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## Increasing space

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

Pennville library's renovation is getting closer.

Bidding is now open for the project, with the bid opening scheduled for April 22.

The estimated \$350,000 project will expand the Penn Township Library building by nearly 1,700 square feet, more than doubling the size of the facility.

Most of the project is being funded by the \$333,000 awarded to Jay Region! for being a finalist for the 2019 Stellar Communities designation, a multi-million dollar investment initiative headed by Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Jay County Commissioners also agreed to provide a 10% match for the project in August.

### Expansion project will more than double the size of Penn Township Library

Plans are to construct the addition to the south of the existing 1,000-square-foot library at 195 N. Union St. Some other additions include a parking lot, a breezeway that will serve to connect the current library and the addition — it will double as the new entrance — and two new bathrooms. Plans are also to update the internet service, add more furniture (bookshelves,

tables and chairs) and potentially add some new paint, flooring and windows to the old building.

Travis Richards, Jay County Development Corporation executive director, estimates the project will be completed within the next year.

"It's going to be nice to see some more development in the downtown area," Richards said.

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The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

The Penn Township Library has accumulated more and more books over the years, but it has not expanded its space since moving to its location on Union Street in the '80s. Pictured, carts and bookshelves sit full of reading material last year. Most items have since been removed from the building in preparation for construction.



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

## Double play

A double rainbow highlighted the sky over Jay County High School's Don E. Selvey Field after rain fell during the Patriot baseball team's game against the Elwood Panthers on Thursday. Jay County received about 0.35 inches of rain, and more is expected today.

## Modified election measure moves forward

Significant changes made in committee

By ALEXANDRA KUKULKA  
Post-Tribune (Merrillville)

A House committee approved a vastly amended election bill Thursday, but the sticking point was a matter not proposed in the original bill: redistricting.

Based on committee amendments, the bill now only requires voters to type in the ID number on file with their election office when applying for an absentee vote by mail ballot online. Voters who apply for an absentee vote by mail application on paper will still follow signature match procedures.

The original bill called for voters to write in their driver's license number or last four digits of their Social Security number — whichever was on file with their respective election office — on their application for an absentee vote by mail ballot.

Typically, election office staff write in a voter's driver's license or last four digits of a Social Security number on the absentee ballot application. During testimony Tuesday, 10 election experts testified against this element of the bill arguing that many voters who vote absentee by mail are older and likely won't know which number they used to register to vote.

Additionally, the original bill wouldn't allow the Indiana Election Commission to expand vote by mail options, and prevents the commission or the governor from changing the election date during emergencies.

On Thursday, before the House Elections and Apportionment Committee, Rep. Tonya Pfaff, D-Terre Haute, proposed an amendment that differentiates between online and mail absentee vote by mail applications.

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## Chicago doctor testified Thursday

By PAUL WALSH, ROCHELLE OLSON and CHAO XIONG  
Star Tribune  
Tribune News Service

MINNEAPOLIS — A medical expert testified Thursday that George Floyd died from a lack of oxygen as Derek Chauvin, a now-fired Minneapolis police officer, knelt on Floyd's neck and then held that position for more than three minutes after Floyd drew his last breath.

Dr. Martin Tobin, a Chicago physician who has specialized in respiratory and critical care medicine for decades, said he has reviewed much of the evidence and concluded that "Floyd died from a low level of oxygen. This caused damage to his brain that we see, and it also caused a (pulseless electrical activity)

### Defense and prosecution at odds over cause of death

arrhythmia that caused his heart to stop."

Cause of death has provided a sharp divide between the state and the defense. The prosecution is saying Floyd died from a lack of oxygen, while defense attorney Eric Nelson has argued that Floyd died of a cardiac arrest, illicit drug use and other factors.

The heavy dose of expert med-

ical testimony filled the day until adjournment later than usual Thursday. The second week of testimony resumes Friday morning.

During the afternoon, jurors heard from a forensic toxicologist at NMS Labs, which tested Floyd's blood for illicit drug use and found the presence of fentanyl and methamphetamine.

David Isenschmid said that

while fentanyl was found in Floyd's blood, so was norfentanyl, which is metabolized fentanyl. Overdose victims who die rarely have norfentanyl in their blood, he said.

He testified that Floyd's ratio of fentanyl to norfentanyl was 1.96 nanograms per milliliter. This is compared to the average ratio of 9.05 ng/ml in post-mortem cases and 3.2 ng/ml in driving under the influence cases of people who survive.

Floyd's level of methamphetamine was even lower compared to a sample of driving under the influence meth cases.

"Does this show Mr. Floyd was below the average and even below the median in DUI cases?" prosecutor Erin Eldridge asked. "Yes," he said.

### Deaths

Ruth Hudson, 51, Portland  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 70 degrees Thursday. The low was 54, and there was about 0.35 inches of rain.

There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight with a low of 53. Expect more rain Saturday with a high of 70 and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. See page 2 for an extended forecast.

### In review

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

### Coming up

**Saturday** — Results from the FRHS track team at the Celina Invitational.

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting.



# Capsule Reports

## Event moved

The lawn care workshop that Jay County's Purdue Extension office had scheduled for Thursday has been moved. It will now be held at 6 p.m. April 22 at Jay County Public Library. To RSVP for the free event, call (260) 726-4707.

## Turkey trouble

A Union City woman drove into a wild turkey on Boundary Pike about 2:20 p.m. Thursday. Rheta J. Kaufman, 68, was

driving north on the road near county road 300 South when a turkey ran across the road and hit the windshield on Kaufman's 2018 Hyundai Tucson. Damage is estimated to be less than \$1,000.

## Lost control

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Berne man driving on county road 800 North lost control of his vehicle about 6:19 p.m. Tuesday. Austin N. Holliday, 18, was driving east on the gravel road

when he lost control of his 2006 Chevrolet Silverado. He told Jay County Sheriff's Office he was driving 65 mph to 80 mph when he left the road. His vehicle rolled in the field, causing damage to the yard owned by Martha Miller at 8034 E. 800 North, Bryant. The Silverado was towed.

## Left highway

A Portland woman drove off U.S. 27 and rolled over about 12:55 p.m. Wednesday.

Harley D. Ingram was driving north on the highway near county road 300 North when the 2008 Ford Fusion she was driving left the road and rolled over, coming to a rest on its tires.

Ingram refused treatment but mentioned pain in her lower arm. Her passenger, Christian S. Smith, 19, Logansport, was transported to IU Health Jay for pain all over his body.

The vehicle is registered to Andrew C. Koons of Toledo, Ohio. It was towed, with damage

estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

## Deer hit

A Fort Recovery man drove into a deer on county road 100 North about 6:45 a.m. Friday.

Timothy J. Hart, 52, was driving his 2009 Toyota Tacoma west on the road near county road 100 East when a deer ran in front of his vehicle. Hart was unable to avoid driving into the animal. Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

## CR almanac

Saturday 4/10	Sunday 4/11	Monday 4/12	Tuesday 4/13	Wednesday 4/14
<b>72/48</b>	<b>57/47</b>	<b>70/43</b>	<b>60/40</b>	<b>59/39</b>
There's a 80% chance of rain and thunderstorms starting in the morning, along with 20 mph winds.	60% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies during the day. Mostly clear skies at night.	Small chance of rain but otherwise cloudy with some sun. Temperatures may reach the 70s.	Mostly sunny skies. Winds may reach between 10 and 15 mph.	Another day of mostly cloudy skies. Otherwise cooler temperatures for the rest of the week.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$55 million	48-53-55-60-71-72-75 Cash 5: 12-16-19-28-34 Estimated jackpot: \$191,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$201 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 9-5-0 Pick 4: 3-6-9-6 Pick 5: 5-6-0-1-6 Evening Pick 3: 5-9-3 Pick 4: 6-1-5-8 Pick 5: 9-2-0-7-8 Rolling Cash: 3-7-18-21-32 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 9-9-3 Daily Four: 4-3-9-9 Evening Daily Three: 1-7-3 Daily Four: 0-7-4-2 Quick Draw: 2-6-16-20-25-28-34-37-38-42-44-45-47-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....5.92 Wheat .....6.13	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....5.84 May corn.....5.85 Beans .....14.35 Sept. beans .....12.29 July wheat ..... 6.08
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....5.99 May corn.....6.01	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....5.89 April corn .....5.92 Beans .....14.19 April beans .....14.21 Wheat .....5.91 July wheat.....5.93
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....5.85 May corn.....5.89 Beans .....14.36 May beans .....14.36 Wheat ..... 6.36 May wheat ..... 6.36	

## Today in history

**On April 9, 1939**, Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after the Black singer was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**In 1682**, French explorer Robert de La Salle claimed the Mississippi River Basin for France.

**In 1865**, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

**In 1940**, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

**In 1942**, during World War II, some 75,000 Philippine and American defenders on Bataan surrendered to Japanese troops, who forced the prisoners into what became known as the Bataan Death March; thousands died or were

killed en route.

**In 1959**, NASA presented its first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton.

**In 1968**, funeral services, private and public, were held for Martin Luther King Jr. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church and Morehouse College in Atlanta, five days after the civil rights leader was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

**In 1996**, Jay County Public Library Board agreed to put the former library building on Walnut Street up for sale with an asking price of \$150,000.

**In 2005**, Britain's Prince Charles married longtime love Camilla Parker Bowles, who took the title Duchess of Cornwall.

—AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Monday**  
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.  
6 p.m. — Jay County Regional Sewer District, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.  
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

# Obituaries

## Ruth Hudson

June 16, 1969-April 7, 2021  
Ruth Ann Hudson, age 51, of Portland passed away on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Portland on June 16, 1969, the daughter of Robert and Pat (Kunce) Jellison. She was married on July 6, 2013, to Tim Hudson, who survives. She had worked at Persimmon Ridge and Jay County Fairgrounds.

Ruth had attended Hopewell Church and was a 1987 Jay County High School graduate. She enjoyed

crossword puzzles, coloring, horses and baking.

Surviving are her husband Tim; two brothers, Steven Jellison of Portland and David Jellison (wife: Pam) of Portland; two sisters, Becky Ballard of Portland and Debbie Hernandez of Portland; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 12, 2021, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Herb Hummel presiding. Burial will



Hudson

follow in the Little Salamonina Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society or Jay County Heart Fund.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city, birth/death date and service information. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

## Musical 'Awakening'

Eric Rogers (piano) and Pete Vogler (flute) perform Thursday evening during the "Awakening" concerts at Arts Place in Portland. The concert was the second of the organization's live-streamed events this year after it had not held a performance since March 2020 because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

# Felony court news

## Unlawful possession

Two Portland women were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court.

Alissa A. Myers, 30, pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of a syringe and maintaining a common nuisance, also a Level

6 felony. She was sentenced to 547 days total (one year for the possession charge and 182 days for the maintaining a common nuisance charge) in Jay County Jail. All but 116 days of the possession charge sentence were suspended, and she was given 298 days credit for 149 days served. She was assessed

court costs of \$370. As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony charge for possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony charge for unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class B misdemeanor charge for disorderly conduct and a Class B misde-

meanor charge for public intoxication.

Bobbi L. Watson, 28, 607 E. Race St., pleaded guilty to two counts of unlawful possession of a syringe. Watson was sentenced to 360 days in Jay County Jail and given 234 days credit for 117 days served. She was assessed court costs of \$370.

# Felony arrests

## Dealing drugs

Two Portland men were arrested recently for dealing drugs.

Cody S. Gierhart, 31, 6769 W. 400 South, was arrested Wednesday and preliminarily charged a Level 3 felony for dealing in methamphetamine and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana. He was booked into Jay County Jail on \$15,000 bond.

Jordan M. Lemaster, 26, 640 E. Floral Ave., was arrested Thursday and preliminarily charged with two Level 2 felonies for dealing cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs, two Level 6 felonies for

maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held in Jay County Jail on \$51,000 bond.

## Failed to appear

Two men were arrested Wednesday for failing to appear in court.

Zachary B. Combs, 31, 101 W. Moody Ave., Portland, was previously charged with two Level 6 felonies for possession of a controlled substance and unlawful pos-

session of a syringe, and two Class A misdemeanors for resisting law enforcement and possession of paraphernalia. He was booked into Jay County Jail on \$7,500 bond.

Blake A. Jester, 37, 5000 N. Hickory Ave., Muncie, was previously charged a two Level 5 felonies for dealing in a look-alike substance and battery resulting in bodily injury, two Level 6 felonies for possession of a narcotic drug and unlawful possession of a syringe, and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

### SERVICES

**Saturday**

**Shetler**, Sylvia: 9 a.m., Shetler residence, 2406 W. 350 South, Berne.

**Ellsworth**, David: 11:30 a.m., Green Park Cemetery, Portland.

**Tighe**, Dustin: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Haley**, Melodi: 3 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Monday**

**Hudson**, Ruth: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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## 50th anniversary

### Carlotta and Stephen Flynn

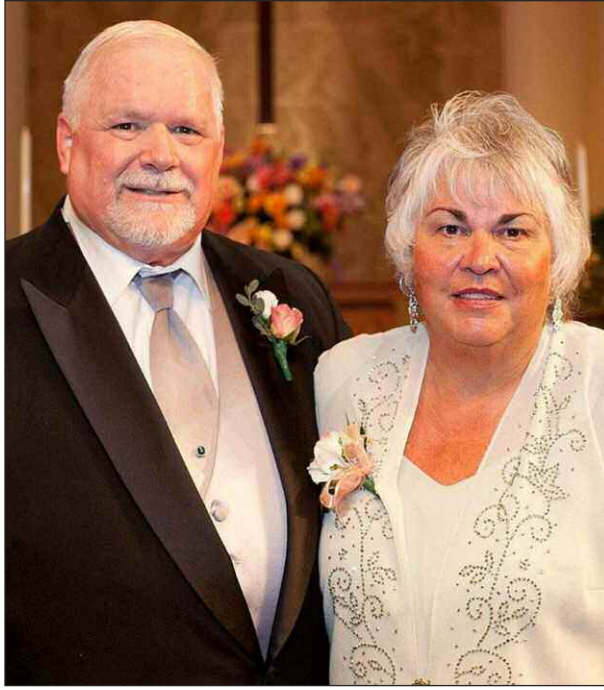
Stephen and Carlotta Flynn of Redkey are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today.

Carlotta McAbee married Stephen Flynn on April 9, 1971, at Redkey Main Street United Methodist Church.

Stephen retired in 2016 after 40 years in health-care financial management, including at Blackford County Hospital, Preferred Medical Management at St. Vincent Health. Carlotta retired in 2013 after teaching first grade at Redkey Elementary School for 33 years.

They are the parents of Amy (Tyler) McAbee, Portland, Andrea (Matt) Hinds, Huntington, and Austin (Amy) Flynn, Indianapolis. They have six grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

The Flynns plan to celebrate with a family vacation to Florida.



Stephen and Carlotta Flynn

## In dating efforts, emphasize positive

DEAR ABBY: I have something to say about "Still Fun in the South" (Jan. 4) and her complaint that single middle-aged men only look for younger women, instead of women their age. I am a 53-year-old widower. I have a six-figure income. I'm smart, healthy, easygoing and have a good life with many hobbies and interests.

On multiple dating apps, I have swiped right on dozens of women my age. My main criteria were that they weren't fanatically religious or rabidly political. Would you like to know how many swipe rights I received in return? Not one! I feel middle-aged women are far more picky than their younger counterparts, which is why I'm currently in a relationship with a woman in her mid-30s. I don't pursue younger women — they pursue me while the women around my age couldn't be bothered.

I realize my dating experience is anecdotal, and there are extenuating circumstances (COVID), but I don't like being lumped into a category and complained about as if middle-aged women share none of the responsibility.

I want to tell "Still Fun" that if she wants a relationship with someone her age, she needs to be a little less judgmental and picky and give those middle-aged men who actually show an interest a chance. She might find there's more to them than appears in a dating profile. — SEASONED IN SALT LAKE CITY

DEAR SEASONED: The responders to "Still Fun's" letter pointed out the advantages AND disadvantages of dating people younger, older and the same age. But the common denominator for successful dating, according to those readers, is to emphasize what

Dear Abby



you are happy about in your life and describe your passions and interests. Someone who exudes confidence, a love of life and who doesn't come across as desperate for a permanent move-in partner can do very well.

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter is engaged to the most wonderful young man. We all got along very well, including his parents with us. After one discussion about politics, they realized we're on opposite sides of the spectrum and everything changed. They no longer call, or they hesitate to answer our calls.

We want to make things better because our daughter is deeply in love with their son, and she loves his parents. Could you please provide some suggestions? — OOPS! IN VIRGINIA

DEAR OOPS!: I can try, but there are no guarantees. While you and the other set of parents may disagree about solutions to the problems in this country, on one subject you should all be unified. That subject is wanting the happiness of your children and grandchildren when you are blessed with them. For this reason, make an agreement to put aside political differences, never again discuss them and work cooperatively together toward your mutual goal. However, if they cannot agree, you and your husband must accept that there may be a strain in your relationship until time can heal the breach.

## Program kicks off Sunday

Strengthening Families will be offered for the first time in Dunkirk beginning from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday at West Jay Community Center.

The free seven-session program — it is a partnership between Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition and Dunkirk Glad Tidings Church — is designed for parents or guardians with children between the ages of 10 and 14. It includes free lunch and child care for families attending. Topics range from helping teens resist peer pressure, setting goals and helping parents communicate better with their kids.

Those interested in participating can sign up by calling (260) 726-4707.

### Contest set

Jay County Public Library is sponsoring a poetry contest in this month.

The library is looking for local poets who are willing to submit and read their original piece. Poems must be original and must

### Taking Note

be able to be read in 3 minutes or less.

Submit entries to the library by emailing jaylibrary315@gmail.com by April 20. A live reading will be scheduled for the last week of April.

Friends of Jay County Public Library will provide prizes in three age groups — 12 and younger, 13 to 17 year olds and adults.

### Concert is April 18

The Jay County High School Patriot Band program will host its taco dinner and concert on April 18.

The taco dinner, for which the band will accept free-will donations, will run from 11:30 a.m. to

1:30 p.m. The concert will follow at 2 p.m.

The performance will feature the Patriot concert and jazz bands as well as the school's winter guard.

### Registration is April 27

Fort Recovery Local Schools has set its preschool registration at 7 p.m. April 27 in the Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School auditorium. Social distancing and mask wearing are encouraged.

In order to attend preschool, children must be at least 3 years old by June 1. Tuition is based on household income and frequency of attendance, with two-day, three-day and four-day programs available with morning and afternoon sessions.

To register, parents should bring a copy of their child's birth certificate, Social Security card and immunization record.

Children do not need to attend the registration session. Those unable to attend the session can request more information by calling (419) 375-4131.

## Community Calendar

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

### Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532.

### Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — For those 55 and older from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk.

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 Port-

land. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 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.

PORTLAND CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI — Will meet at 11 a.m. the second Monday of each month at the Portland Fire Department. For more information, call Nick Miller at (937) 239-0022.

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

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Preferred Insurance Center, 809 W. Main St., Coldwater, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

### Tuesday

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

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

## Sudoku

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3		5	4	6				8
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5	3				8	7		
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Level: Advanced

### Thursday's Solution

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

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

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# Border crisis requires more than \$

**Bloomberg Opinion**  
Tribune News Service

Faced with a burgeoning crisis at the southern border, President Joe Biden has pledged to increase economic assistance to countries in Central America's Northern Triangle. He's right to do so. But money alone won't be enough.

The three Northern Triangle countries — Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras — are some of the least developed nations in the Western Hemisphere, with poverty rates twice as high as in the rest of Latin America. The impact of the pandemic and two hurricanes in 2020 compounded the region's misery, displacing hundreds of thousands and causing Central America's economies to shrink by 6%. All three countries rank among the

## Guest Editorial

most violent and corrupt places on earth. Surveys show that more than 1 in 5 citizens say they've had to pay bribes to receive government services.

The Biden administration has called for providing \$4 billion over four years to the three countries to address the "root causes" of emigration. That's roughly double the amount spent by Donald Trump's administration, which in recent years cut off aid to punish the countries for failing to crack down on

migration. The U.S. has an interest in holding the region's leaders accountable for their citizens' welfare, but amid public-health and environmental calamities, Trump's policy toward Central America was cruel and shortsighted. Wisely, Biden wants to reverse it.

At the same time, the administration should be clear-eyed about what this new assistance can achieve. Although the three countries got about \$2.4 billion in aid between 2013 and 2018, a Government Accountability Office report concluded that "limited information is available about how U.S. assistance improved prosperity, governance, and security in the Northern Triangle." Rather than rely on opaque bureaucracies to administer aid programs,

the U.S. should adopt a more targeted approach. Diplomats in the region should work with civil-society groups that promote public transparency and the rule of law. "Place-based" strategies that steer resources to areas that produce the highest numbers of migrants should be expanded. Biden should also boost support for anti-corruption commissions that have effectively exposed cases of embezzlement and collusion between government officials and organized crime.

Perhaps more important, the U.S. should try to promote economic growth in the three countries. Negotiating digital trade agreements would reduce operating costs for businesses and spur investment in the region's nascent technology sector. Link-

ing the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement with the Central America Free Trade Agreement would encourage companies to reshore supply chains to the Northern Triangle by giving goods manufactured there duty-free access to the U.S. market. By one estimate, shifting just 5% of current investment in supply-chain production from China to Central America would create 1 million jobs in the region.

The factors causing so many to flee the Northern Triangle won't subside overnight — but solving America's border crisis requires that policymakers address them. A strategy that improves governance and promotes opportunity stands the best chance of helping the region's people build better futures at home.

## Filibuster stops meaningful debate

By **LEE H. HAMILTON**

As Washington turns its attention to infrastructure and other matters of policy, the Senate filibuster isn't commanding quite the same headlines as it did a few weeks back. But that's only because the issue is percolating behind the scenes. At some point, it will return to the limelight.

And when it does, you should understand what's at stake. Because as obscure as it seems, it actually goes to the heart of how we operate.

The key point to remember is that as the country's population has shifted, a growing number of senators have come to represent a shrinking portion of Americans. In the House, this doesn't matter as much, since districts are apportioned by population. But in the Senate, current rules require 60 senators to agree to move a measure forward, with certain exceptions. This means 41 senators can block most legislation, so in theory, the senators coming from the 21 smallest states — who together represent less than 12% of the population — can keep the agenda from moving forward.

It's hard to believe the country's founders would think this makes sense. And it's certainly a far cry from government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

In particular, it means that initiatives that appear to have great popular support — including infrastructure spending, certain gun control measures, a higher minimum wage, even a legitimate path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants — will face tough sledding in the Senate. This is because it is remarkably easy for the leader of the Senate minority, Republican Mitch McConnell, to muster the 41 votes he needs simply to block legislation from moving forward. It's a silent and powerful parliamentary move: Without Americans as a whole or senators' constituents being any the wiser, bills die without coming up for a vote and there are no fingerprints on the murder weapon.

Now, the Senate wasn't designed to be like the House, and there's a lot to be said for maintaining rules that slow legislation down and ensure that the majority can't simply get what it wants without negotiating. But the key word is "negotiating" — when the filibuster is used simply to ensure that a president and elected majority can't get a

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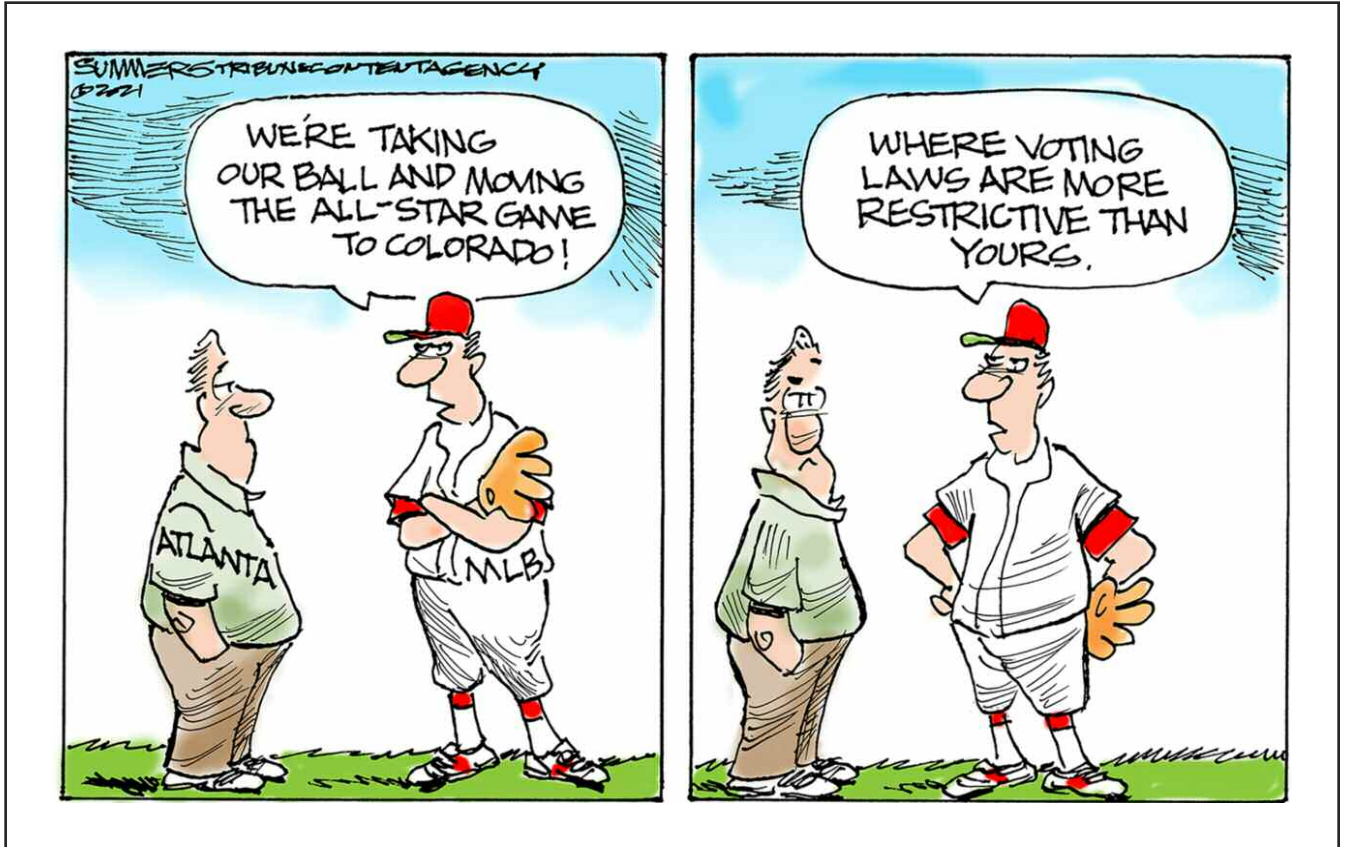
bill considered, it's become something else. So while there appears to be little appetite in the Senate for ending the filibuster outright, there's strong incentive to explore alternatives.

These would be in keeping with a long history of filibuster reforms in the Senate: budget reconciliation starting in the 1970s allowed many bills related to taxing and spending to move forward with a simple majority; in 1975, the Senate changed the number of votes needed to move a bill forward from 67 to 60; and more recently, the Senate carved out exemptions on confirmation votes. In other words, there is precedent for change.

The options include expanding the breadth of bills that are exempt from the 60-vote requirement to move forward. Or the Senate could require more members (now it's just one) to force a so-called "cloture" vote, which brings the filibuster into play. Or it could reduce the 60-vote requirement, either for all bills or for particular kinds. Or it could revive the requirement that senators intent on blocking legislation must get up and talk about it — which would have some drawbacks but at least would make it clear who's standing in the way.

The Senate's rules are a big reason we have a Congress that struggles to get things done — and a big reason our democracy seems to be hamstrung. I believe in representative democracy, and in not trying to shortcut it or to restrict it: Proposals in front of Congress should be able to get a full debate and an up-or-down vote in which Americans' elected representatives make clear where they stand. That's how we hold them accountable and how legislative bodies go about the hard work of finding broadly acceptable solutions to difficult challenges. The filibuster allows a small group of them to sidestep all that.

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## Tax plan will be a fight

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If you expected the administration of President Joe Biden to be a return to normalcy on trade issues after the drama of Trump-era tariff battles and tweet diplomacy, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has other ideas.

That's because her plans announced Monday to introduce a global minimum corporate tax rate represent quite as much of a shock to the international economic order as Trump's decision to wage trade war on China.

The two phenomena are connected as fundamental aspects of the modern global economy. Corporations have cut operating expenses at the top of their income statements by sending manufacturing offshore to China and other emerging economies where labor costs are lower. At the bottom of their income statements they've done the same with tax expenses, by offshoring their profits to low-tax jurisdictions such as Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Ireland, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Singapore and Switzerland.

A significant slice of the profitability of the modern multinational corporation depends on those two moves. As we've written, about a third of foreign direct investment in the decade through 2018 went through just seven offshore centers used for tax minimization. Ireland's four biggest companies, according to an annual ranking by the Irish Times, are the local units of Apple Inc., Alphabet Inc., Facebook Inc. and Microsoft Corp. Over the decade through 2019, the British Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands alone — with a combined population of about 100,000 people — received about 76 cents of foreign investment inflows for every dollar that went to China.

Such "investment" came more in the form of corporate inversions and the vesting of intellectual property rights rather than the establishment of genuine new businesses. Even so, it's made a substantial difference to

corporate profits, as well as to the revenue that governments have been able to collect from taxing that income.

States would gain about \$100 billion a year if reforms were introduced to reduce such activities, according to a study last year by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, a grouping of rich nations. Other estimates are substantially higher: One influential 2018 study calculated the losses at about 10% of the \$2.15 trillion in corporate taxes paid globally, rising as high as 20% in the European Union.

Yellen isn't the first to suggest cracking down on this behavior. Indeed, tackling the activity has been a major subject for international groupings such as the Group of 20 and OECD since the early years after the 2008 financial collapse, when it was seen as a significant contributor to the post-crisis deterioration of government budgets.

To say those efforts have come to nothing would be a drastic understatement. Indeed, while ideas have been fruitlessly batted around international talking shops, the real action over the past decade has been in the way governments have given up on attempts to prevent profit leakage and turned to cutting their own tax rates instead. Of 37 OECD members, 24 have cut their corporate tax rates since 2008. Just seven have raised them.

In one sense, that provides a partial solution to the problem. If you can reduce your own tax rates below that of, say, Switzerland (as, for instance, the U.K. has done) you remove most of the incentive for multinationals to shift their profits there. The trouble

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is, with Ireland running a 12.5% rate and the likes of the Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands not taxing corporate profits at all, it's a race to the bottom that rich-country governments can only win by either drastically cutting spending or by shifting more and more of the fiscal burden onto the shoulders of middle- and working-class voters.

Yellen is right to attempt to tackle this, but the challenges to getting anything done remain substantial. Major companies and corporate lobbies have a far harder time dealing with China than they do with Bermuda, the Netherlands and Singapore — but even there, Trump's trade war with Beijing provoked substantial pushback. The richest corporate donors in every developed economy gain enormously from the world's failure to act collectively on this issue. It will be hard bringing low-tax jurisdictions on board, too, given how fundamental tax minimization strategies are to their economies.

America has substantial muscle to get its way in international financial affairs. Every country in the world must observe U.S. sanctions, regardless of the rules in their own country, thanks to the way the dollar has been weaponized by successive administrations over the past decade. Hong Kong's sanctioned Chief Executive Carrie Lam receives her salary in cash because even Chinese-owned banks in Hong Kong won't risk getting on the wrong side of the U.S. Department of Justice.

If there's a genuine will to crack down on tax minimization, that suggests the Biden administration should be able to find a way. The failed reform attempts of the past decade, however, give reason to doubt that change is on its way. For all the rhetoric out of Washington, corporate tax rates in 2030 are more likely to be lower than higher.

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## Election ...

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Under the amendment, voters who apply online have to type in their driver's license number or last four digits of their Social Security number. Voters who fill out their ballot application on paper would have to meet the criteria of a signature match.

What the amendment does, said Lake County Election and Voter Registration Board Director Michelle Fajman, is solidify into law what was done during the 2020 general election — following some fall-out during the 2020 primary.

During the 2020 primary, bill author Sen. Erin Houchin, R-Salem, said Tuesday during a committee hearing that she was contacted by a constituent who said a family member wanted to apply for an absentee vote by mail ballot online but was told they had already voted.

When she looked into it, Houchin said, the online application did not require the voter to put in any information that wasn't publicly available. So, Houchin said she reached out to the secretary of state's office, and for the 2020 general election voters were required to put in their driver's license number or Social Security number, whichever they used to register, when filing out an online application.

Fajman said she has no problem with a voter having to type in the ID number they registered with when applying online because it is a "good way as a second validation" and the system prompts the voter if they enter the wrong number.

For example, Fajman testified as the original bill was being considered Tuesday and shared the story of her daughter, who applied online for an absentee vote by mail ballot. Her daughter had her driver's license nearby assuming that's what she used to register to vote, Fajman said, but after typing in the 10-digit number, the system prompted her asking for the last four numbers of her Social Security number.

"It makes it easier for us to put this into law," Fajman said. "I'm very happy with the changes."

Rep. Timothy Wesco, R-Osceola, committee chairman, said he supported the amendment because "it would make it more difficult for someone to request an absentee ballot for another person without their consent because they would have to have that personal information to do so."

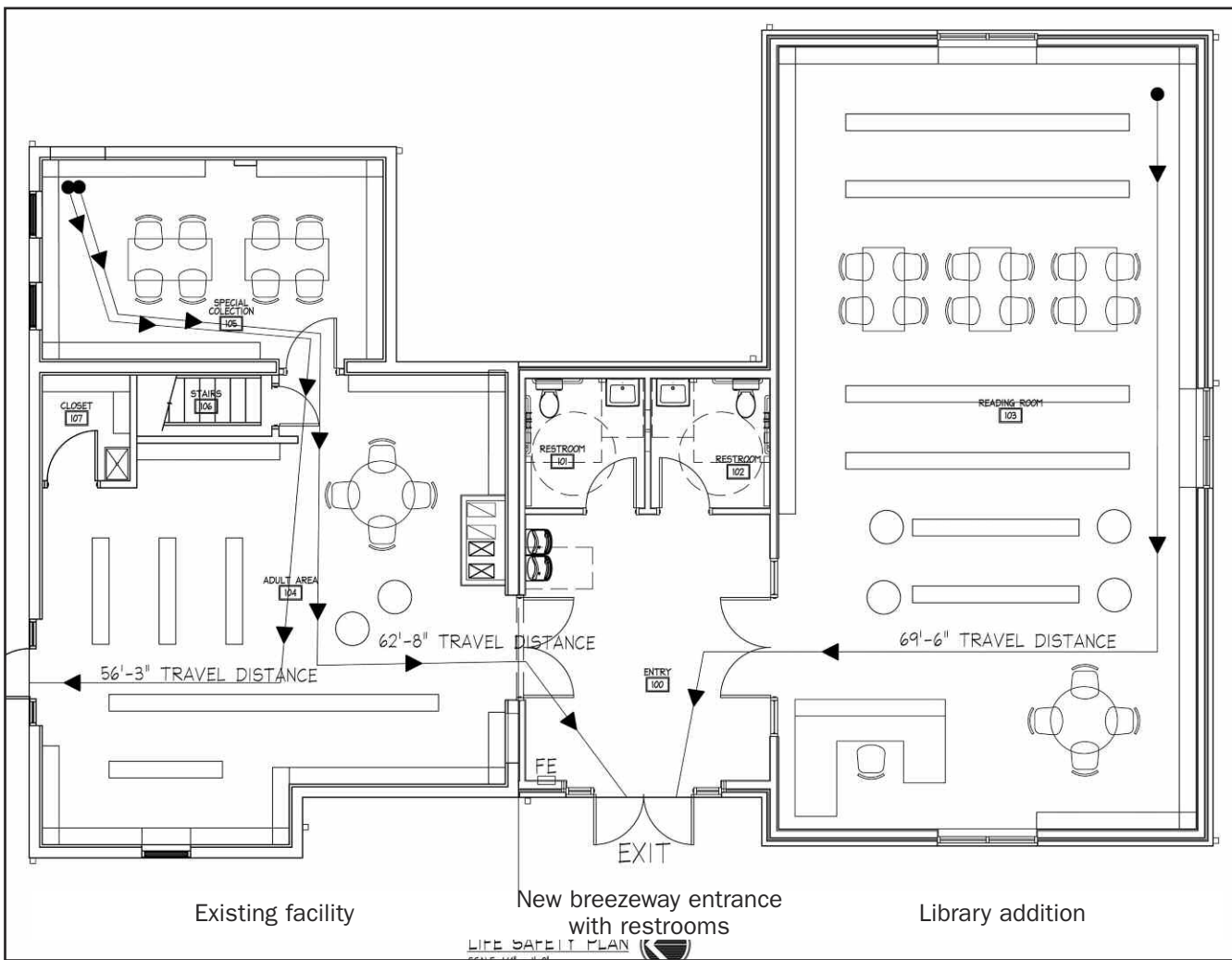
The amendment passed with unanimous support.

Another amendment proposed to the bill removed the sections of the original bill that prevented the commission from expanding absentee vote by mail options and prohibits the commission or the governor from changing the election date during emergencies.

The amendment, Wesco said, "essentially this leaves Pfaff's amendment as the bill."

Rep. Matt Pierce, D-Bloomington, urged the committee to vote in favor of the amendment because without it "there's really no mechanism, short of a legislature passing a new law, to deal with what could be a very tight emergency situation."

"Otherwise, getting the legislature into session in those circumstances and then voting through legislation is just going to be too long," Pierce said.



The drawing at left from Genesis Designs shows the expansion of Penn Township Library. The addition on the south side of the current library in Pennville will more than double its size. Bidding is underway for the project, which is being funded mostly from \$333,000 the Jay! Region received for being a finalist for the 2019 Stellar Communities Designation.

## Increasing ...

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Librarian Brenda Cash, who has been involved with the library for nearly all her life, explained in an October interview she was most excited to expand the children's space. Before clearing the library in the last few months for construction, all books and items for infants through age 17 were crammed in the back room.

"We have a big selection of blocks and Legos and Tinker Toys for the kids to play (with), and it's really hard when the high school

kids come in because they've got to walk over it," she explained.

Cash said she would like to have a section designated for young adults. She's visited larger libraries with her grandchildren and has been eyeing their teen sections for years.

JCDC administrative assistant Jodi Hayes mentioned Thursday that the expansion will create an area to utilize for children's programming.

Penn Township Library houses a variety of reading material, ranging from family scrapbooks

to classic novels. In addition to the content, the existing structure itself also holds its own history. It once belonged to the late Pennville resident Estella Bradford, Cash explained. After her death in the 1980s, Bradford's family had the home renovated into a space fit for a library.

The public library moved to the Union Street location in 1985 from its former spot in the basement at the old school building. Its southern lot, where the expansion will sit, also once held a house. After the structure burned down, local

residents purchased, cleared and donated the property to the Town of Pennville.

Cash explained the Union Street building seemed huge in comparison to the old basement space. But as the years passed, and as computers and wifi became a mainstay in libraries, the building began to show its age.

"It's just dated," she said. "But it's what we've got; it's what we use. People are happy. They're thrilled that we're going to be able to have more room."

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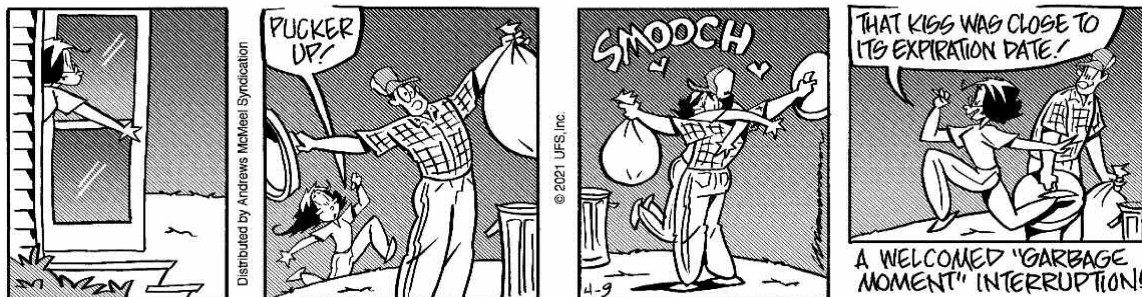
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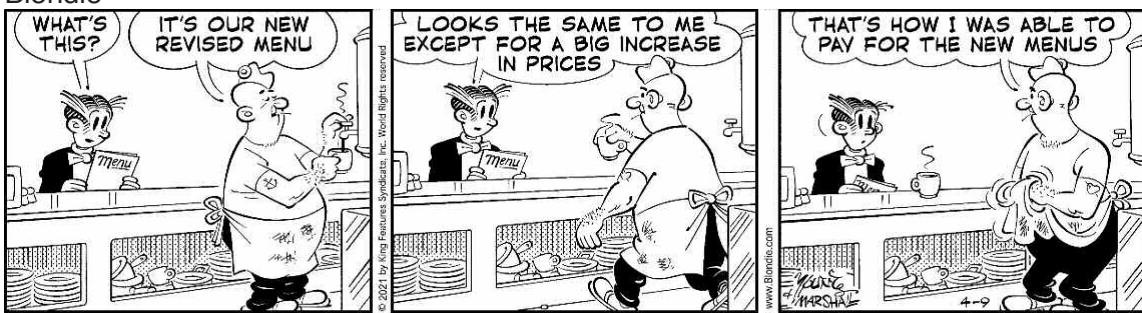
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The Patriots totaled just seven hits but drew eight walks.  
“Everybody just had quality at bats and everybody did their job right,” Heniser said of his team’s effort at the plate. “It led to runs.”

Dusty Pearson, meanwhile, tossed a complete-game shutout despite about a 15-minute delay in the top of the third inning because of rain.

The sophomore scattered just three hits, allowed his only walk with one out in the fourth inning and struck out eight Panthers. All three

outs in the fourth inning came by the strikeout, and he fanned five of the eight batters he faced over the third and fourth frames.

“I think he pitched the way he had to pitch today,” Selvey said. “He got a couple outs early on two-strike curveballs. Today it was stick with the fastball. It’s kind of hard to throw a curveball when the ball is wet and today they weren’t hitting his fastball, so he just did what he had to do.”

Colton Jetty, Retherford and Delong recorded the only hits for Elwood.

Caldwell and Heniser paced Jay County with multi-hit days.

Box score					
<b>Jay County Patriots vs. Elwood Panthers</b>					
		<b>ab</b>	<b>r</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>bi</b>
DeLong ss	2	0	1	0	
Huff c	1	0	0	0	
Mendenhall 2b	2	0	0	0	
Jarrett 2b	0	0	0	0	
Trueblood 1b	1	0	0	0	
Reed 1b	1	0	0	0	
Jetty c	1	0	1	0	
waymire 1b	0	0	0	0	
Nichols 3b	1	0	0	0	
Casas 3b	1	0	0	0	
Jones cf	1	0	0	0	
Limoges p	1	0	0	0	
Davenport rf	2	0	0	0	
Sickman lf	2	0	0	0	
McGuire lf	0	0	0	0	
Retherford p	2	0	1	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Jay County (1-0)</b>					
Faulkner ss	4	1	1	0	
Heniser lf	2	2	2	3	
Chapman lf 1	1	0	0	0	
SMyers 2b	1	0	0	0	
Nichols 2b	0	0	0	0	
Caldwell 1b	2	1	2	1	
<b>Elwood</b>					
Retherford, L	0.1	3	8	3	0
Jetty	0.1	1	1	1	0
Jones	1.1	2	3	2	2
Limoges	2.0	1	1	1	3
<b>Jay County</b>					
Pearson, W	5.0	3	0	0	1 8
<b>McGinnis 1b</b>					
Pearson p	4	0	0	0	
GMyers c 1	0	0	0	0	
McBride	0	2	0	0	
Dunlavy rf	1	2	1	2	
Weitzel rf	0	0	0	0	
Curts dh	1	1	0	1	
James 3b	0	0	0	0	
Bognschtz 3b	0	0	0	0	
Dowlen cf	1	2	1	2	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>Elwood</b>					
<b>Elwood</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>00X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Jay Co.</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>00X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>LOB — Elwood 4. Jay County 7. 2B — Jay County 1 (Dunlavy). 3B — Jay County 1 (Heniser). SB — Jay County 4 (Heniser, McGinnis, Nichols, Faulkner).</b>					
<b>IP H R ER BB SO</b>					
<b>Elwood</b>					
Retherford, L	0.1	3	8	3	0
Jetty	0.1	1	1	1	0
Jones	1.1	2	3	2	2
Limoges	2.0	1	1	1	3
<b>Jay County</b>					
Pearson, W	5.0	3	0	0	1 8

# Sports on tap

## Scoreboard

**NBA Basketball**  
Detroit 113, Sacramento 101  
Miami 110, L.A. Lakers 104  
Chicago 122, Toronto 113  
Cleveland 129, Oklahoma City 102  
Dallas 116, Milwaukee 101  
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Chicago Cubs 4, Pittsburgh 2  
Boston 7, Baltimore 3  
Colorado 7, Arizona 3  
Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 0  
Minnesota 10, Seattle 2  
St. Louis 3, Milwaukee 1  
L.A. Angels 7, Toronto 5 F/11  
Houston 6, Oakland 2

p.m.; Junior high track at Versailles quad — 4:30 p.m.

## Tuesday

Jay County — Softball vs. Eastbrook — 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Eastbrook — 5 p.m.; Track vs. South Adams and Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball at South Adams — 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Parkway — 5 p.m.; Softball at Parkway — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Parkway — 5 p.m.

## Thursday

Jay County — Boys golf at Wapahani — 4:30 p.m.; Track at Delta — 5 p.m.; Softball at Fort Recovery — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf at Winchester Driver — 4:30 p.m.; Junior high track hosts Monroe Central and Wes-Del — 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track hosts quad — 4:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Jay County — 5 p.m.; Baseball at New Knoxville — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. St. Marys — 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Coldwater quad — 4:30 p.m.

## TV schedule

### Today

7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Orlando Magic (FSN)

### Saturday

8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Brooklyn Nets (ABC)

### Sunday

7:08 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Los Angeles Clippers (TNT)

### Monday

7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at New York Knicks (ESPN)

# Local ...

Continued from page 8  
The Indians (3-1, 1-0 MAC) tied the game in the top of the second inning before breaking it open with a six-run third, highlighted by a bases-clearing double from Patch.

Post hit a solo homer in the next inning, during which Dillan Evers

and Derek Lothefeld added back-to-back two-run doubles as part of an eight-run frame.

Patch finished 3-for-4 with four RBIs. Kendrick Wendel and a double and a single, Riley Will tripled and singled, and Landon Post had a pair of singles.

Patch also threw a complete game, allowing three earned runs on six hits. He walked three and struck out 11.

Fort Recovery continues its four-game road swing tonight as it takes on Houston at Day Air Ballpark in Dayton, home of the Dayton Dragons.

## 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located: 11559 West Highway 26, Dunkirk IN Saturday, April 10th, 2021  
10:00 am.  
Old & Collector items. Household-Frigidaire side by side refrigerator, Maytag smooth top stove, Freedom Security Safe, 3 pc. bedroom suit, Grandfather clock, Crosley radio, Garfield toys, Pink depression, Small hump back trunk, Coke cases, Buggy wheel, Cider press, Schwinn bicycles.  
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## 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
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9:00 A.M.  
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## 250 PUBLIC NOTICE

### Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT  
2021 TERM  
No. 38C01-2003-EU-000012  
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of: John Hugh Hammitt, Deceased  
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION  
Notice is hereby given that Rebecca Sue Landers was, on the 29th day of March, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of John Hugh Hammitt deceased, who died on March 17, 2021. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 30th day of March, 2021.  
Jon Eads  
Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana  
HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMENAUR  
121 W. High Street  
Portland, IN 47371  
Attorney  
CR 4-2-9-2021 HSPAXLP

### Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF: DAVID E. ARNOLD (Deceased)  
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT  
CAUSE NO: 38C01-2103-EU-000011  
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
Notice is hereby given that Kimberly Arnold was appointed as Personal Representative of the estate of David E. Arnold, deceased, on the 16th day of March, 2021, who died on the 1st day of June, 2020.  
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated this 17th day of March, 2021.  
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2021 TERM  
No. 38C01-2103-EU-000013  
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of: Nancy S. Smitley, Deceased  
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION  
Notice is hereby given that Stephen B. Smitley was, on the 30th day of March, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Nancy S. Smitley deceased, who died on December 28, 2020.  
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 30th day of March, 2021.  
Jon Eads  
Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana  
HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMENAUR  
121 W. High Street  
Portland, IN 47371  
Attorney  
CR 4-2-9-2021 HSPAXLP

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### Public Notice

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
On or about June 25, 2021, the City of Portland intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program Community Focus Fund. This program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: Replacement of a stormwater tile from Arch Street to the Salamonie River on Meridian Street. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$600,000. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons is \$310,560.00. The Applicant also proposes to expend an estimated \$822,500.00 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from cash on hand provided by the City of Portland.  
The City of Portland will hold a public hearing on April 20, 2021, at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the Portland Fire Department to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Jodi Hayes, Jay County Development Corporation, 118 S. Meridian Str, Portland, IN 47371, 260/726-9311 not later than April 16, 2021. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.  
Information related to this project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of April 9, 2021 at the office of the City of Portland located at 321 N. Meridian Str, Portland, IN 47371 between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Jodi Hayes, Jay County Development Corporation, 118 S. Meridian Str, Portland, IN 47371 no later than April 16, 2021 in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by the City of Portland and is also available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Jodi Hayes at 260/726-9311 between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday or write to Jodi Hayes, Jay County Development Corporation, 118 S. Meridian Str, Portland, IN 47371. CR 4-9-2021 HSPAXLP

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# Sports

## Starting hot •

Jay County scores nine times in the first inning of 13-0 thrashing of Elwood

By CHRIS SCHANZ  
The Commercial Review

It didn't take long for the Patriots to make up for lost time.

The Jay County High School baseball team scored nine runs in the first inning and cruised to a 13-0, five-inning thrashing of the Elwood Panthers on Thursday at Don E. Selvey Field.

"It was a good way to open up for us," said JCHS coach Lea Selvey, whose team had not played a game in 678 days. "We came out, got a couple hits early, scored. They walked a few and hit a few (batters)."

"But we took advantage of it. After that we just kind of settled in (and) played some defense."

The Patriots (1-0) got back-to-back hits from Quinn Faulkner and Crosby Heniser to start the game. Heniser knocked in Faulkner, who stole second and reached third on an error on the pickoff attempt.

Sam Dunlavy and Austin Curts both walked with bases loaded, and Josh Dowlen got hit by a pitch with the bags full as well, forcing Elwood pitcher Will Retherford from the game after recording just one out.

Things didn't get much better for Colton Jetty, who got an infield-fly rule out before an errant pitch brought in another run. Heniser followed with a two-run triple, and another wild Jetty pitch scored a run to make it 9-0.

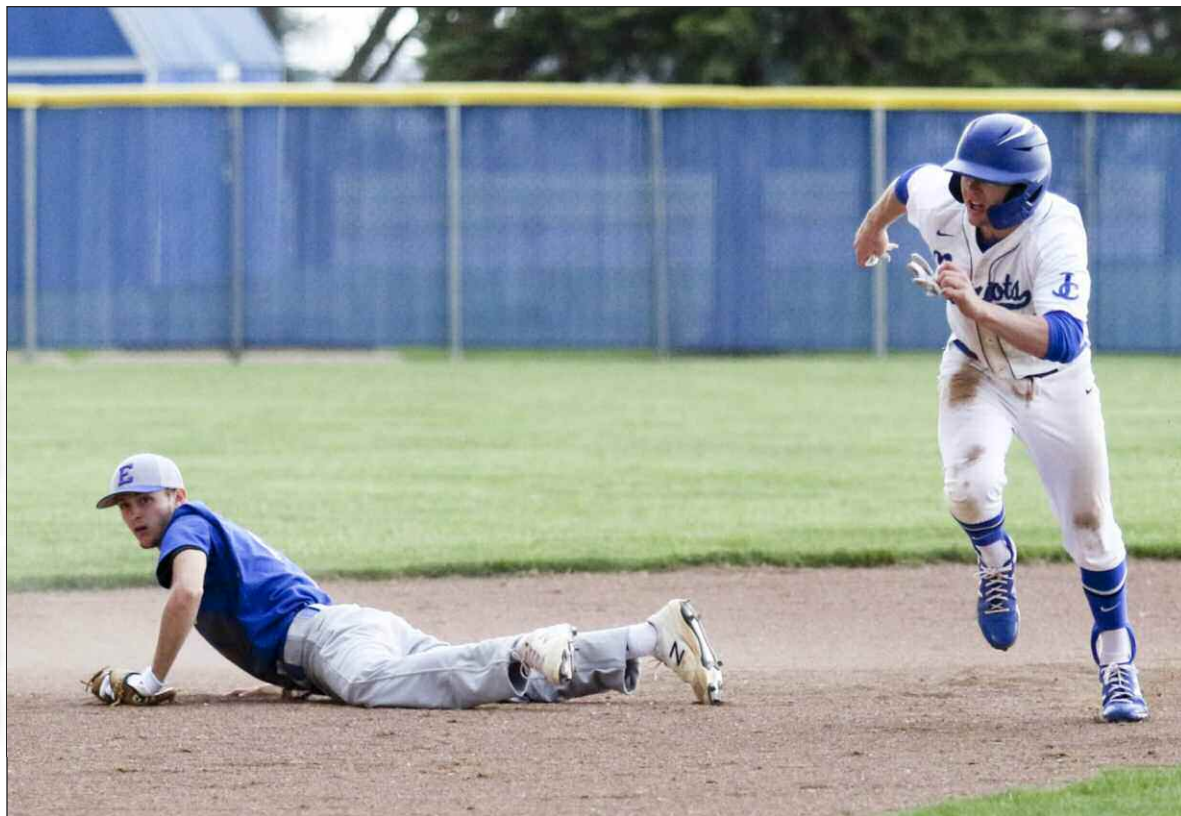
In all, the Patriots sent 14 batters to the plate and recorded four hits — two from Heniser — while drawing three walks and being hit by a pitch four times. Blake



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The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Jay County High School junior Quinn Faulkner, right, who had just stolen second base, races to third as Elwood shortstop Ben Delong lies in the dirt after attempting to field an errant pickoff throw in the bottom of the first inning Thursday at Don E. Selvey Field. The Patriots jumped on the Panthers for nine runs in the first inning on their way to a 13-0 thrashing in five innings.

Caldwell hit an RBI single in the frame as well.

"Just looking for strikes I could hit," said Heniser, who finished 2-for-3 with three RBIs and a walk. "That's about it. (They) weren't throwing too hard so I was just looking for strikes."

Jay County scored three more runs in the second inning, which included a Dunlavy RBI double and a Dowlen RBI single, and plated the game's final run in the third.

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*'It was a good way to open up for us. We came out, got a couple hits early, scored. They walked a few and hit a few (batters). But we took advantage of it.'*

—Lea Selvey,  
Jay County baseball coach

## Patriot girls get another victory

DECATUR — Another meet, another win for the Patriot girls.

Jay County High School's girls track team finished first in a three-team meet at Belmont on Thursday.

The Patriots (3-0), who defeated Blackford on Tuesday, scored 70 points for first place.

**Local roundup**  
Bellmont was the runner-up with 62 points, and Adams Central scored 24 points for third.

Bellmont won the boys' meet with 88 points. Jay County had 49 points for second, and Adams Central was third with 22 points.

Kinsey Shannon was a dual winner for Jay County, placing first in the 100-meter dash and 400-meter dash. Abby Benter (100 hurdles), Sophia Fugiett (800 run), Elisa Parazzi (high jump), Kylie Klopfenstein (shot put) and Gabi Bilbrey (discus) all had individual victories as well.

Jay County also won all three relays.

Aaron Funkhouser paced the boys with two wins, leading a one-two finish in the 100 dash with teammate Gavin Farmer. Funkhouser also won the 400 dash.

Isaac Kunkler (high jump) picked up the only other win for Jay County (2-1).

### Two go deep

Renna Schwieterman and Rieley Brewster both hit home runs in the second inning, powering the Jay County softball team past sectional rival Delta 8-1 in a game that was shortened because of rain with two outs in the sixth inning.

Schwieterman, a sophomore, hit her first career home run, putting Jay County (2-1) on top in the home half of the second inning. Then Brewster went back-to-back with a solo shot of her own.

The Patriots were ahead 3-0 after the third inning before Delta got on the board in the top of the fourth. But Jay County responded with a five-spot in the bottom of the frame. Olivia Bright drew a bases-loaded walk, and two Delta errors allowed the Patriots to score four more runs.

Renna Schwieterman, Brewster and Bright finished with two hits and an RBI each.

Haleigh Clayton got the win pitching, scattering three hits, allowing one earned run with one strike-out.

### Indians roll

DELPHOS, Ohio — Daniel Patch drove in a career-high four RBIs and Ryne Post went yard in leading the Fort Recovery baseball team to a 15-3 Midwest Athletic Conference victory on Thursday against the host St. John's Blue Jays.

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## Rose in the lead at Masters

By GARRY SMITS  
The Florida Times-Union  
Tribune News Service

AUGUSTA, Ga. — With the pre-Masters favorites hitting loose shots all over the firm expanse of the Augusta National Golf Club on Thursday, 40-year-old Justin Rose unexpectedly — especially to him — dominated the day.

The South Africa native was well back in the pack through seven holes but erupted for seven birdies and an eagle during a 10-hole stretch and finished at 7-under-par 65 for a four-shot lead over Brian Harman of St. Simons Island, Ga., and Japanese star Hideki Matsuyama.

"It was a good reminder ... you never know what can happen," said Rose, who hadn't played a competitive round in 33 days because of back issues. "Just stick with it."

Patrick Reed, the 2018 Masters champion, past Players champion Webb Simpson, rising South African star Christian Bezuidenhout and Masters rookie Will Zalatoris are tied at 2-under.

Jordan Spieth, the 2015 Masters champion who won his first tournament in


nearly four years last week at the Valero Texas Open, rallied from a triple-bogey at the ninth hole to shoot 3-under on the back with an eagle at No. 15, and no bogeys, for a 1-under 71. He's tied with Si Woo Kim, Jason Kokrak, Shane Lowry and Tyrrell Hatton.

Rose earned the lead or a share of the lead after one round for the fourth time, tying Jack Nicklaus for the most Thursdays at the top. He had a chance to tie Craig Wood for the largest first-round lead of five shots, but missed a 20-foot birdie putt attempt at No. 18.

As it was, Rose knocked two shots off his previous low round in the Masters — and never saw it coming.

"I didn't know where my game was this week," Rose admitted after the round.

He does now. When Rose teed off, shortly before 1 p.m., the wind was up and so were the scores. Harman and Matsuyama were soon to be in the clubhouse with their 69s and those numbers were looking so good that CBS golf analyst and three-time Masters champion Nick Faldo predicted on the air they would hold to remain in the lead.



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## Woodson's staff gets raises

By ZACH OSTERMAN  
The Indianapolis Star  
Tribune News Service

BLOOMINGTON — Mike Woodson's first staff at IU will include notable salary bumps at each position already settled.

That's according to documents obtained via a records request by IndyStar, contracts which show increased investment from Indiana not just in assistants' salaries, but in administrative staff as well.

Thad Matta, the former Ohio State coach who will serve as IU's associate athletic director for men's basketball administration, will earn a base salary of \$400,000, with a built-in \$25,000 raise annually starting next year. Matta would also be eligible for performance-related bonuses in the event of team-wide success.

All that is according to the terms of a

memorandum of understanding signed between Matta and IU.

At least in theory, Matta fills the role Bill Comar did for Archie Miller. Comar's most recent reported base salary was slightly more than \$205,000. Matta's contract also guarantees remarkable job security — it runs through March 31, 2027, and includes a buyout equal to one year's salary in the event Indiana terminates Matta without cause.

There are some differences, not least among them title. Comar was last listed as Indiana's assistant athletic director for basketball administration. In IU's staffing hierarchy, associate AD is a more senior position than assistant AD. And Matta's own experience — he spent 13 seasons as head coach at Ohio State, winning a combined nine Big Ten titles and advancing to multiple Final Fours — commands a higher salary.