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Trump wants to suspend federal gas tax

He can't do it without the help of Congress

By **MATTHEW DALY**
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President Donald Trump said Monday he will move to suspend the federal tax on gasoline to help Americans shoulder surging fuel prices caused by the Iran war.

The president cannot suspend the federal tax on his own. Congress would have to

Analysis approve the move. Lawmakers from both parties have pushed for a gas-tax suspension, saying it would provide much-needed relief for families and businesses that rely on their cars and trucks to get to work and school and run everyday errands.

As of Monday, the average national gas price was \$4.52 a gallon, according to the AAA motor club, 50% higher than the average price of just under \$3 a gallon before Trump began the war against Iran.

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President Donald Trump speaks to reporters at an event about maternal health-care Monday in the Oval Office of the White House.

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Indiana State University graduate Emma Dickison, right, shakes hands with President Mike Godard during the university's 155th commencement ceremony Saturday in Hulman Center.



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Indiana State University graduate Awendela Perez proudly displays her diploma as she walks across the stage during the university's 155th commencement ceremony Saturday in Hulman Center.

Indiana State University's 2026 spring commencement ceremonies took place Saturday in Hulman Center. An estimated 1,145 undergraduate degrees were awarded combined with 386 graduate level degrees received in the first commencement ceremony of the day. Of the 1,145 undergraduate students, 802 were from Indiana.



Indiana State University graduate Max Larose celebrates as he walks across the stage after his name was announced during the university's spring commencement ceremony Saturday in Hulman Center.

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Chris MacDonald carries the Indiana State University commencement mace during the processional at the start of the 3 p.m. commencement ceremony Saturday in Hulman Center.



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Federal murder case in THPD officer's killing moving forward

Judge sets competency hearing for May 22 for defendant Shane Meehan

By **MARK FITTON**
TRIBUNE-STAR

The case of Shane Meehan, charged with the 2021 slaying of Terre Haute police detective and FBI task force Agent Greg Ferency, appears to be moving closer to resolution.

In orders filed last week, U.S. District Judge James Patrick Hanlon noted the court had received under seal a forensic evaluation offering the opinion that Meehan is competent to proceed. The judge also noted neither the prosecution nor the defense objected to the evaluation's conclusion.

Hanlon has scheduled a competency hearing for 10:30 a.m. May 22 at the U.S. Courthouse in Indianapolis.

The government at first said it would not seek the death penalty against Ferency, then tried to reverse course and seek capital punishment.

Hanlon, however, denied that attempt, and the federal prosecutors began an appeal of that decision. They dropped that effort in April, returning the case to Hanlon's court.

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Foes of Trump's state Senate candidates may face hard fight

By **CARSON GERBER**
CNHI STATE REPORTER • Tipton

Trevor Reust isn't thrilled with President Donald Trump right now. The 34-year-old Republican from Tipton thinks the war with Iran is a waste of money and military resources.

But that didn't stop him from enthusiastically casting his primary ballot Tuesday for Tracey Powell, the Trump-endorsed challenger who handily defeated longtime state Sen. Jim Buck in District 21.

Buck was one of seven incumbent Republican state senators up for reelection this year who voted against the president's push to redistrict the state in an effort to pick up more Republican U.S. House seats in the midterm elections.

For Reust, Buck's opposition to the redistricting plan was unforgivable. Now, he wants Powell, a Tipton County commissioner, to win in November and push the "American First and MAGA agenda" at the statehouse.

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