

# The Commercial Review

## Dunkirk to seek grant to remove building

*Council OKs mayor to pursue funding from state*

**By RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review  
DUNKIRK — The city will seek a grant to tear down a building in the downtown area. Dunkirk City Council gave Mayor Jack Robbins permission Monday to move forward with seeking a grant to take down the former Green Building at 303 S. Main St.

Robbins noted that the city has officially acquired the property through the tax sale process. He said he had a meeting scheduled for Tuesday to discuss plans with the owner of the adjacent H&R Block office. The buildings share a common wall.

The mayor also reported that he has a meeting scheduled with officials from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and Jay County Development Corporation to talk about a potential grant to tear down the structure. He noted that through the OCRA grant program, the property would have to remain green space for at least five years after the building is demolished.

Council members Christy Curts, Dan Watson, Donna Revolt and Randy Murphy voted to allow the mayor to move forward with seeking the grant funding. Council president Jesse Bivens was absent from the meeting.

In other news regarding the downtown, Robbins said a water flow test is needed to determine if there is sufficient capacity for a fire suppression system in the former Stewart Brothers building at 304 S. Main St.

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## Adding drones



Photo provided

Jay County Commissioners approved the purchase of four new DJI Matrice 4T drones Monday for Jay County Sheriff's Office. At a cost of \$33,196, the drones come with Federal Aviation Administration-required equipment. The sheriff's office uses them to investigate traffic accidents and assess damage following inclement weather.

## Commissioners OK new equipment

**By BAILEY CLINE**  
The Commercial Review  
New equipment is on the way to Jay County Sheriff's Office. Jay County Commissioners agreed Monday to purchasing four new drones as well as a network upgrade for the department.

Jay County Sheriff's Office started using drones in April 2022 for investigating traffic accidents, surveying weather damage and locating lost residents. Sheriff Ray Newton explained the sheriff's office started the program before his current term. He said he learned the department didn't have a licensed drone operator or other credentials, such as registration with Federal Aviation Administration, needed to use the equipment.

The department sent five employees to drone training earlier this year, with three employees now licensed to operate drones. However, its current drone equipment doesn't offer remote identification, a requirement through the FAA that dictates drones in flight must provide identification and location information through a

broadcast signal. Two of its drones are also outdated, Newton said.

He provided three purchase options — \$31,396 from Seiler GeoDrones, \$33,136 from Public Safety UAS and \$52,000 from Xytech. Newton suggested purchasing the drones from Public Safety UAS, noting the purchase comes with a one-year warranty, tech support and additional batteries. He added the money is available from his department's accident report fund.

Commissioners Chad Aker, Duane Monroe and Doug Horn OK'd purchasing the drones from Public Safety UAS.

They also approved a \$25,990 fiber cable upgrade for the sheriff's office.

Bill Baldwin, 911 director, approached commissioners in May explaining Jay County Sheriff's Office phones had not been recording calls. He talked about hopes to install larger fiber optic cables at the jail to solve the problem.

Newton noted the phone system can't record calls currently, saying Allstar Technologies had originally indicated the

technology would be compatible before it was installed this year.

"We found out, it didn't work," explained Newton.

Baldwin added that the department's switches are old and its current fiber system's capacity is maxed out. Plans are for information technology worker Cameron Clark to purchase the equipment and begin installing it.

Newton explained the purchase wasn't anticipated, saying he doesn't have the whole amount available in his budget. Commissioners president Chad Aker mentioned the need to record phone calls. County attorney Wes Schemenaur pointed to potential liabilities as well as criminal investigations, saying the department should be storing recordings for at least 180 days.

Commissioners decided to request an additional appropriation to pay for the project, which will need to be approved by Jay County Council.

Newton also noted recent security changes for Jay County Courthouse, which included installing a gate near security

equipment at the south entrance. Previously, courthouse security was required to stay after hours for board meetings in the auditorium or other events.

Plans are to secure the gate when the courthouse closes each day, lock remaining accessible rooms and, after 5 p.m., open the women's restroom as a unisex restroom.

Also Monday, commissioners heard from POET Bioprocessing general manager Adam Homan and DTE Vantage affiliates regarding a proposed carbon sequestration project in Jay County.

Commissioners requested POET Bioprocessing attend their meeting to answer questions about the project, which would involve injecting carbon dioxide into the ground from the company's property.

POET Bioprocessing is offering to pay Jay County communities \$2 per ton of carbon dioxide injected, a unique partnership, Homan said, that ethanol plants pursuing similar projects in other places haven't offered.

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## Paisley leads

The Jay County High School cheerleaders, with Paisley Fugiett leading the way, carry the JCHS flags along the field Friday night prior to the Patriots football team's season opener. The Patriots rolled to victory over the Blackford Bruins.

## Poll: Redistricting opposed

**By CASEY SMITH**  
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As Indiana lawmakers head to Washington, D.C., today for a White House meeting on multiple issues including redistricting, a new statewide poll shows most Hoosiers don't want to see the state's congressional maps redrawn mid-decade.

The survey of 1,662 registered voters, conducted Aug. 18-21 by left-leaning Change Research, found that just 34% of respondents initially supported redrawing maps this year, while 52% opposed the idea — of those, 43% said they were "very opposed."

After reviewing arguments for and against the move, sometimes called push polling, support among survey respondents dropped further to 29%, with opposition climbing to 60%.

"Hoosiers play fair. When D.C. outsiders change the rules in the middle of the game, it makes it clear the system is rigged and discourages participation," said

Jalyn Radziminski, founder and president of Count US IN, which commissioned the poll. "This poll makes it clear that Hoosiers don't want outsiders meddling with our maps. They want lawmakers to address the issues that affect us: high cost of living, spiraling energy prices and property taxes."

Count US IN aims to increase political participation — particularly of minorities and marginalized communities — by encouraging voter turnout, educating citizens on voting rights and protections and combating voter suppression, according to its website.

*Results show 52% against, 34% in favor of redrawing*

About 60% of respondents rated inflation among their top three priorities, according to the poll. Only 7% of survey takers said redrawing legislative maps was a top priority.

Indiana officials face mounting pressure from the White House and national Republican operatives to consider a special session for new, early maps. Supporters maintain the effort could strengthen the GOP's congressional majority ahead of the 2026 midterms — part of a broader national strategy to lock in more favorable districts in Republican-controlled states.

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### Deaths

**Nancy Ford**  
**Nancy Cheeseman**, 89,  
Portland  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

The high temperature Monday in Jay County was 70 degrees. The low was 52.

Tonight's low will also be in the low 50s. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with a high in the lower 70s. There is a 40% chance of rain with winds gusting to 20 mph.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Portland Breakfast Optimist Club will hold its 50th anniversary celebration from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday in the Farmer's Building at Jay County Fairgrounds. The event will feature live music with Troy Losure and Ryan Fox.

### Coming up

**Thursday** — Details from the Jay County volleyball match against Winchester.

**Saturday** — Coverage of Fort Recovery's football game at Allen East.





Obituaries

**Nancy Ford**  
Nancy Elizabeth Runyon Ford passed on Friday, Aug. 22. Her boundless joy, smile and excitement were a marvel to all in her life, even during her five-year experience with dementia. She is survived by her devoted husband of 40 years, Michael Ford; and two children, Asher and Isaac; all of whom feel deeply grateful for every moment together shaped by Nancy's love. She is also survived by her caring and dedicat-

ed mom Marilyn Peterson; friend and sister Robin (Gary) Hempstead; loving brother Matthew (Linda) Runyon; bonus mom Marlene Runyon; mother-in-law Marcia Ford; and the extended Ford family whom she loved as her own. Her love extended to so many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, coworkers, friends, neighbors and many



Ford

strangers. Nancy felt the strongest desire to love and care for everyone she met with all she felt able to give. Nancy and Michael were able to spend many years working side by side, through businesses they created together and for a brief, never-forgotten adventure when Nancy accepted a position opening a telemarketing branch in South Africa in 1987. The wonderful adventures continued with their children. The four of them were hardly ever apart and the bonds they

formed still guide each moment now. Nancy felt all things were possible, whether homeschooling, work-related or daily life. Memorials can be made to OutYouth.Kindful.Com or to the Jay County Historical Society. Viewing will be Saturday, Aug. 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. with services at 4 p.m. at Baird Freeman Funeral Home in Portland, Indiana. **Nancy Cheeseman**, Portland, Feb. 19, 1936-Aug. 21, 2025.

Services will be held at a later date at Anderson Memorial Park in Anderson. .... *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				
Thursday 8/28	Friday 8/29	Saturday 8/30	Sunday 8/31	Monday 9/1
<b>73/52</b>	<b>70/46</b>	<b>71/47</b>	<b>75/50</b>	<b>78/52</b>
Mostly sunny skies are expected Thursday when there's a chance of rain.	Friday looks to be mostly sunny with the temperature high around 70 degrees.	Saturday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a low around 47.	Mostly sunny on Sunday, when the low may hit around 50 degrees.	Labor Day's weather looks like mostly sunny skies with a high around 78.

Lotteries	
<b>Powerball</b> Monday 16-19-34-37-64 Power Ball: 22 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$815 million	Daily Four: 0-2-2-1 Quick Draw: 1-8-10-11-23-29-31-34-35-36-38-51-55-62-64-67-68-78-79-80 Cash 5: 2-10-18-22-43 Estimated jackpot: \$294,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$253 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 8-6-0 Pick 4: 7-7-3-2 Pick 5: 8-3-5-4-3 Evening Pick 3: 8-7-2 Pick 4: 0-3-4-5 Pick 5: 1-9-7-0-2 Rolling Cash: 4-7-20-21-24 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 3-3-2 Daily Four: 4-2-2-6 Quick Draw: 6-11-14-15-22-23-25-34-36-49-50-56-57-61-63-65-66-69-74-76 Evening Daily Three: 5-7-6	

Markets	
<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.03 Sept. corn .....4.08 Oct. corn .....3.95	Sept. beans .....10.24 Wheat ..... 4.88
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.18 Sept. corn .....4.18 Oct. corn .....4.08	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....3.87 Sept. corn .....3.87 Beans .....10.20 Sept. beans .....10.18 Wheat .....4.83
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....3.93 Sept. corn .....3.93 Beans .....10.24	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.03 Sept. corn .....4.03 Beans.....9.99 Sept. beans .....9.89 Wheat .....4.55

**Today in history**  
  
In 1576, Italian Renaissance painter Titian died. He had been described as “the sun amidst small stars not only among the Italians but all the painters of the world.”  
In 1900, James Carroll, a U.S. Army physician, allowed an infected mosquito to bite him in an effort to learn how yellow fever was transmitted. He developed a severe case of the disease which helped Army pathologist Walter Reed prove the disease was transmitted by mosquitoes.  
In 1910, Mother Theresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Macedonia, Ottoman Empire.  
In 1964, the movie musical “Mary Poppins” made its world premiere in Los Angeles.  
In 2007, the Jay County High School girls golf team defeated South Adams 199-242 with two golfers turning in career best efforts. Senior Trisha Champ had her best round at Portland Golf Club with a 2-over-par 37 while junior Jennifer Hunt posted a career-best total of 50.  
In 2008, Barack Obama became the first African American to be the presidential nominee for either major party as he was officially selected at the Democratic National Convention.  
In 2011, Hurricane Irene made landfall in North Carolina.  
In 2018, Jay County Commissioners agreed to partner with the City of Portland, Jay County Fair Board and Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association to run a new sewer line on the north section of the fairgrounds to alleviate problems with a lift station. The project was intended to also allow the fairgrounds to open new camping sites.

Citizen’s calendar	
<b>Today</b> 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building 131 S. Main St.	1616 N. Meridian St.
<b>Tuesday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station,	7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonias Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.

Commissioners ...

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Tony Muzzin of DTE Vantage noted various conversations about the project happening across multiple county and Portland meetings. He shared hopes to step back and work with Jay County/Portland Building and Planning Department as well as plan commissions to determine policies and procedures for the operation. Plans are to file a Class 6 permit for the project required through Environmental Protection Agency within the next 30 days. Muzzin noted the process will take at least two years. “We do have time,” he said. “We are willing and wanting to help educate and set appropriate measures with the county that would make sense for everyone to feel that the project is moving forward and safe.”

In other business, commissioners:  
•Approved the following: a \$168,043 proposal from engineering firm Civil Con for installing an aluminum box culvert under a portion of county road 300 North; a \$179,000 quarterly claim from LifeStream Services; a \$17,000 economic development income tax (EDIT) request from West Jay Community Center; a \$7,000 scanner from Four-U Office Supplies of Celina, Ohio, for Jay County Clerk’s Office; and a \$2,590.60 bid for paper from Four-U Office Supplies.  
•OK’d terminating a three-year contract with Ford Pro Intelligence for in-vehicle cameras with Jay County Highway Department and switching to a three-year agreement with Samsara at \$21,052.80 annually and a \$7,418.57 one-time

installation cost. Highway department administrative assistant Stephanie Klarer explained Ford Pro was not able to install cameras on four of the department’s vehicles. •Heard from Cindy Bracy of Jay County Country Living, who noted the facility’s advisory board would meet later that evening. She asked commissioners for guidance as it relates to how they would like the board to act moving forward and whether she can create a “think tank” for ideas on next steps. Aker said commissioners would like to hear the board’s thoughts first, with Bracy agreeing to attend another commissioners’ meeting soon to share those thoughts. •Heard a monthly financial breakdown from Jay Emergency Medical Service director Gary Barnett.

Dunkirk ...

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Rock Joak LLC, a partnership between Rock Fuqua, Oakland Gaerke and Jesse Walter, now owns the building and plans to have commercial space on the first floor with apartments above. The flow test is scheduled for next week. In other business, the council:  
•Approved the city’s 2026 salary ordinance. It calls for 2% raises for all city employees.  
•Approved the following: vacating an alley connecting Franklin and Main streets; paying claims totaling \$154,446.35; and repairs to the city’s vacuum truck by Best Equipment at a cost of \$13,837.06.  
•Heard from Murphy that city crews are continuing to paint curbs along Main Street.  
•Received the following updates from Revolt: the city has secured a \$20,000 grant to help toward the cost of installing pickleball courts at Dunkirk

Water flow test will be conducted next week

City Park; the shelter house at the park is being painted; the park board has received bids for removing two trees along the walking trail at Dunkirk City Park and one at Webster Depot Park; the final summer concert at Webster Depot Park will be Spittin’ Image at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6; and the city’s pool has been drained for the winter.

**Limberlost Cemetery Meeting**  
*September 6, 2025*  
*10:00 am*  
Portland Church of Christ  
1217 W Votaw St, Portland  
To determine the future care of Limberlost Cemetery

SERVICES	
<b>Friday</b> <b>O’Conner</b> , Janice: noon, Doan and Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond.	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Shilt</b> , Donald: 11 a.m., Tribute Funeral Homes, 1000 N. Broadway St., Greenville, Ohio. <b>Ford</b> , Nancy: Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.	
Service listings provided by <b>PROGRESSIVE DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS</b> 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com	

**Poll ...**  
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Critics, however, argue that a mid-decade redraw would disenfranchise other voters — and set a precedent that political parties can redistrict whenever it’s politically convenient. A rally against early redistricting, organized by Common Cause Indiana, is scheduled for Tuesday evening at the Indiana Statehouse. Of the anti-redistricting arguments presented in the poll, the one that Hoosier survey respondents found “most convincing” contends that legislators “should spend less time on redistricting, and more on making life better for Indiana’s residents.”



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## Dunkirk Elks

Dru Hall, pictured above, won The Dunkirk Elks Lodge Glass Days golf cart raffle. Proceeds from the raffle will go to purchase a new electronic digital sign for The Dunkirk Elks Lodge. Greg and Karan Mitchey donated the golf cart for the raffle.

# Wife's self-esteem shattered

DEAR ABBY: About eight months ago, I stumbled on my husband watching online porn. He admitted to habitual use but said it was just a stress reliever and he would stop viewing it. Meanwhile, I am plagued by feelings of not being enough for him, mainly before or during sex but also at random times of the day and night.

I am a small-breasted woman, and I can't stop thinking that he has seen beautiful bodies that are much more of a turn-on than mine. I am ashamed of how I look and no longer want him to see me naked. This was never a problem before, but now it's a constant feeling of inadequacy. I'm also not sure he has stopped, but I realize there's no way for me to know that, so I'm struggling with trust.

Is there anything I can do to stop thinking about this and build back some self-confidence? — CAN'T COMPARE IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR CAN'T COMPARE:** You need to understand something. Men are turned on by the visual. Millions of them watch porn for pleasure. This is a fact. Your husband's viewing doesn't mean there is anything wrong with you. You are the woman he married, and

Dear Abby



until you "stumbled upon him" watching porn, everything was fine.

As I reread your letter, I was struck by your lack of self-esteem. The surest way to stop obsessing about this and rebuild your self-confidence would be to ask your doctor to refer you to a psychologist who can help you regain your perspective.

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DEAR ABBY: After a recent gathering for my granddaughter's graduation, I am feeling depressed and upset. Unflattering pictures of me were taken during the event and later posted on social media. I wasn't asked, and I think it was done maliciously by the grandmother on the other side. She posted no candid pictures of herself, only ones that were planned and staged.

I don't feel I can ask that they be taken down without causing a rift. I did post a suggestion on the site about privacy and pictures. That grandma

has read my message but hasn't taken the hint to remove them. This has led to unpleasant memories of an otherwise memorable and happy event. Why don't people realize that no-longer-young individuals don't want terrible pictures splashed all over the internet? — EMBARRASSED IN NORTH CAROLINA

**DEAR EMBARRASSED:** Your granddaughter's graduation was all about her and her accomplishment. It wasn't a "Mirror, mirror on the wall" contest of which grandmother is the fairer. Try to focus more closely on the spirit of the occasion and less on any unfortunate picture that was posted later. If you do, you may see the humor in this. You wrote that older people don't want terrible pictures splashed all over the internet. News flash: Younger people like it even less. Laugh and the world laughs with you. And toss the sour grapes into the garbage.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Community Calendar

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

### Today

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB** — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

**PING PONG** — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

**PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB** — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

**EUCHRE CLUB** — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

**COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING** — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

**PORTLAND EAGLES** — Will meet at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Eagles' lodge, 320 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP** — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

### Thursday

**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.

**LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES** — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those

interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

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

**MISSISSINewa CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** — Meets at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Jay County Historical Society. Elwanda Hanson will be speaking on Women Veterans. Any questions, please call Regent Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

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

**JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** — Will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Jay County Cancer Society's office, 227 N. Meridian St., Portland. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

### Friday

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

### Saturday

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

**GOODYEAR FAMILY REUNION** — Will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Greek's Pizzeria, 1607 N. Meridian St., Portland. Please remind other family members.

### Sunday

**A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For

more information, call (260) 766-2006.

### Monday

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

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

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

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

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

**THE LIFE CENTER** — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after preg-

nancy, as well as help with the needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

**BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL** — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

# Fall is Coming

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# Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday's Solution

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

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.



# Dictionaries failed to bring fluency

*Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Aug. 29, 2005. Jack's tastes were eclectic. That extended to literature. Because of his frequent travels all over the world, his collection of books now stretched from foreign novels to more than enough reference books.*

By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

If you could learn a language by buying dictionaries, I'd be fluent by now.

Fact is, I'm as much a linguistic basketcase as the rest of America.

That truth was driven home to me over the weekend.

Seized by the kind of burst of enthusiasm that can only be attributed to too much caffeine at my age, I decided it was long past the time to edit the bookshelves at home.

We're in a fall version of spring cleaning at our house at the moment.

Sally's returning to IU this week, so there's sorting and pack-

## Back in the Saddle



ing to be done. And my wife is embarking on graduate school at Ball State as well, so there's a little bit of that "sweep the cobwebs away and toss out some junk" spirit alive in the land.

If it had struck us a couple of weeks earlier, we could have had one heck of a garage sale during engine show week and might have been able to fill an entire table at the Jay County Public Library's book sale. As it is, I've culled old books from the shelves, but they'll probably sit around for awhile in boxes in the garage.

The nice thing about cleaning up the bookshelves is that you find things you'd forgotten about.

And, if you're really feeling the organizational bug, you can cluster certain things together, making them easier to find in the future.

(It's not the Dewey Decimal System, but it's a start.)

For instance, I've become a big fan of the Irish-English author William Trevor. It only makes sense for his books to be together on a bookshelf.

The same holds true of Robertson Davies, a Canadian novelist whose tales grabbed me by the collar decades ago.

And on, and on.

One of the dividends of this type of organizational project is that I was able to gather together on a couple of shelves, the books related to the work I've been doing overseas in the former Soviet Union since 1998.

One shelf holds the homework, background material so that I don't hit the ground as a complete idiot. Another holds Lonely

Planet guidebooks, phrasebooks in various languages, and way too many Russian-English/English-Russian dictionaries.

Need a Romanian phrasebook? No problem. We have a dictionary as well.

How about Armenian? Or Georgian? Not a problem.

But, most of all, we have Russian. That's because — thanks to the Russian empire and the Soviet empire — it's still the most common tongue in that part of the world.

By my count, there are four dual-language dictionaries, a vocabulary, and four phrasebooks.

If that's all it took to learn the language, I'd be fluent.

The reality? I know just enough Russian to get myself in trouble.

Right now, I'd estimate my vocabulary at about 100 words, maybe 200. But a good chunk of those have to do with newspapers

and journalism. And even more of them are bits and pieces of communication, fragments of a puzzle.

Imagine, for instance, that you're me, listening to a conversation in Russian with my severely limited vocabulary. You hear people talking, and what are they saying? "And," "big," "OK," "very," "little," "four," "please," "two," "but," "how much," "American," "red," "car," and so on.

What are they really talking about?

Your guess is as good as mine. I've learned — sometimes I know the hard way — not to assume I know what the heck is going on.

As to the dictionaries, I didn't remove any from the shelves.

Do I need four? Of course not.

But, who knows, maybe one of them will make me smarter.

And, at the very least, hanging on to all four of them will remind me never, ever to buy another.

# Disagree does not mean hate

Chicago Tribune

Tribune News Service

Rodney King's famous line "Can we all get along?" feels more relevant than ever today, underscoring our highly regrettable departure from civility toward a more belligerent and uneasy political reality.

But every now and then, we see small but significant signs that there's movement toward reviving civil discourse. One of those moments recently took place here in Chicago.

Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett on Monday joined other members of the bench and bar at the Seventh Circuit Judicial Conference at the Swissotel and praised her peers for their collegiality.

"It occurs to me that law is a profession that, unlike some others, operates continually through the strain of disagreement," she said.

"Doctors cooperate and coordinate to deal with patients. Engineers work together to build the bridge. But litigants and their lawyers are pitted against one another on opposite sides of the 'V.'"

Here was the part of her remarks that most hit home with us: "We know how to argue, but we also know how to do it without letting it consume relationships."

The legal profession has long operated this way. That it continues to do so despite mounting partisan pressure is an example worth noting for the rest of us.

Coney Barrett, of course, is no stranger to vitriol. The justice, who joined the high court in October 2020, was called a "religious bigot" and a "monster" during her confirmation hearings.

Her family, too, has endured attacks — from criticism of her adopted children to a bomb threat against her sister earlier this year.

Point is, she's dealt with fierce criticisms and personal attacks directly. Yet here she stood, speaking with all sincerity about the importance of respectful discourse.

We encourage more officials to take this tone — not just at the lectern but in their daily dealings, set-

## Guest Editorial

... we don't have to be morally outraged every single day ...

ting a model for how the rest of us navigate politics.

Our current political climate is particularly dangerous because people have started viewing anyone who disagrees with their politics as evil or less than human. And when you dehumanize people in this fashion, it becomes OK to hate them — or even hurt them.

Too often, that mindset fuels violence. In June, a gunman killed former Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, in their own home. Politically motivated violence is a scourge that must end.

We need to reestablish that disagreeing with people on politics doesn't mean hating them. That's not to say we always should agree or that there's never room for heated exchanges. We wholeheartedly support championing the causes in which you believe. Indeed, sometimes moral outrage is justified.

But we don't have to be morally outraged every single day, and if your moral outrage leads you to hate other people, maybe it's time to reevaluate. That was the deeper point of Barrett's reminder: Disagreement need not destroy relationships.

If judges and lawyers can argue without contempt for each other, then those of us in walks of life that don't routinely entail intellectual combat can do the same.



# ‘Smart’ isn’t necessarily safe

By SHELDON H. JACOBSON

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Air travel is remarkably safe, based on several years of performance data. Yet near-misses, including the recent close call between a Delta airplane and an Aero Mexico regional jet in Mexico City, give people pause to question whether current air travel risks are higher than historical trends suggest.

In light of such concerns, and given the growth of "smart" technologies, it should be no surprise that such technologies have entered the world of air travel.

Smart Landing and Smart Runway technologies claim to enhance air travel safety by supporting pilots during takeoffs and landings, as well as when airplanes traverse the ground space around airports. Airplane movements are under the jurisdiction of air-traffic control. Yet with human beings prone to oversights and errors, mistakes can and do occur.

Given their names, does the "smart" label make such products better? Or are such names just used as a marketing tool?

The Federal Aviation Administration tracks all air-traffic mistakes and near-mistakes. At airports, they are labeled "runway incursions." In 2024, there were 1,758 such events, or around 146 per month. This number has been steady for several years, excluding 2020 and 2021, when air travel volume plummeted due to the COVID pandemic. Although this total sounds large, and perhaps alarming to air travelers, air-traffic control oversees around 45,000 flights per day, which means that runway incursions are statistically very rare events.

Even so, rare events can lead to accidents.

The FAA classifies runway incursions based on their severity and the risks that they entail. Fortunately,

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most are benign, labeled as Category C and D, which occur when an airplane is out of position but, most critically, ample time is available to avoid any collision. Although such incursions are tracked, their risk in the air system to airplanes and passengers is minimal.

Category A and B incursions are more serious, potentially placing airplanes and passengers at risk. The Mexico City near-miss would be classified as a Category A runway incursion.

Of the 1,758 runway incursions in 2024, nine were classified as Category A or B, far less than 1 percent of all such events. Of course, if any such incident had resulted in an accident, calls by lawmakers for changes and improvements would have been forthcoming.

Smart Landing and Smart Runway technologies provide pilots with additional information in user-friendly ways to reduce the risk of pilot errors, which can be traced to the cause of 80 percent of aviation accidents.

Pilot error occurs when a pilot deviates from standard operating procedures or directives from air-traffic control. Smart technologies are designed to alert pilots of such deviations, effectively giving them additional warning time to regain compliance and steer clear of situations that could lead to an accident.

If smart technologies can reduce pilot errors, conventional wisdom suggests that they should lead to even

safer air travel. Yet how would such enhanced safety be measured?

Southwest Airlines recently adopted these technologies on its fleet of Boeing 737 airplanes. It will provide a testbed to evaluate whether the technologies deliver on their promise.

However, given the general rarity of runway incursions — and particularly of those that are high risk — teasing out the "signal from the noise" may be challenging verging on impossible. Moreover, since runway incursions are likely to involve two or more airplanes, if only one airplane is using the smart technologies, it may be more difficult to quantify their benefits in the field.

We may start to see anecdotal reports of benefits reported by Southwest Airline pilots using the technology. But they will be inadequate on their own to establish their causal benefits. If more airlines adopt this technology for their fleets, systemwide reductions in runway incursions of all types — particularly the benign Category C and D incursions — will provide one way to capture risk reduction benefits. Of course, if the FAA decides to mandate such technologies on all airplanes operating within the nation's air space, this measure would be more straightforward to capture.

Labeling technologies as "smart" does not necessarily make the environment in which they operate better. What is most important is what they achieve compared to the system's performance without them. The challenge is often to find ways to measure such changes. And when such changes involve rare events, as with airplane near-misses, making such measurements is even more difficult.

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# Israel seeks truce on its terms

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu convened Israel's top decision-making forum on Tuesday to discuss prospects for a deal to wind down the almost two-year-old war in Gaza, at the same time as the army prepares for a final push into the Palestinian territory's biggest city.

Hamas will be given until mid-September to agree to a ceasefire leading to the return of the remaining 50 Israeli hostages and the dismantling of what remains of its government and weapons, according to an aide to the Israeli premier, who asked not to be identified discussing a private matter.

Should Hamas fail to agree to the terms, Israel will by then have completed military preparations and the Gaza City operation will begin, the aide said.

Negotiations for a truce have dragged on for months, with little progress made. In the latest iteration, Hamas said it had agreed to a deal proposed by Qatar and Egypt, two key mediators, whereby it would release around half of the hostages in return for a partial withdrawal of Israeli troops.

Israel has yet to formally respond, but has maintained that talks should focus on the release of all the hostages straight away. Netanyahu said last week nego-



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IDF soldiers prepare tank Friday in Gaza border, Israel. The UN-backed Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) declared Phase 5 food insecurity — its highest and most severe level — in parts of Gaza including Gaza City. Earlier this week, Israel launched a new ground offensive in an effort to capture and occupy all of Gaza City.

tiators are ready for a new round of mediated talks, but neither a venue nor date have been set.

“We want to be in a position where we bring back all 50 hostages — on condition that our terms are accepted,” Energy Minister Eli Cohen, a member of Netanyahu's security Cabinet, told Israel's Army Radio on Tuesday. “We won't leave a situation

The Israeli government is under pressure from many of its civilians and international governments to end the war, which has lead to more than 62,000 Palestinian fatalities, according to the Hamas-run health ministry.

Last week a United Nations-backed body declared a famine in Gaza. European and other countries, already critical of the war's spiraling humanitarian toll, have condemned the planned push into Gaza's de facto capital.

On Tuesday, Saudi Arabia called on the international community, and the permanent members of the U.N. in particular, to “end the famine in the Gaza Strip and stop the genocide and crimes committed by the Israeli occupation army against the brotherly Palestinian people.”

The strongly-worded statement is symbolic of growing anger over the human toll in Gaza in the Arab world. The kingdom — whose Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is close to U.S. President Donald Trump — has condemned the war, but seldom used the word “genocide” to describe it. The U.S. is one of the U.N.'s permanent members.

The Israeli military has given itself five months to complete the Gaza City takeover, a former senior officer in the Israeli mili-

tary said. Troops and tanks encircled the city — home to almost one million people before the war started — over the weekend and were carrying out incursions and airstrikes, prompting many residents to flee, according to reports from Israel's Channel 12 television and the Gaza Civil Defense Service.

Israeli officials have said the army will give civilians in Gaza City notice before the operation starts in earnest so that they can move south. Israel says it will expanded aid distribution as part of that.

Trump — a Netanyahu ally who has echoed the call for Hamas' removal from power in Gaza — said on Monday that he wanted the war to end “soon,” a sign that patience is wearing thin in Washington.

“It's got to get over with because, between the hunger and all of the other problems — worse than hunger, death, pure death — people being killed,” he said, adding there was a “very serious diplomatic push” under way.

Israel denies there is a famine in Gaza and says it has put policies in place to prevent starvation.

Trump didn't say what the U.S. would do if Israel's campaign drags on or give details about the state of any diplomatic moves.

## CDC's response in Texas was delayed

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As measles surged in Texas early this year, the Trump administration's actions sowed fear and confusion among CDC scientists that kept them from performing the agency's most critical function — emergency response — when it mattered most, an investigation from KFF Health News shows.

The outbreak soon became the worst the United States has endured in over three decades.

In the month after Donald Trump took office, his administration interfered with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention communications, stalled the agency's reports, censored its data, and abruptly laid off staff. In the chaos, CDC experts felt restrained from talking openly with local public health workers, according to interviews with seven CDC officials with direct knowledge of events, as well as local health department emails obtained by KFF Health News through public records requests.

“CDC hasn't reached out to us locally,” Katherine Wells, the public health director in Lubbock, Texas, wrote in a Feb. 5 email exchange with a colleague two weeks after children with measles were hospitalized in Lubbock. “My staff feels like we are out here all alone,” she added.

A child would die before CDC scientists contacted Wells.

“All of us at CDC train for this moment, a massive outbreak,” one CDC researcher told KFF Health News, which agreed not to name CDC officials who fear retaliation for speaking with the press. “All this training and then we weren't allowed to do anything.”

Delays have catastrophic consequences when measles spreads in under-vaccinated communities, like many in West Texas. If a person with measles is in the same room with 10 unvaccinated people, nine will be infected, researchers estimate. If those nine go about their lives in public spaces, numbers multiply exponentially.

The outbreak that unfolded in West Texas illustrates the danger the country faces under the Trump administration as vaccination rates drop, misinformation flourishes, public health budgets are cut, and science agencies are subject to political manipulation.

While the Trump administration stifled CDC communications, health secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. fueled doubt in vaccines

and exaggerated the ability of vitamins to ward off disease. Suffering followed: The Texas outbreak spread to New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and Mexico's Chihuahua state — at minimum. Together these linked outbreaks have sickened more than 4,500 people, killed at least 16, and levied exorbitant costs on hospitals, health departments, and those paying medical bills.

“This is absolutely outrageous,” said Jennifer Nuzzo, director of the Pandemic Center at Brown University. “When you're battling contagious diseases, time is everything.”

“The CDC Is “Stressed” Currently’

Wells was anxious the moment she learned that two unvaccinated children hospitalized in late January had the measles. Hospitals are legally required to report measles cases to health departments and the CDC, but Wells worried many children weren't getting tested.

“I think this may be very large,” she wrote in a Feb. 3 email to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Wells relayed in another email what she'd learned from conversations around town: “According to one of the women I spoke with 55 children were absent from one school on 1/24. The women reported that there were sick children with measles symptoms as early as November.”

In that email and others, Wells asked state health officials to put her in touch with CDC experts who could answer complicated questions on testing, how to care for infants exposed to measles, and more. What transpired was a plodding game of telephone.

One email asked whether clinics could decontaminate rooms where people with measles had just been if the clinics were too small to follow the CDC's recommendation to keep those rooms empty for two hours.

“Would it be possible to arrange a consultation with the CDC?” Wells wrote on Feb. 5.

“It never hurts to ask the CDC,” said Scott Milton, a medical officer at the Texas health department. About 25 minutes later, he told Wells that an information specialist at the CDC had echoed the guidelines advising two hours.

“I asked him to escalate this question to someone more qualified,” Milton wrote. “Of course, we know the CDC is ‘stressed’ currently.”

Local officials resorted to advice from doctors and researchers outside the government, including those at the Immunization Partnership, a Texas non-profit.

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## Foods that can benefit children's eye health

Food is more than fuel to keep human bodies moving. Food can be an integral component of a health and wellness routine, particularly when nutritious foods are finding their way onto people's dinner tables.

The right foods can bolster the body in a number of ways, including promoting strong eyesight. That's as true for adults as it is for children, whose eyesight can be bolstered with foods that support eye health. Vitamin A is especially beneficial for eye health, as the American Academy of Ophthalmology notes the retina needs ample vitamin A to turn light rays into images. The AAO also notes that vitamin A helps to keep eyes moist and thus reduces the likelihood that a painful condition known as dry eye will develop. When it comes to using diet to promote healthy vision in children, parents can consider the following eye-friendly foods.

- **Carrots:** WebMD reports that a half-cup of carrots can provide 73 percent of the daily recommended amount of vitamin A. Parents can keep that in mind come snack time, offering youngsters some carrots with hummus or peanut butter if kids are reluctant to eat them on their own.
- **Sweet potatoes:** Sweet potatoes are another excellent source of vitamin A. In fact, the Office of Dietary Supplements reports that a single baked sweet potato in its skin can provide as much as 561 percent of the daily recommended intake of vitamin A. Kids may be reluctant to eat the skin of sweet potatoes, and parents need not fret, as there's still plenty of vitamin
- **Cantaloupe:** Cantaloupe is a low-calorie fruit that also packs a nutritious punch. According to the Mayo Clinic, a single cup of cantaloupe contains about 106 percent of the daily recommended value of vitamin A. Cantaloupe also tends to be kid-friendly, as its sweet and refreshing flavor profile makes this round melon a tasty treat for youngsters and adults alike.
- **Leafy greens:** Vitamin A is not the lone booster of eye health. The AAO notes that the antioxidants lutein and zeaxanthin promote a healthy macula, a part of the eye that is important to central, detailed vision. Kale and spinach may not excite youngsters as much as cantaloupe, but each are antioxidant-rich leafy greens that parents can incorporate into weekly

A and additional nutrients when the skin is removed.

meals. One trick is to incorporate spinach into pasta dishes that kids love so much they won't even realize they're eating greens. When serving kale, serve it alongside mashed potatoes and encourage kids to mix the two.

- **Kidney beans:** The AAO notes kidney beans are rich in zinc, which helps to maintain a healthy retina and protect the eyes from light-related damage. Kidney beans are especially helpful because they are rich in copper, which can be depleted by zinc but is necessary for the formation of red blood cells. Kidney beans thus help ensure kids get enough zinc and help to combat the effects zinc can have on copper levels.

Diet can have a notable impact on children's eye health, which makes it vital for parents to serve vision-friendly foods to youngsters.

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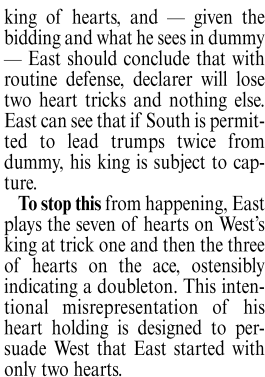
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**Note that if** East plays his hearts normally — that is, up the line — West might discontinue hearts and switch to another suit. If he does, South will have no trouble taking the rest of the tricks to make the contract.

**Tomorrow: Bridge is a game of probabilities.**  
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# Roundup ...

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Andrew Rehmert shot a 47 and Carson Fullenkamp carded a 48 that didn't affect the final.

### Towell leads

The Jay County High School girls golf team is still searching for a second win after falling to the Bluffton Tigers 187-212 at Portland Golf Club on Monday.

Bailey Towell led the way for the Patriots (1-5, 1-3 Allen County Athletic Conference) with her second consecutive round of 48. Towell pared the second hole and supported it with four bogeys.

Alexa Ridenour had the best match of her career to shoot a 51. The highlight of her match was a birdie on hole No. 1.

The final two scores came from Erin Aker with a 54 and Elizabeth Brunswick with a 59.

Crystal Swartzentruber and Reny Lingo both carded 61s that didn't affect the final.

### Bruins shutout

Jay County's junior varsity football team cruised past the

Blackford Bruins 44-0 in Monday's season opener.

The Patriots (1-0) scored three times in the first quarter. The first time, quarterback Brady Millspaugh rushed 55 yards to put the ball in himself. They soon after took Blackford (0-1) down in the endzone for a safety before Millspaugh connected with Rayden Sollars for a 33-yard score.

They put up 21 points in the second quarter on two Layne VanNote rushes and a Walter Campfiore reception.

The Patriots slowed down in the second half with the only touchdown coming on a goal-line keeper by Millspaugh.

Blackford finished the game with -20 yards of offense, while the Patriots had 242.

# .500 ...

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Gabe Overton and Brock Wasson had the strongest day for the Patriots (3-3) as they swept Joseangel Perez-Contreras and Asa Vaughn 6-0, 6-0.

This is the duo's first season together after Overton transferred in from Winchester Community and Wasson picked up a tennis racket for the first time. They have already built a 3-2 record with wins against Union City, Norwell and Madison-Grant.

In the No. 2 doubles duo's losses against New Castle and Alexandria-Monroe, Gillespie noted a need to be more aggressive and control the match at the net. They did a better job of that Monday as both players shared time at the net. The duo seemed to be particularly successful when Overton patrolled the net as he hit multiple volleys that bounced over the Indians' heads.

"Net play is something that we need to work on a lot and we enforce it a lot in practices too," Overton said.

"We've been told to just be more aggressive up there and just go for everything," Wasson added.

While Overton has tennis experience, the duo are still looking to grow and continue with the success they have found early on in the season.

"(We should) definitely be aggressive and play a lot more offense," Overton said about what they learned from the match against UCHS. "We should be playing to win and not playing to not lose."

"We need to keep building chemistry together," Wasson added. "Know what we're doing and know when it's time to switch."

Kadyn Carpenter and Alex Miller finished the No. 1 doubles match six

minutes after Overton and Wasson. The sole varsity returners took down Gabe Tapp and Cooper Woolston 6-1, 6-0 to earn the second point of the match.

The final game of the match ran long, hitting deuce four times but Miller kept the duo ahead nearly the entire time by returning Tapp's serves down the left hand side of the court where Woolston's racket couldn't stop it with a volley and Tapp didn't have the foot speed to get to it.

"I've really enjoyed watching (the doubles) more," Gillespie said. "We're not there yet ... but we're a lot more aggressive and I told them, 'Doubles is all about who controls the net.'"

Paul Dirksen closed out the victory for Jay County as he beat Luis Nieto 6-1, 6-3 at the No. 1 singles position.

Henry Dirksen and

Clark Wellman got caught playing a slower style of tennis at the No. 2 and 3 singles matches. As a result, Levi Clark had the closest match of the day with Henry Dirksen, but the JCHS freshmen pulled out the win 6-2, 7-5 and Wellman's 6-3, 6-2 victory over Gabe Thomas lasted 1 hour, 45 minutes.

This is the first time the Patriots have been at .500 this early in the season since Gillespie took over as head coach in 2021.

"I don't really worry about the records, I worry about the way my kids are coming through," Gillespie said. "We're still young ... we're athletic and I think we're exciting to watch. There's some things we're not refined as a tennis team yet, but I think by the time we get near the end of the season if we're not there it's on the coach, but I think we'll be there."



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JCHS sophomore Kadyn Carpenter serves the ball during Monday's win over Union City. Carpenter and Alex Miller won the No. 1 doubles match 6-1, 6-0.

# Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Girls golf at South Adams — 4:30 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. Coldwater — 5 p.m.; Boys soccer at Delta — 6 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Muncie Central — 6 p.m.; JV girls soccer vs. Coldwater — 6:30 p.m.; JV boys soccer at Delta — 8 p.m.; Junior high cross country vs. Bellmont — 5 p.m.; Junior high tennis vs. Blue River Valley — 5 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Boys golf at New Knoxville — 4 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Marion Local — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school football at Minster — 5 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
11:30 a.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN)  
8:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Los Angeles Dodgers (FDSN Indiana)  
**Thursday**  
11:30 a.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN)  
2:15 p.m. — MLB: Pittsburgh Pirates at St. Louis Cardinals (FDSN Indiana)  
5 p.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN2)  
5:30 p.m. — College football: Boise State at South Florida (ESPN)  
6 p.m. — College football: Ohio at Rutgers

(BTN)  
8 p.m. — College football: Buffalo at Minnesota (FS1)  
9 p.m. — College football: Miami (OH) at Wisconsin (BTN); Nebraska at Cincinnati (ESPN)

### Local notes

**Outing announced**  
The Adams Health Network Foundation will host the 12th Annual Golf Classic on Sept. 12 at Wabash Valley Golf Club.  
There will be two shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Breakfast, snacks and beverages will be provided, as well as a lunch in between flights.

The event raises funds for healthcare scholarships and local health initiatives in Adams County.

The deadline to register is Aug. 22. To register visit [adamshospital.org/foundation](http://adamshospital.org/foundation). For more information, email [kim.tormbley@adamshhealth-network.org](mailto:kim.tormbley@adamshhealth-network.org).

**Chamber to host**  
Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host its golf outing on Sept. 19 at 9 a.m.  
Participation costs \$250 per team with lunch included. A \$20 team mulligan golf ball can be purchased as well.  
Sponsorships can be purchased as well. A

lunch sponsorship will cost \$500, while a gold sponsorship will go for \$450. Hole sponsorships cost \$100 for members and \$150 for non-members.

The deadline to register is Sept. 12. For more info, call (260) 726-4461 or email [amanda@jay-countychamber.com](mailto:amanda@jay-countychamber.com).

**Next race set**  
The next race in the Adams County Challenge series is the Adams Memorial/Kekionga Greenway Gallup at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 23.  
The race begins at the Riverside Center in Decatur. Registration forms can be found at [adamscounty5kchallenge.com](http://adamscounty5kchallenge.com).

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Doubles teams lead Patriots past Union City

By ANDREW BALKO  
The Commercial Review

Six days prior to the Patriots' matchup with the Indians, coach Donald Gillespie said he was looking for his doubles teams to be more aggressive and to control the game at the net.

After helping sweep the Norwell Knights for the first time since Gillespie took over the team, both doubles duos ran through the Indians to get the Patriots back to .500.

Jay County High School's boys tennis team swept the sectional rival Union City Indians 5-0 on Monday with both doubles teams playing the cleanest matches of the day.

"It shows that we haven't practiced (last week)," Gillespie said. "I didn't think we played great tennis tonight, but no disrespect, but we didn't play our game. ... But I'm happy. A win's a win over a sectional opponent of course.

"I was impressed with Union City. They lost a bunch of players too and they reloaded and (Charlie LaFuze) does a nice job with those kids so I'm impressed with where they are."

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Brock Wasson, a No. 2 doubles player on the Jay County High School boys tennis team, hits a forehand during Monday's 5-0 sweep of the Union City Indians. Wasson and Gabe Overton swept Joseangel Perez-Contreras and Asa Vaughn 6-0, 6-0 to pick up their third win of the season.



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Evers leads Tribe past Cavs

CELINA, Ohio — The Indians had their first slip up of the past two seasons on Thursday as they lost a Midwest Athletic Conference match to the Minster Wildcats.

The very next time out on the links, the Tribe righted the ship.

Fort Recovery High School's girls golf team bounced back from its first MAC loss of the past two seasons with a 197-204 win over the Coldwater Cavaliers at the Mercer County Elks on Monday.

Mallory Evers led the way for the Indians (5-1, 3-1 MAC) by shooting a 48 that earned her match medalist honors.

Both Olivia Knapke and Evvie Briner finished right on Evers' heels with rounds of 49.

Georgia Wenning rounded out the team's score by carding a 51.

**LeFevre leads**

Reece LeFevre secured match medalist honors for the first time since Aug. 14 to lead the Fort Recovery boys golf team to a 173-184 victory over the Coldwater Cavaliers on Monday at Portland Golf Club.

LeFevre earned match medalist honors in the first six contests of the year before a trio of matches where he finished second (despite two of them being in the 30s). His round of 37 – he made one birdie and seven pars – got him back atop the match.

Caleb Smith followed behind with a 44, which beat out Coldwater's leader, Bryant Evans, by one stroke.

Garrett Diller and Luke Fortkamp rounded out the team score for the Indians (6-3, 3-2 MAC) with 46 strokes apiece.

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