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## Board to seek grant

*Funds would cover second phase of design of apron expansion*

By **RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

Portland Board of Aviation is moving forward with the next step toward expanding its apron. Jason Clearwaters of engineering firm Butler, Fairman and Seufert explained to the board that it had already approved a pre-application for funding for the second phase of the apron expansion design in December. (The first phase of the design was completed in 2022.) He noted that no changes have been made to the official application, which is due to the Federal Aviation Administration by May 5. Board members Faron Parr, John Ferguson and Caleb Lutes unanimously approved the application

to be turned in to the FAA. The apron expansion is part of the airport's overall capital improvement plan. The goal is to complete the design for the expansion this year and accept bids for the work in early 2024. The airport is also in the process of completing a wildlife hazard assessment. The facility is expanding in other ways as well, as manager Hal Tavzel reported that the 25-foot-by-70-foot addition that will connect two of Sonrise Aviation's current hangars is about 75% complete. He said his hope is to have it in use next month. He also noted that the process of ordering supplies for Sonrise's planned 80-foot-by-80-foot new hangar has begun. The goal is to start construction on that building this summer. Clearwaters noted that the airport is continuing to experience issues with its precision approach path indicator, a safety device that provides pilots with a light projection pattern along the desired descent path to the touchdown point. He said repairs have been made multiple times in the last six months but the device is still not functioning properly. See **Grant** page 2



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## Forbidden no more

Galit Gertsenzon and George Wolfe perform "Forbidden Music: Compositions by Imprisoned or Banned Composers during the Holocaust" in concert Wednesday evening at Arts Place. The concert featured music from composers imprisoned during the Holocaust.

## IYI report: The kids are not all right

By **WHITNEY DOWNARD**  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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According to the Indiana Youth Institute, the kids are not alright. The Hoosier State continues to lag behind its peers when it comes to child wellbeing, ranking 28th overall — just one place ahead of its ranking last year. But it has made strides in reducing the number of foster children in the state. "Just like we keep stats for all of our basketball games ... we also keep track of the data on child wellbeing," Tami Sil-

### State ranks 28th for overall child wellbeing

verman, the president and CEO of Indiana Youth Institute said. "We're driven by the understanding that Indiana is a great place to be a kid — it certainly was for me. But it is not yet that way for all kids."

The organization annually releases its Kids Count Data Book, documenting child wellbeing across metrics that include: family and community, health, economy and education. Across the six editions,

Indiana's rank has barely budged. The 2023 report detailed mental health challenges for youth, shortages of child care providers and learning barriers for Hoosier kids. Whether primary care, dental care or mental health care — the vast majority of Indiana counties have a shortage. Half of parents who forego care told surveyors that they had trouble accessing an appointment while one-third said cost was the primary concern. Taylor Johnson, the policy and data advocacy manager for

the Indiana Youth Institute, noted that even schools fell short in support staff. "(Reported) ratios show that children in Indiana schools especially do not have access to social workers and psychologists who can provide valuable resources to process and cope with problems that many of our students are facing throughout the state," Johnson said. "We have four-and-a-half items more students per psychologist than the recommended amount and 11 times more students per social worker." See **Kids** page 2



Tribune News Service/Los Angeles Times/Francine Orr

## Teachers rally

Sylvia Garcia from Bassett Street Elementary School speaks into a megaphone Wednesday as she and hundreds other teachers attend an L.A. Unified rally at Grand Park in downtown Los Angeles.

## 'Dangerous, reckless'

By **COURTNEY MCBRIDE** and **PETER MARTIN**  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin spoke with his Russian counterpart about a U.S. surveillance drone that crashed into the Black Sea after an encounter with a Russian fighter jet, as officials sought to keep the incident from further escalating tension already high over the invasion of Ukraine. Austin told reporters at a press conference in Washington that he spoke to Sergei Shoigu about what he called Russia's "dangerous, reckless, and unprofessional behavior in international airspace," amid what was shaping up to be a race to recover the wreckage of the MQ-9 Reaper drone. The U.S. said two Russian fighter jets harassed the drone over the Black Sea by dumping

### U.S. Defense Secretary spoke with Russian official regarding surveillance drone crash

fuel on it and flying in front of it, before one of them hit its propeller and forced it to crash. "The United States will fly and operate wherever international law allows," Austin told a briefing. "We take any potential for escalation very seriously and that's why I believe it's important to keep the lines of communication open," Austin said. "I think it's really key that we're able to pick up the phone and talk to each other." Russia said its jets didn't come into contact with the drone and that the Reaper crashed "as a result of

sharp maneuvering," Russia's Interfax news agency, citing the defense ministry, said the call between Austin and Shoigu took place at the initiative of the U.S. but provided no other details. The episode led to fears of a broader escalation or even the possibility that the U.S. could be drawn directly into the conflict. But officials sought to steer away from that possibility, with Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, saying he didn't know if the Russian jet intentionally struck the drone. See **Reckless** page 2

### Deaths

**Alma Miller**, 93, Decatur  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County's high temperature climbed to 49 degrees Wednesday. The low early in the day was 24. Rain is expected tonight with a low of 36 and winds gusting to 45 miles per hour. Expect more rain Friday with temperatures in the 30s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Portland City Council's meeting that was scheduled for Monday has been canceled.

### Coming up

**Friday** — Photos from tonight's FRHS baseball and softball scrimmages.

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



# Obituaries

## Alma Miller

*Nov. 29, 1929-March 14, 2023*  
Alma M. Miller, 93, of Decatur, Indiana passed away early Tuesday morning, March 14, 2023, at Adams Woodcrest.  
She was born on Nov. 29, 1929, in Argos, Indiana, to Charles and Ester (Kidd) Williams. Alma was united in marriage to Richard Miller on Oct. 1, 1950, at Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 2008.  
Alma was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim in Decatur where she had been a

member of the Adult Club and Senior Walther League Card Club. She had also served as a Sunday School teacher. She was a member of the Sunny Circle Home Ec. Club for over 40 years and had enjoyed her time with the Tuesday Afternoon Card Club and the Thursday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League.  
She was a 1947 graduate of Hoagland High School. In 1991, Alma retired from Lincoln Bank,



Miller

formerly 1st State Bank, with 31 years of service. She had also worked at the Preble elevator in the early 1960s.  
Alma enjoyed playing cards and games and spending time with her family.  
She is survived by daughter Carolyn (Rex) Journey of Bryant, Indiana; son Dave (Deb) Miller of Hoagland, Indiana; daughter Ruth (Jim) Heckman of Decatur, Indiana; six grandchildren, Wes (Kate) Journey, Brian (Erin) Journey, Joshua Miller, Drew (Sara) Heckman, Jason (Ashley) Miller and Kari (Adam) Butcher; 17 great-grand-

children; and sister-in-law Helen Miller of New Haven, Indiana.  
In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Katie Heckman.  
A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023, at Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim, in Decatur, with Pastor Daniel Dahling officiating. Burial will follow at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, Friedheim.  
Family and friends will be received from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, 2023, at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur, and one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim.  
Arrangements are by the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur, Indiana.  
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*The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

## CR almanac

Friday 3/17	Saturday 3/18	Sunday 3/19	Monday 3/20	Tuesday 3/21
<b>36/21</b> Friday's forecast shows nothing but rain and winds gusting up to 30 mph during the day.	<b>28/20</b> Snow flurries likely Saturday in the morning, when the high will be in the upper 20s.	<b>36/22</b> Mostly sunny, with a low dipping to around 22 degrees in the night.	<b>44/26</b> Sunny skies and warmer temperatures are in the forecast, with a high of 44.	<b>51/32</b> Mostly sunny Tuesday with a high in the low 50s. The low may hit around freezing late.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> 16-18-33-37-50 Power Ball: 8 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$78 million	64-66-75-77-78-80 Cash 5: 11-26-29-30-44 Hoosier Lotto: 15-22-32-33-39-41 Estimated jackpot: \$12.8 million
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$254 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 4-7-8 Pick 4: 9-3-1-8 Pick 5: 2-8-0-4-8 Evening Pick 3: 7-7-0 Pick 4: 3-7-9-1 Pick 5: 1-7-3-6-0 Rolling Cash: 4-8-17-19-25 Classic Lotto: 9-18-23-33-37-47 Kicker: 8-9-2-7-3-6 Estimated jackpot: \$6.6 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 1-3-7 Daily Four: 2-7-1-9 Quick Draw: 3-6-9-13-14-19-29-41-42-44-47-49-51-57-59-64-66-67-73-74 Evening Daily Three: 0-2-1 Daily Four: 1-8-2-0 Quick Draw: 3-6-7-8-14-16-17-19-24-49-52-56-58-60-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.38 April corn .....6.40 Wheat .....6.73	Wheat ..... 6.38 July wheat .....6.83
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.45 April corn .....6.47 May corn.....6.49	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.28 May corn.....6.32 Beans .....14.73 April beans .....14.75 Wheat .....6.83
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....6.30 April corn .....6.30 Beans .....14.69 April beans .....14.69	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.05 April corn .....6.05 Beans .....14.57 April beans .....14.57 Wheat .....6.42

## Today in history

**In 1521**, navigator Ferdinand Magellan of Portugal reached the Philippines during his circumnavigation of the globe for Spain. He established Spain's first alliance in the Pacific.  
**In 1750**, astronomer Caroline Herschel was born in Hanover, Germany. She was a pioneer in the field of astronomy, working with her brother Sir William Herschel. She detected three nebulae via telescope in 1783 and became the first woman to discover a comet in 1786.  
**In 1751**, James Madison was born in Port Conway, Virginia. He is considered the "Father of the Constitution" for his leadership at the Constitutional Convention and served as the fourth U.S. president.

**In 1802**, Congress approved legislation to establish the United States Military Academy at West Point. It is located on the west bank of the Hudson River, about 50 miles north of New York City.  
**In 1850**, "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne was published.  
**In 2013**, Jay County High School senior Katie Snyder closed her career by breaking the decades-old vault record with a score of 9.675 during the IHSAA Gymnastics State Finals at Ball State University's Worthen Arena.  
**In 2022**, Jay County High School senior Haleigh Clayton signed to play softball at Lincoln Trail Community College.

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.	<b>Monday</b> 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
<b>Friday</b> 10 a.m. — Dunkirk Police Pension Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.	7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 Main St.

## Grant ...

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He said he has contacted the supplier of the faulty equipment.  
"We'll continue to push on that," he said.  
"It is impacting the airport. It's impacting safety."  
In other business, the board:  
•Learned from Clearwaters that he and Tavzel gave a presentation earlier

in the day at the 2023 Purdue Road School Transportation Conference and Expo. They spoke about the airport's process of extending the airport's runway to 5,500 feet from the previous 4,000 feet. The project was substantially completed in the fall.  
•Heard from Tavzel that the airport sold 5,820 gallons of fuel in February for \$29,259.56. That's up

from 4,053 gallons in February 2022.  
•Decided not to seek bids to farm about 10 acres of land on the west end of the airport property. (The airport must maintain at least a 600-foot buffer from the end of the runway, but the rest of the land is eligible.) Diana Michael, who owns property in a horse-shoe shape around that

end of the airport, made a request regarding farming the area last month. Board members decided to pass this year in order to allow crews to complete the final aspects connected with the runway extension project but expressed a willingness to reconsider the request in 2024.  
•Learned from Tavzel that concrete has been poured in three T-hangars.

## Capsule Reports

**House hit**  
Damage is estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000 after a Bryant woman lost control of her vehicle in Bryant and struck a house about 8:15 a.m. Tuesday.  
Judith A. Smith, was driving north on U.S. 27 near Elm Street when her 1998 Chevrolet Blazer began to slide on a patch of ice on the road. Her vehicle left the west side of the road and crashed into a house at 202 N. Hendricks St. owned by Leo and Lisa Kahn. The car came to a rest inside the house's living room.

**Rear collision**  
A Portland man crashed the vehicle he was driving into the back of a Dunkirk teen's car along county road 200 West about 3:40 p.m. March 8.  
Kolby J. Baldwin, 18, was driving a 2007 Kia Spectra north on the road behind a 2012 Chevrolet Cruze driven by 17-year-old Aiden B. Stephens. Baldwin crashed into the vehicle Stephens was driving after Stephens slowed because of traffic near the intersection with Indiana 26.  
Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The vehicle Baldwin was driving was towed.

**Brakes failed**  
Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Portland woman crashed the car she was driving into a Dunkirk woman's vehicle on Indiana 67 about 2:23 p.m. Tuesday.  
Karlie A. Harris, 20, Portland, told Jay County Sheriff's Office she was driving a 2008 Hyundai Accent northeast on Indiana 67 near the intersection with county road 200 West. At the same time, Cynthia J. Stephens, 53, Dunkirk, was driving her 2022 Chevrolet Trailblazer in front of her and stopped to wait for traffic before turning into Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Harris told police her brakes failed, causing her to crash into Stephens' vehicle.

**Roller into pole**  
Damage is estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000 after an Albany man lost control of the truck he was driving, causing him to slide off the road and roll into a pole about 5:55 a.m. Tuesday.  
Kirby L. Dawson, 23, was driving a

**Lost control**  
A Fort Recovery man lost control of his vehicle on Indiana 26, causing him to crash along the side of the road about 7:17 a.m. Tuesday.  
John J. Bihn, 75, was driving his 2004 Hummer H2 west on the highway near the intersection with county road 800 East with passenger Kirk Dilworth. As he drove around the curve on the highway, he crossed a patch of ice and lost control, Bihn told police. His vehicle left the road and rolled.  
He complained of chest pain and

was transported to IU Health Jay for treatment.  
His vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

2008 Dodge Ram with a trailer north on Indiana 1 just south of county road 500 North when he drove across ice on the road. He lost control of the truck he was driving, causing him to slide off the west side of the road and roll the truck into a pole.  
Dawson sustained a minor head injury and was taken to the hospital. The truck — it's registered to Tri-County Overhead Door — was towed.

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## Kids ...

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Hoosier students reported increasingly high levels of stress, anxiety and depression. Yet the state, all of which is considered a mental health care desert, doesn't have many resources for kids.  
"We know that every child, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or income may experience a variety of mental health issues. However, data does show that certain groups — particularly our Black, Hispanic and multiracial students — have poor mental health compared to that of their peers," Johnson said.  
One in four Hoosier students seriously contemplated suicide while one in five made a plan. In total, one in nine students attempted suicide at some point in their lives.  
"All of us know that these statistics are not simply percentages on a slide or numbers in a report — they represent our kids, our students, our communities," Johnson said. "Many of these children, especially those who are unable to find the care that

they need, the answer in their minds... is suicide."  
The numbers are even worse for LGBTQ youth.  
For gay, lesbian or bisexual youth, nearly two-thirds had seriously considered suicide while over half had made a plan. One in five of those students attempted suicide.  
The organization analyzed data from the Department of Health, which didn't isolate suicidal ideation by gender identity, but other research shows that suicidal ideation and attempts are even higher among transgender youth — especially those whose households or communities aren't affirming.  
"These are wide and concerning gaps. It's clear that many of our students in Indiana are experiencing declining mental health and suicidal thoughts... students who are Black, Hispanic, multiracial (or) belong to the LGBTQ community are experiencing this issue at much higher rates," Johnson said.

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### SERVICES

**Friday**  
**Adams-Armstrong**, Carolyn: Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

**Monday**  
**Miller**, Alma: 11 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1010 Monroe St., Decatur.

**May 13**  
**Warrick**, Clarice: 11 a.m., West Richmond Friends Meeting, 609 W. Main St., Richmond.

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## Reckless ...

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He said the U.S. had video evidence of the incident and there was no doubt Russia's actions were aggressive.  
"As far as an act of war goes — I'm not going to go there," Milley said when asked by a reporter about the possibility. "We do not seek armed conflict with Russia."  
Many questions remained about the drone, including where exactly it was before it crashed and what it was monitoring. Russia's navy has a fleet based in the Black Sea, with its headquarters in the city of Sevastopol on the Crimean Peninsula, which Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014.  
In its initial statement about the incident on Wednesday, Russia's defense ministry said the drone's transponder was turned off and that it flew into the airspace where Russia had declared a military operation. Moscow

will try to retrieve the drone, according to Nikolai Patrushev, secretary of the Kremlin's Security Council. He told a state TV reporter he wasn't sure if that would be possible but "it's definitely true that we need to and are trying."  
The drone crashed and sank in about 4,000-5,000 feet of water, making recovery efforts difficult. Milley, asked about the possible intelligence value of the drone should Russia recover it, said the U.S. took "mitigating measures so we're quite confident whatever was of value is no longer of value."  
The two countries' relationship has almost completely broken down in the year since Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces invaded Ukraine. The U.S. strategy for Ukraine has rested on sending weapons and other assets while avoiding direct involvement for fear that the war would spread beyond Ukraine's borders.

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**Daryl Mosley**

Award winning singer/songwriter Daryl Mosley will be at **Calvary United Methodist Church, 301 N Main in Dunkirk** **On Sunday, March 19th, 2023 at 10:30am**  
Please join us to hear his inspiring music

# Widowed man finds new love

DEAR ABBY: My niece's mother-in-law of 32 years, "Helen," died seven months ago. I have been quietly seeing her widowed husband, "Wayne," for about three months now. We knew each other only socially up until then. After Helen's death, my niece, her husband and their children went on vacation because Helen's illness had been a long, drawn-out ordeal. I was tasked with giving Wayne a nightly call to check on him, which I did. We realized we had a lot in common and, as they say, the rest is history.

The problem is telling his children and grandchildren. He and Helen were married 59 years but didn't have a happy marriage for the last 23. Should we tell them or continue keeping it a secret? — UNEXPECTED LOVE IN THE EAST

DEAR UNEXPECTED: Although you have no reason to be sneaking around, in my opinion you should stay quiet for another few months — until it has been a year since Helen's passing. At that point, Wayne should tell the niece and other relatives that he thinks you have a lot in common and you

Dear Abby



are going to see each other. In a perfect world, everyone would be glad that the two of you are finding happiness after so much sadness.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating outside my marriage. My husband doesn't know. It's nothing serious — just dinner, drinks and dancing. All the men have been single. I would never go out with a married man. All of them have respected my boundaries. I don't want to be unfaithful to my husband; I'm just having a little fun. Do you think a little goodnight kiss would be OK, to show my appreciation? — SLIGHTLY NAUGHTY IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR SLIGHTLY NAUGHTY: No, I do not. A goodnight kiss would be no more appropriate than dating on the sly has been. A better solution would be for you to teach your husband to dance.

# Secrets aren't healthy

By JANN BLACKSTONE  
Tribune News Service

Q. I have been divorced for six years. My son is 14. When he wants to tell me something important, he starts the sentence with, "Mom, don't tell Dad, but..." I promise him I won't say a thing, but I feel very guilty not letting his dad in on some of the conversations. Since my son says he prefers to be with me, the last thing I want to do is betray his trust. What's good ex-etiquette?

A. Stand back, the red flags are flying. First, it's "our" son, not "my" son, and if you adopt that mindset, you may not be as torn as you appear to be. You have help. It's not your son and you against dad. It's dad and you for your son. If your son is asking you to keep something from dad, he's probably afraid of dad's reaction.

Or — and this is something parents hate to hear — asking one parent to not tell the other is a subtle way to divide and conquer. If you don't compare notes, your son is ruling the roost. He can say "Dad said this," "Mom said that," "Mom lets me do this at her house," or "Dad told me it was OK," and no one is checking to see if it's true.

That, and "Don't tell Dad (or Mom)," is also standard behavior, even in biological families who live together. I know I fig-

Ex-Etiquette



stage for that approach in other relationships that need your attention.

So how do you handle it? If your child asks you not to tell, take a hard look at why they are asking. If it's because they simply know the parent's reaction will be no, explore that with your co-parent privately. If it's because your co-parent is prone to volatile reactions, that should be explored as well, possibly with a therapist to hold the "angry" parent accountable. Their reaction may change when they understand their children are not confiding in them because of an expected angry reaction.

As far as the language to use, try something like, "Since you will be with your dad (or mom), let's start with asking their permission. Don't worry, we will discuss it and let you know our decision. If you would like me to be with you when you ask, let me know, but this is something your dad (or mom) should be in on."

Parenting is not easy. Co-parenting is harder. But that's good ex-etiquette.

Jann Blackstone is the author of "Ex-etiquette for Parents: Good Behavior After Divorce or Separation," and the founder of Families, bonusfamilies.com. Email her at the Ex-Etiquette website [exetiquette.com](http://exetiquette.com) at [dr.jann@exetiquette.com](mailto:dr.jann@exetiquette.com).

## Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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7	2	6	5	1	4	8	9	3
1	3	9	6	2	8	5	7	4
2	9	1	8	4	5	7	3	6
3	6	4	2	7	1	9	5	8
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The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

## Community Calendar

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

### Today

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland

Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

### Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, March 17, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

### Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call

(260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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 — BRIGADE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

### Monday

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

PING PONG — Will be

played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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# Fixes exist for housing 'shortage'

By MORTON J. MARCUS

I am one of 760,000 Hoosiers who are possible villains in the widely declaimed housing shortage.

Of course, as a known reprobate, I do ask: How do we know there is a housing shortage?

That we have homeless people is unquestioned. That we have people who seek more comfortable quarters, but feel they cannot afford the housing they desire, is without doubt.

Also, without question or doubt, is the truth that of the 2.6 million occupied Indiana dwellings are many with an "underutilized" room — a room which could be a bedroom for one or more persons.

We Americans and Hoosiers are wealthy people, where space is a luxury we afford ourselves.

## Eye on the Pie



"Gasp! Arlene, look at this! He's saying we should invite people into our home because you have your work room and I have my study. Is there no end to this grasping socialism disguised as civil responsibility?"

"Now, Arnold! Remember your blood pressure. Hear the man out."

It has long been popular to consider income inequality as inequity. More recently, the inequality of wealth has been

identified as equally inequitable. Now, living space inequality is being nominated as an inequity.

In the nation, 34.8 million housing units (from mansions to mobile homes) have but one occupant. As noted above, in Indiana the figure is 760,000 (2021 Census Data). Of these, 340,000 (44%) are occupied by renters and the balance 420,000 (56%) are owner-occupied dwellings.

"What does this creep want, Arlene? Bunk beds everywhere? Displace the widows?"

"Now Arnold ... he's probably one of them that's seen that 'Dr. Zhivago' movie one too many times."

In Vigo County (Terre Haute), 7,900 (29% of owner-occupied houses) have but one person.

There are another 6,900 rented units with one person. Combined, that's over one-third of the entire occupied housing stock in the county.

"I tell you, Arlene, it's all of them over-paid millenarians what live high-on-the-hog in fancy new places."

"It's millennials, Arnold, and I don't know if it's them or just old, poor folks in old houses they own or rent."

To match up "roomers" with home owners or renters would be a delicate and difficult task in any community. Many leases might prohibit such arrangements and moralistic neighbors might imagine and condemn such blatant "co-habitation" as living in sin.

Nonetheless, individuals and organizations concerned about

the housing mismatch (known as a shortage) might investigate means of providing transitional avenues to a more "equitable" allocation of housing.

Specifically, how can we help the "over-housed" yield some of their material and spiritual memorabilia in order to find other accommodations, yielding precious space to those needing or wanting improved housing solutions.

Can the low-income, space-rich be matched with compatible living partners?

This improvement in market flexibility could ease the lives of many and diminish the "housing shortage."

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## When did libraries become the enemy?

Tampa Bay Times

Tribune News Service

Hillsborough County, Florida's fast-growing suburbs in the south and east face many problems. A rogue library system isn't among them.

We're not sure where Michael Owen, a newly-elected Republican county commissioner, is going with this campaign. But no one should want Hillsborough to reprise an ugly chapter by entangling itself anew in America's culture wars.

Owen said last week that he wants parents to know what their kids are reading at the public library. He wants to give parents the opportunity to prevent their youngsters from accessing material in the adults section and from checking out "controversial books dealing with sexuality." Parents, he said, are entitled to "trust their children are not getting fed garbage, basically." He also wants the county's 30-branch library system to drop its affiliation with the American Library Association, saying the nonprofit "has clearly gone radical."

To parents who want to be more involved with their child, we say more power to you. Many library patrons would be thrilled to see more parents accompanying children to the library. But does Owen have any evidence that Hillsborough libraries are feeding "garbage" to children? Or is that just a drive-by smear meant to create a boogeyman and justify a political talking point?

Owen traces his criticism of the national library association to a tweet from the group's incoming president, who described herself as a Marxist after she won the post last year. How that justifies leaving a national organization that promotes literacy, dates to 1876 and boasts nearly 50,000 members is anybody's guess.

At a time when government, civic institutions and even facts themselves have come under withering partisan attack, our libraries have become more important than ever. Their solemn place as safe spaces for truth and learning help nurture our kids, making for stronger citizens, stronger families and stronger communities.

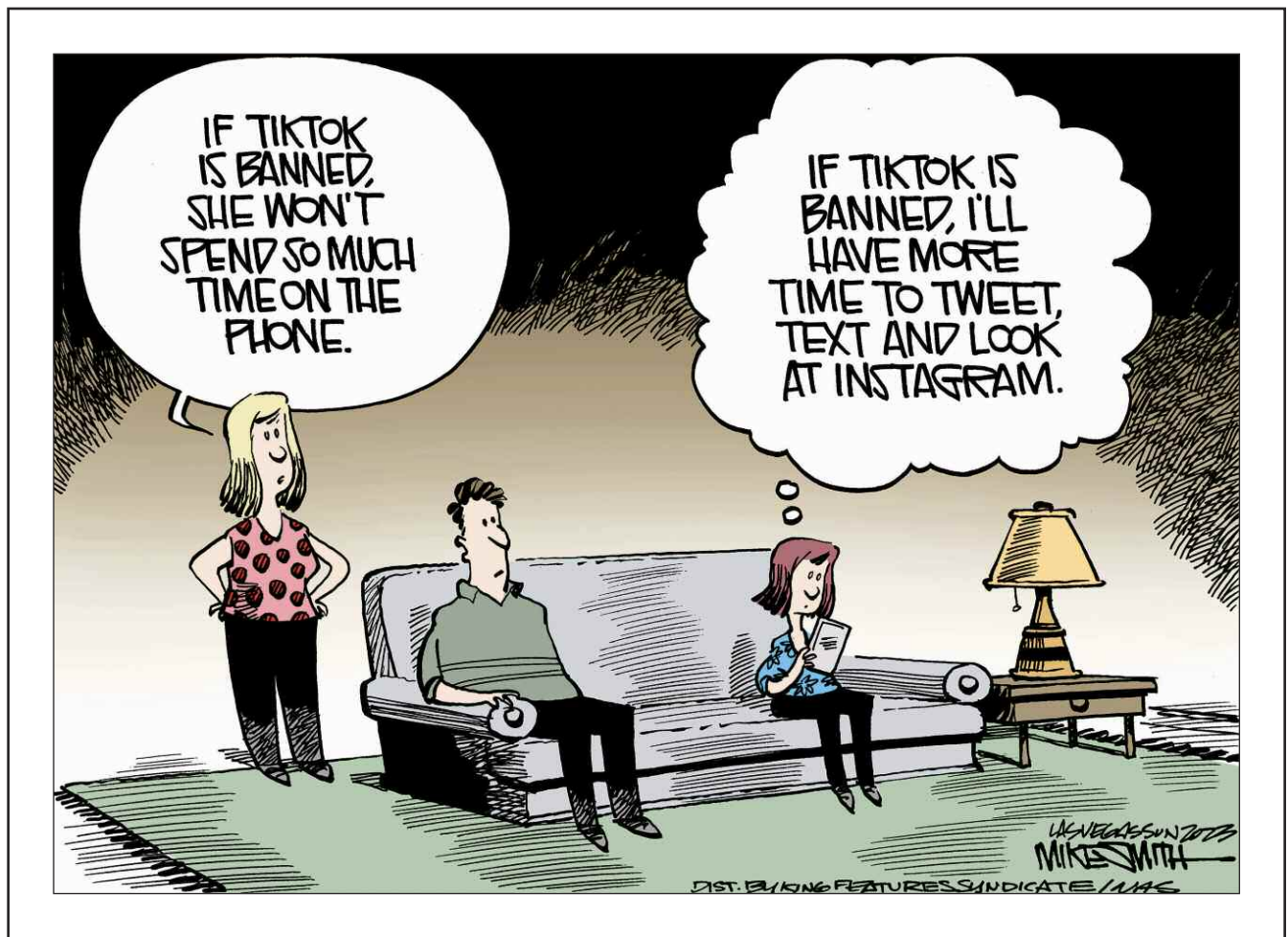
## Guest Editorial

*To parents who want to be more involved with their child, we say more power to you. Many library patrons would be thrilled to see more parents accompanying children to the library.*

There are few better places for a child to spend time, and fewer worse places to make a political scapegoat.

Owen asked the staff to report back on the county's status as a member of the American Library Association and the impacts of withdrawing from the group. He also asked for a report on whether minors can check out materials from the library's adults section and whether parents can have an opt-out provision barring a child's access to adult materials.

We'll see how this plays out, but it's a slippery slope when politicians start questioning the content of libraries and access to them. It revives memories from the dark days when another Republican commissioner from east Hillsborough raised concerns in 2005 over a gay pride display at a regional library, sparking years of bitterness in this community, and damaging the image and functioning of county government. Returning to those times is not anything anyone needs.



## Competition is misdirected

By TYLER COWEN

Bloomberg Opinion

Tribune News Service

Amazon.com Inc.'s pause of its plans to expand its second headquarters in Northern Virginia reflects some deep underlying trends — not just for metropolitan Washington, where I live, but for regional development more generally.

First, with the end of the U.S. Federal Reserve's zero interest rate policy, many developments are being canceled or postponed. Long-term projects are less profitable than they used to be, and capital is harder to come by. As the major technology companies lose market value, their urban and suburban refurbishment plans become less of a priority.

Over the last 15 years, many U.S. cities — Austin, Miami, Nashville and Boise, to name a few — have become far more "business-friendly," to use a term, and have in fact attracted many new businesses. This process may well be at an end. U.S. regions may be entering a new era in which they simply try to maintain what they have, or manage their decline.

Northern Virginia is a very wealthy and livable area, and for decades it has strived to move beyond its reputation as just a suburb of the nation's capital. That pretense is likely now over. While the region is highly educated, it isn't well-suited to being a tech center. The prevailing ethos is federal power, with a healthy dose of suburban retail — not radical innovation.

The cultural norm in Silicon Valley is to share aid and information. Here the cultural norm is to hoard information. The major status markers are those of government and real estate, not the ability to build scalable software. When local tech companies do succeed, often the

federal government is their main customer.

In other words, this area is going to stay "as is."

This stasis is further enforced by the growing difficulty of courting corporations. If Amazon stiffs Northern Virginia, future politicians elsewhere may be less eager to promise tax breaks and infrastructure investments, not to mention spend their reputational capital. Politically speaking, it will be harder for urban and suburban leaders to rise to the top by attracting new major corporate tenants. "Pro-business" local governments may be less common in the years to come.

Another relevant trend is the work-from-home and hybrid models. Why should a major corporation invest in more office space if a lot of that space will be used only part of the time?

It is worth thinking through how remote and hybrid work will affect regional evolution. There have already been "booms" in some relatively small resort areas, such as parts of Maine, Long Island and West Virginia. But there will be a more general impact as well. To the extent corporations give up on clustering their talent in big office buildings, people will spread out where they live. Not everyone will set down stake in the Hamptons or along the Irish coast. Plenty of people will want to live near family or where they were born, or perhaps a few hours away from the main office as part of a hybrid arrangement.

Tyler Cowen



In this new world, it will be much harder for a well-governed region to rise to the top. Even if its leaders succeed in convincing a company to relocate, for instance, there may be fewer workers who do so. Or perhaps there will be the same number of workers but they will come into the office less frequently and live scattered in many directions, sometimes in other states or metropolitan areas.

There is nothing necessarily wrong with this outcome. But the potential parvenu region just won't feel that exciting, and the level of activity won't feed upon itself in terms of attracting more retail and cultural amenities.

Conversely, it may be harder for regions to fall into decline, at least once the initial adjustment period passes (midtown New York and Washington are ailing at the moment, due to a loss of office workers). It may be less of a big deal if companies decide to move their headquarters from a particular city, since their departure will result in the loss of fewer jobs.

Overall, there may be less competition to attract corporations. At the same time, political competition for residents may become more intense, because more people will be able to choose where to live regardless of where they work. This competition could lead to improvements in schools and parks.

As far as Northern Virginia is concerned, I'll miss the effect those Amazon workers might have had on the value of my home. But I feel pretty good about a possible new era of intense political competition for actual residents.

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## Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### Defusing a threat

North dealer. East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 4  
♥ A 10 8  
♦ A 8 2  
♣ A 8 6 5 3

**WEST**  
♠ K Q 10 9 7 2  
♥ 5 2  
♦ J 6 3  
♣ K 7

**EAST**  
♠ 5 3  
♥ J 9 7  
♦ Q 10 5 4  
♣ Q J 9 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 8 6  
♥ K Q 6 4 3  
♦ K 9 7  
♣ 10 4

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ 1 ♠  
2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

When declarer is faced with a threat that cannot be averted, he should seek a way to minimize the risk. South tried to do that in today's deal, but he overlooked an option that offered him the best chance to save his contract.

West led the king of spades against four hearts after having overcalled with one spade. South won with the ace and returned a spade, planning to ruff his third spade in dummy. East, in the meantime, followed with the five and the three.

When West won the second spade with the queen and continued with

the ten, declarer now feared that if he ruffed low in dummy, East might overruff. Since South could not very well afford to ruff with the ace, which would establish a trump trick for the defense, he decided to ruff with the ten, hoping West held the jack.

Unfortunately, East overruffed, and the defenders later scored a club trick and a diamond trick to set the contract.

The misfortune that befell South was really his own fault. He missed a relatively simple play that would have offered a far greater chance of success. Instead of trumping the third spade in dummy, he should have discarded dummy's deuce of diamonds!

This maneuver would have solved two problems at the same time. It would eliminate the threat of an overruff by East and at the same time eliminate declarer's diamond loser. In effect, South simply exchanges a potential heart loser for a certain diamond loser.

Once this countermeasure is taken, the defense is helpless. If West continues with a fourth round of spades, declarer can ruff (or overruff, if necessary) in his own hand, then play the A-K of diamonds and ruff a diamond before drawing trump. All he would lose in this case would be two spades and a club. The result is exactly the same if West shifts to another suit after the ten of spades holds.

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EI LU YRA AIM WYWG  
BUPVUHE EI GUHMKU AIMK  
GRDQ. BI LIK UZHMUG!

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I SPEND SO MUCH MONEY ON MY ORTHODONTIST THAT I THINK I COULD PROBABLY KEEP HIM ON RETAINER.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals G

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Charitable donation  
5 Pasta sauce brand  
9 Sched. placeholder  
12 Check  
13 Son of Seth  
14 Pie — mode  
15 Relaxes  
17 Deleted  
18 Bed linens  
19 Singer Wainwright  
21 Egyptian sun god  
22 Green sauce  
24 New newts  
27 Brady Bunch girl  
28 Thus  
31 Sailor  
32 Moreover  
33 Unruly group  
34 Goblet feature  
36 —  
37 Wine region

**DOWN**  
1 — and crafts  
2 Wife of Jacob  
3 Karaoke prop  
4 Derisive looks  
5 Boxing arbiters  
6 Black-bird  
7 Head of st.  
8 Software customers  
9 IRS documents  
10 —  
11 Root beer brand (Abbr.)  
16 Depot (Abbr.)

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Yesterday's answer 3-16

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## Balko ...

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The position of sports reporter at The Commercial Review is my first full-time job. I am still raw and malleable. Being able to learn under editor and publisher (and former sports editor) Ray Cooney will help me grow as a storyteller and make me the best writer I can be. There will be plenty of mistakes made along the way, but connecting to those around me will help me through any challenge that comes my way.

During my time writing for the "Madison Commons," I learned the importance of local coverage. None of my high school events were ever fully covered. Covering some of the high school teams for the Madison suburbs showed me just how passionate and underrepresented local sports can be. Providing coverage for your local teams is something I will take pride in.

My first love for sports is NCAA basketball. March Madness is a national holiday for me with so many great memories. Whether it was the Badgers going deep in the

tournament, or just great games, nothing gets me more excited than college basketball.

Maybe this first position will help lead me to being a Division 1 basketball writer. Maybe I will fall in love with local sports and make Jay County my home. Maybe there will be another path that surprises me.

Only time will tell where this opportunity leads.

What I do know right now is that I am "the new sports guy" and there are big shoes to fill. It won't always be perfect, but I am dedicated to doing my best to fill this responsibility.

Everyone's path in life is different. Engineering wasn't quite my thing.

You don't always get to start or make an impact in your first year.

You can plan all you want, but that doesn't mean opportunity will align with your plans. What is important is working hard, trusting the process and letting passion guide you. I believe if you do these things, everything will work out and you'll live a happy and fulfilling life.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

## Over Elmore

During a game Wednesday at East Jay Elementary School, Michelle Hostetler of the Jay County Special Olympics basketball team shoots past Chris Elmore of Portland Fire Department.

## Collegiate ...

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Arbuckle, JCHS class of 2020, started for Huntington and went four scoreless innings before giving up a run in the fifth. He continued into the seventh before leaving the game. He took a no decision as he struck out five while allowing three runs on seven hits in six-plus innings.

Moser added a 1-for-2 effort with a double, two walks, two RBIs and two runs in the second game of the day. He also had a single and a run March 9 in a 6-5 loss to St. Francis.

### Kenzie Ring Jay County - 2021

Helped the Trine University

acrobatics and tumbling team to its first win over Concordia University, 243.07-236.245.

The Thunder, for which Ring is a base and a tumbler, was especially strong in the acrobatic event, outscoring Concordia 25.65-23.95. It also set a new program record in the tumbling event with a score of

45.95 compared to 44.675 points for Concordia.

### Brenna Homan Fort Recovery - 2021

Recorded a third of the hits for the University of St. Francis softball team March 9 in its 1-0 victory over Culver Stockton. Hitting from the No. 2 spot in

the order, Homan finished 2-for-3 on the day. She singled in the first and fifth innings but was left stranded both times.

The catcher also drove in a run Friday as the Cougars (5-5) topped Washington Adventist 9-1 and scored as a pinch runner Wednesday in a 5-2 victory over Indiana Wesleyan.

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2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Howard vs. Kansas (TBS)  
2:45 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — TBA vs. Alabama (CBS)  
3:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — College of Charleston vs. San Diego State (CBS)  
4:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Princeton vs. Arizona (TNT)  
4:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Illinois vs. Arkansas (TBS)  
6:50 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Auburn vs. Iowa (TNT)  
7:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Oral Roberts vs. Duke (CBS)  
7:25 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Colgate vs. Texas (TBS)  
7:35 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Boise State vs. Northwestern (TRU)  
8 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Milwaukee Bucks (Bally Indiana)  
8 p.m. — Soccer: CONCACAF Champions League — Tauro at Leon (FS1)  
9:20 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Northern Kentucky vs. Houston (TNT)  
9:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Louisiana vs. Tennessee (CBS)  
9:55 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Penn State vs. Texas A&M (TBS)  
10:05 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — UNC Asheville vs. UCLA (TRU)  
10:15 p.m. — Soccer: CONCACAF Champions League — Motagua at Pachuca (FS1)

### Friday

12:15 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — USC vs. Michigan State (CBS)  
12:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Kennesaw State vs. Xavier (TRU)  
1:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — UC Santa Barbara vs. Baylor (TNT)  
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — VCU vs. Saint Mary's (TBS)  
2:45 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Vermont vs. Marquette (CBS)  
3:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — TBA vs. Iowa State (TRU)  
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — NC State vs. Creighton (TNT)  
4 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — New Castle United at Nottingham Forest (USA)  
4:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Iona vs. Connecticut (TBS)  
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7 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Washington Capitals (Bally Indiana)  
7:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Providence vs. Kentucky (CBS)  
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10:05 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — TBA vs. TCU (TRU)

### Saturday

11 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Tottenham Hotspur at Southampton (USA)  
Noon — Men's college basketball: NIT — Michigan at Vanderbilt (ESPN)  
1:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Everton at Chelsea (USA)  
3 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series — Fr8 208 (FS1)  
6 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — RAPTOR 250 (FS1)  
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)  
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers (ABC)

### Local notes

**Bowling event scheduled**  
Crown City Lanes in Dunkirk is hosting an event Monday for young bowlers. Five members of the Pro Bowling Association will visit the bowling alley, 115 Eaton Pike, Dunkirk, to work with

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Registration is open for the Run Jay County 5K Circuit. The circuit features eight races running from April through August. Awards are presented in nine divisions. The opening race in the circuit is the Sprint to Spring 5K at 9 a.m. April 22. Registration is \$20. For more information, visit runjaycounty.com.

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**New sports reporter gives his introduction, see column below**

**Boilermakers play in tournament Friday, see Sports on tap**

# Sports

## Moser, Arbuckle help HU to victory

A pair of former Patriots contributed to a recent Huntington University victory.

### Collegiate Check-up

Max Moser helped stake the HU baseball team to a 5-run lead in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday over the University of St. Francis and Noah Arbuckle gave the Foresters a quality start as they earned an 8-6 victory.

6), drawing a walk in the second inning. He added a single to center field in the fourth inning to advance Jordan Malott to third base.

Moser, a 2018 Jay County High School graduate, started at designated hitter for the Foresters (13-

He later scored on a Satchell Wilson double to center field.

See **Collegiate** page 7

## Clay for 3

Nate Clay of the Jay County Special Olympics basketball team launches a 3-pointer Wednesday evening during a game against Portland Fire Department at East Jay Elementary School. For another photo from the game, see page 7.



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## Let passion be your guide

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

I didn't start for my freshman basketball team.

I wasn't even in the rotation.

I went to practice and worked my tail off every week to sit at the end of the bench for a freshman team.

My first attempt at selecting a major was much like that freshman year of basketball. I worked hard but didn't see the payoff.

I had what many people would consider to be a "normal" life. I lived in the suburbs of Milwaukee, played sports, strived for good grades and was part of a nuclear family. The work ethic that my parents instilled in me is what led to most of my success during these early years. They taught me the value of giving 100% of your effort every day to achieve your goals, even if that meant sprinting every practice or studying for every quiz.

That helped me get directly admitted to the College of Engineering at the University of Wisconsin, with the intention of majoring in chemical engineering. While I had the grades to succeed in the field, I realized throughout my freshman year that I didn't care about the work I would be doing because the engineering aspect drained the fun out of chemistry.

In basketball, my effort paid off during my sophomore year of high school when I worked my way into the rotation on junior varsity. It was the opportunity I needed to display my value to the team and earn a spot

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as a starter. I eventually made the varsity team, playing a bench role with the team that set the best boys basketball record in the history of my school.

I also caught a break during my sophomore year of college. As I broadened my horizons, I took a course called Journalism 201: Introduction to Mass Communications. It sparked an idea on how to find a major that I would love. Majoring in journalism let me marry my passion for sports with a career.

During my senior year of college, I landed an internship with the "Madison Commons" to be their sportswriter. This gave me the opportunity to cover local prep sports and write feature stories for publication. A great example is a feature about Sun Prairie High School splitting into two schools and how this would change the landscape of Sun Prairie sports as well as affect student athletes on an individual level.

This only cemented my passion for sports journalism. Covering underrepresented teams and enjoying sports never felt like work to me. Instead, it's something I would willingly volunteer to do in my free time.

See **Balko** page 7

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## Colts add D-line depth

By **GEORGE BREMER**

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson) Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS

The Indianapolis Colts continued adding to their defensive line rotation Wednesday with a 27-year-old former first-round pick.

According to ESPN's Adam Scheffer, the team has agreed to terms on a one-year, \$4.5 million contract with former Cleveland Browns defensive tackle Taven Bryan.

The 29th overall pick out of Florida by the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2018, Bryan has made 33 starts over five NFL seasons. He started 16 games in his only season with the Browns in 2022, setting a career high with three sacks and adding 26 tackles and one pass deflection.

The 6-foot-5, 291-pound Bryan has 62 career tackles, 8.5 sacks, two pass deflections and a forced fumble.

He'll provide interior defensive line depth behind All-Pro DeForest Buckner and consistently dominant Grover Stewart.

ESPN's Jeremy Fowler also reported the Colts agreed to a two-year,

\$9.2 million deal to bring back wide receiver and special teams ace Ashton Dulin.

The 6-foot-1 speedster has 33 career catches for 450 yards and three touchdowns. He's also recorded 36 tackles with three fumble recoveries and one touchdown on special teams while averaging 25.8 yards on 17 kickoff returns.

"God is good," Dulin tweeted. "Grateful for everything and blessed with the opportunity to keep doing what I love. Let's get to it."

Indianapolis made a few more deals official on the first day of the NFL year.

The only one that wasn't previously reported was a contract extension for offensive tackle Carter O'Donnell. The 6-foot-5, 305-pound Canadian has spent the past three years on the practice squad but has yet to appear in a regular-season contest.

The Colts also confirmed the release of quarterback Matt Ryan and announced the trade of cornerback Stephon Gilmore to the Dallas Cowboys for a fifth-round draft pick.

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