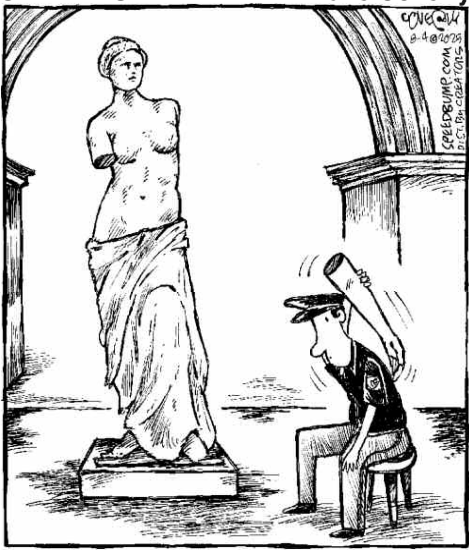
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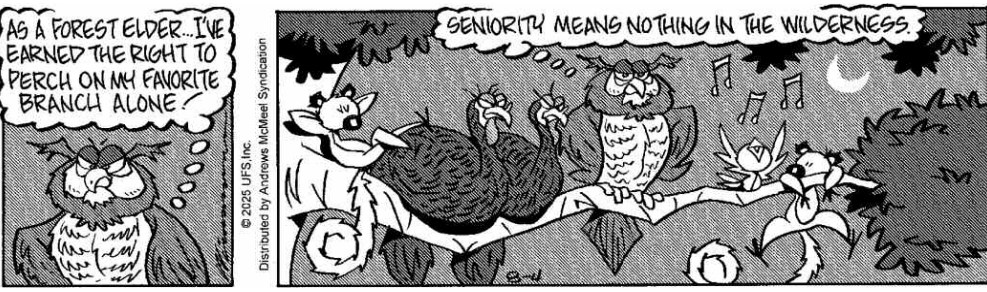
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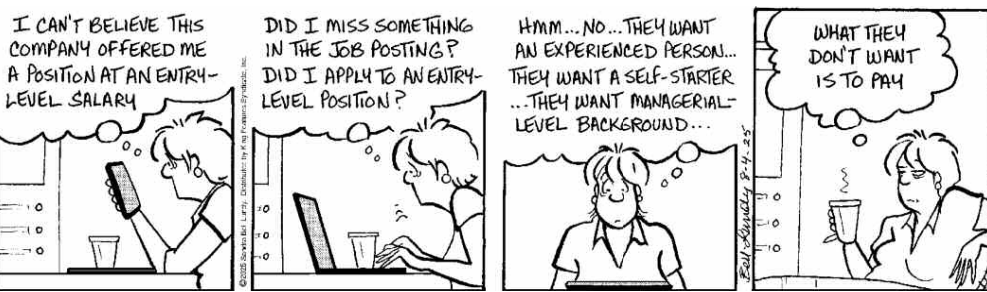
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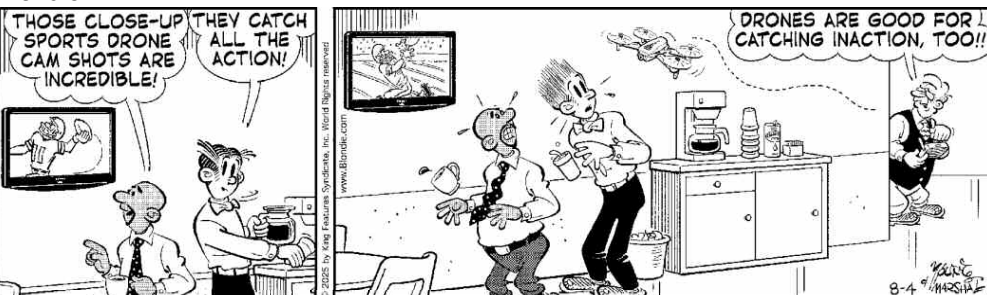
Between Friends



Blondie



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Beetle Bailey



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# 2025 Fort Recovery girls golf preview



Pictured is the 2025 Fort Recovery High School girls golf team. Front row from left are Emily Boeckman, Evvie Briner, Kyra Brunswick, Kali Brunswick and Layla Armstrong. Back row are Macy Kaf-fenberger, Olivia Knapke, Mallo-ry Evers, Liza Knapke, Claire Wenning and coach Jeff Vaughn. Not pictured are Georgia Wenning and Cora Pearson.

### 2024 season

The Indians had one of their best seasons in program history last year as they finished a perfect 8-0 in the Mid-west Athletic Conference and put up a 418 in the MAC Championships, beating St. Henry and Minster by one stroke, to claim their first conference title. After losing two of the first three matches, Fort Recovery went on a 12-match win streak heading into the sectional. FRHS underperformed in the tournament, falling to ninth and miss-ing the district tournament.

### Projected lineup

Olivia Knapke Sr.  
Mallory Evers, Sr.  
Georgia Wenning, Sr.  
Evvie Briner, Sr.  
Cora Pearson, So.  
Emily Boeckman, So.  
Layla Armstrong, So.

### Top returners

**Olivia Knapke**  
47.5 strokes/9, 1st team All-MAC

**Mallory Evers**  
51.5 strokes/9, 1st team All-MAC

**Georgia Wenning**  
54.2 strokes/9, 1st team All-MAC

### Key departures

**Emma Will**  
49.7 strokes/9, 2nd team All-MAC

**Eva Kahlig**  
56 strokes/9 holes

### Coach Jeff Vaughn says

*"Last year we obviously had a great year winning the MAC championship. The disadvantage with that is, we're going to have a target on our back with everybody we play. We really do have a pretty good core coming back. We have four seniors we are going to rely on heavily ... and then it's going to be up to some of these newcomers to see who will fill out the five and the six. It can change from match to match and that's not a bad thing. ... Our goal this year is just to get better each match. Last year we started out slow and then got on a nice run and unfortu-nately we finished with a bitter taste in our mouth with the sectionals because we didn't play well. But that's golf and hopefully we learned from that and this year is a different story come tournament time."*

### Fast facts

- Fort Recovery returns three of its four All-Midwest Athletic Conference golfers from 2024 including first-teamers Olivia Knapke and Mallory Evers, as well as Georgia Wenning from the second team.
- Jeff Vaughn enters his second full season leading the Indians following a 13-2 record that included a perfect 8-0 in Midwest Athletic Conference play.
- FRHS has made the district only once, doing so in 2020. Only Jalyn Bruns has made a trip to the state tour-nament a year later.

## FRHS girls golf

Date	Opponent	Time
Monday, Aug. 4	Tri-Village	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 5	Union City Classic	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 6	Gary Broering Invite	8:30 a.m.
Monday, Aug. 11	Marion Local	4:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 12</b>	<b>South Adams</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, Aug. 14</b>	<b>Parkway</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, Aug. 21</b>	<b>Minster</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
Monday, Aug. 25	Coldwater	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 25	Versailles	4:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 2</b>	<b>Winchester/Jay Co.</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
Thursday, Sept. 4	Versailles	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 8	St. John's	4:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Sept. 11</b>	<b>St. Henry</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
Monday, Sept. 15	Russia	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 16	New Bremen	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18	Fort Loramie	4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20	MAC Championships	8:30 a.m.
<b>Home matches in bold</b>		

### Matches to watch

#### Thursday, Aug. 21, vs. Minster

The Wildcats finished right behind FRHS in the Mid-west Athletic Conference last year. MHS will have this match circled on their schedule to try and reclaim the MAC title.

#### Saturday, Sept. 20, at MAC Championships

Should Fort Recovery put together another strong season in conference, the MAC Championships could be the deciding factor in where they fall. It is also the final 18-hole tournament prior to the sectional.

## On tap

### Local schedule

**Monday**  
Jay County — Girls golf at South Adams Invite – 9 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Tri-Village – 5 p.m.; Girls golf at Tri-Village – 9 a.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Girls golf at Bellmont Invitational – 8 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Mercer County Meet – 8 a.m.; Girls golf at Union City Classic – 12:30 p.m.; Volleyball scrimmage at Crestview – 5 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
5:35 a.m. — AFL: Brisbane Lions at Collingwood Magpies (FS1)  
7 a.m. — PGA Tour: Women's British Open (USA)  
10 a.m. — Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix (ESPN2)  
12 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)  
1 p.m. — PLL lacrosse: New York Atlas at Denver Outlaws (ABC)  
1 p.m. — PGA Tour: Women's British Open (NBC)  
1 p.m. — BIG3 basketball: Detroit Amps at Ball Hogs (CBS)  
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2:20 p.m. — MLB: Baltimore Orioles at Chicago Cubs (FS1)  
3 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Saturday (FOX)  
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Wyndham Cham-pions (CBS)  
3 p.m. — WNBA: Minnesota Lynx at Las Vegas Aces (ABC)  
4 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited softball: Team Lorenz at Team Corrick (ESPN2)  
7 p.m. — Banana Ball World Tour (ESPN2)  
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Atlanta Braves at Cincinnati Reds (FOX)  
9 p.m. — Leagues Cup soccer: Amer-ica at Minnesota United (FS1)  
10:10 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardi-nals at San Diego Padres (FDSN Indiana)  
11 p.m. — Leagues Cup soccer: Port-land Timbers at Queretaro (FS1)

**Sunday**  
7 a.m. — PGA Tour: Women's British Open (USA)  
9 a.m. — Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix (ESPN)  
12 p.m. — PGA Tour: Women's British Open (NBC)  
12:30 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Wash-ington Spirit at Portland Thorns (ABC)  
1 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)  
2 p.m. — Little League World Series (ESPN)  
2 p.m. — Club Friendlies soccer: AFC Bournemouth at West Ham United (NBC)  
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Wyndham Cham-pionship (CBS)  
3 p.m. — WNBA: Indiana Fever at Seattle Storm (ABC)  
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Iowa Corn 350 (USA)  
4 p.m. — The Basketball Tournament (FOX)  
4:10 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardi-nals at San Diego Padres (FDSN Indiana)  
6 p.m. — WNBA: Golden State Valkyries at Las Vegas Aces (ABC)  
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Detroit Tigers at Philadelphia Phillies (ESPN)  
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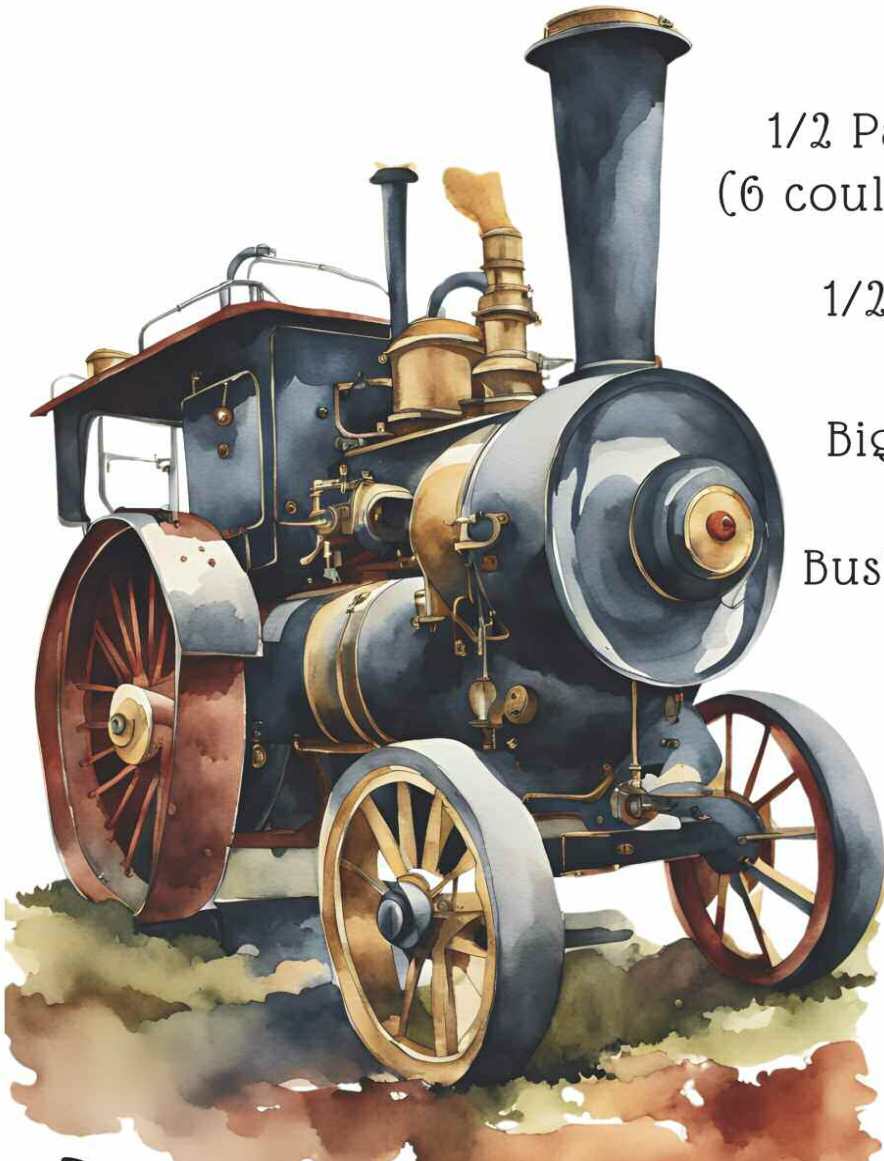
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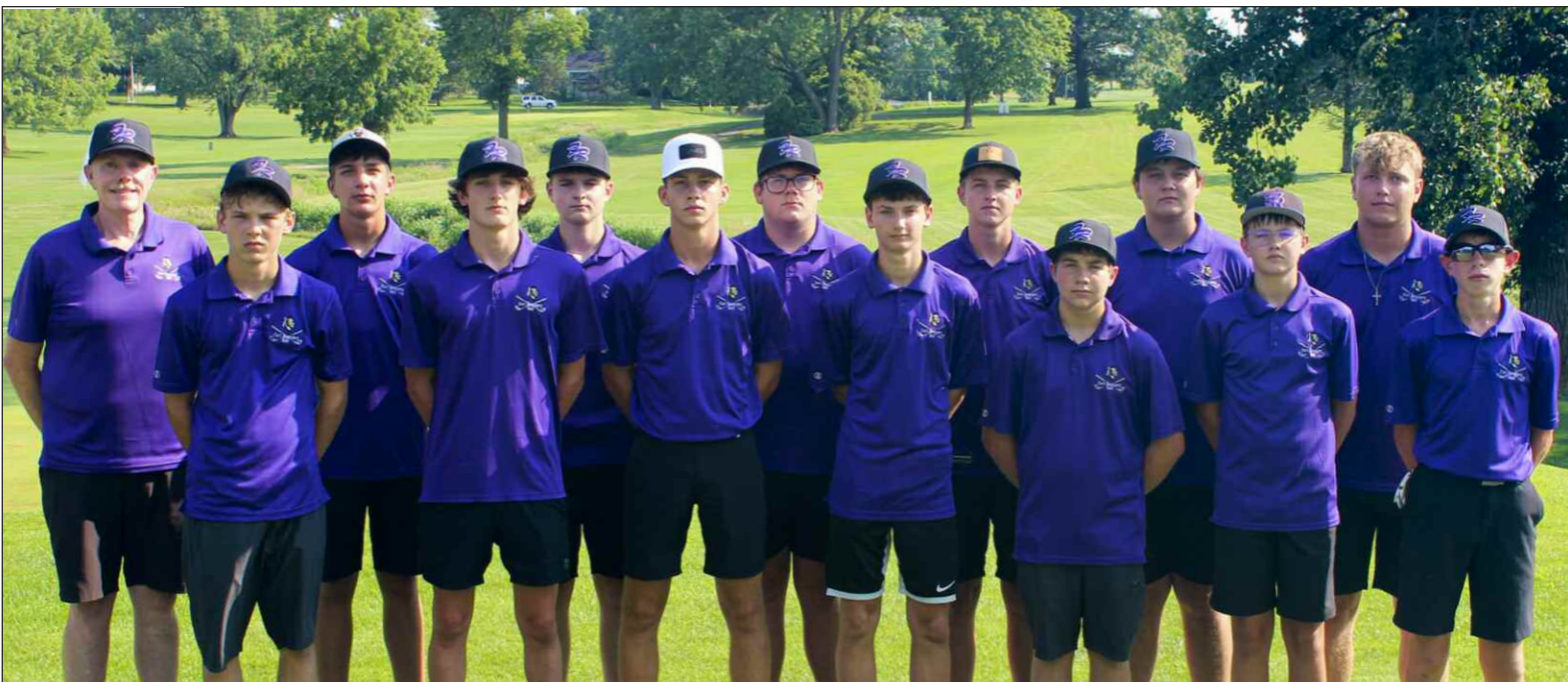
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# 2025 Fort Recovery boys golf preview



Pictured is the 2025 Fort Recovery High School boys golf team. Front row from left are Owen Greishop, Hudson McAbee, Reece LeFevre, Colten Thompson, Hoyt Schmidt, Kale Diller and Andrew Rehmert. Back row are coach Dean Sanders, Carter Fortkamp, Will Wesgerdes, Will Faller, Garrett Diller, Luke Fortkamp and Carson Fullenkamp. Not pictured is Caleb Smith.

### 2024 season

The Indians returned a bulk of its 2023 lineup, but struggled to get consistent scores from its top guys, resulting in an 8-8 record. They finished 4-5 in the Midwest Athletic Conference, tying Parkway, but earned fifth place outright after finishing third in the MAC Championships with a 318. Four different players earned match medalist honors throughout the course of the year, but three of those four also managed to fail to score in two matches. Despite underperforming during the regular season, the Tribe earned a spot in the district tournament after placing fourth at the sectional with a 327. They finished third in the district, missing a spot in the state tournament by just one spot and 15 strokes.

### Projected lineup

Reece LeFevre, Sr.  
Caleb Smith, Sr.  
Garrett Diller, Sr.  
Andrew Rehmert, Fr.  
Will Faller, So.  
Carter Fortkamp, Jr.

### Top returner

**Reece LeFevre**  
41.3 strokes/9, 1st team All-MAC  
**Caleb Smith**  
44.3 strokes/9, HM All-MAC

### Key departures

**Eli Lennartz**  
42.7 strokes/9  
**Keegan Muhlenkamp**  
43 strokes/9, 1st team All-MAC  
**Mason Diller**  
46.1 strokes/9

### Coach Dean Sanders says

"I think we're kind of looking at a rebuilding year this year. Lost a lot of seniors last year and real proud of how the team did last year ... but obviously you have those years where you're going to be having a new set of guys. The best thing is we've got 10 returning players this year so we've got some guys with varsity experience. ... We've got four new guys too that know how to play the game and we're looking for good things out of them too. ... One thing we are going to work on are skills and drills in the short game and the irons."

### Fast facts

- Reece LeFevre excelled in 18-hole tournaments last year, earning medalist honors in the Mercer County Invite and the Midwest Athletic Conference Championships.
- Dean Sanders enters his seventh year of coaching Fort Recovery.
- The Tribe will be 14 players deep with 10 returning from last season and four newcomers.

## FRHS boys golf

Date	Opponent	Time
Monday, Aug. 4	Tri-Village	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 5	Mercer County	8 a.m.
<b>Thursday, Aug. 7</b>	<b>New Bremen</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, Aug. 11</b>	<b>Marion Local</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
Tuesday, Aug. 12	Mississinewa Valley	4 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 14	Parkway	5 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 15	Russia	10 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 21	Minster	4:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, Aug. 25</b>	<b>Coldwater</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
Thursday, Aug. 28	New Knoxville	5 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Sept. 4</b>	<b>Versailles</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, Sept. 8</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
Thursday, Sept. 11	St. Henry	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 8	Coldwater	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13	Nate Niekamp Invite	8 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 16	Fairlawns	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18	Newton	8:30 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20	MAC Champ.	8:30 a.m.
<b>Home meets in bold</b>		

### Matches to watch

#### Thursday, Aug. 14, at Parkway

The Tribe and Panthers both finished 4-5 in the MAC last year, so this match can help create some separation.

#### Saturday, Sept. 20, at MAC Championships

Along with impacting other conference honors, this tournament is the final 18-hole event Fort Recovery will play at prior to the sectional.

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