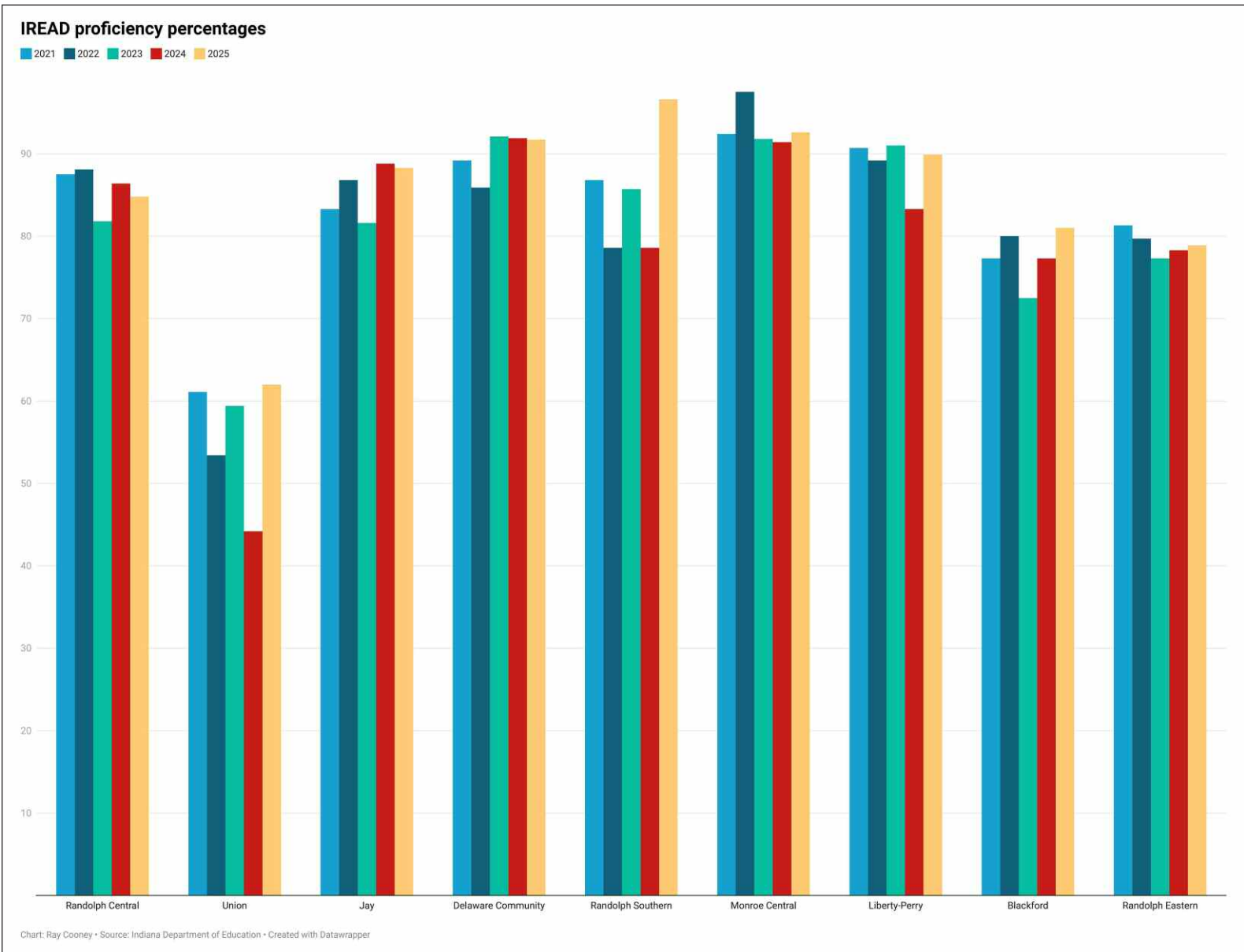


IREAD results



The graphic above shows IREAD proficiency rates over the last five years for school corporations in The Graphic Printing Company's coverage area, which includes Jay, Blackford and Randolph counties and eastern Delaware County. Monroe Central has cleared 90% each of the last five years, with Delaware Community reaching that milestone in each of the last three. Jay County's best proficiency rate in that span was 88.8% in 2023-24.

Jay passage rate was down slightly overall; Bloomfield was among best in area at 95.8%

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Reports this month noted historic increases in Indiana's IREAD scores.

Most area school districts followed that trend, with some of the smaller districts seeing their passage rates increase by double digit percentage points.

The passage rate IREAD, which is designed to measure proficiency in reading for third graders, statewide increased by 4.8 percentage points to 87.3% for the 2024-25 school year.

In The Graphic Printing Company's coverage area, which includes nine school

corporations, five came in above the state average.

Randolph Southern topped the list with a 96.6% passage rate, followed by Monroe Central (92.6), Delaware Community (91.7), Liberty-Perry (89.9) and Jay (88.3).

In terms of individual elementary schools, Randolph Southern again topped the list at 96.6%. Bloomfield in northern Jay County was next at 95.8% and Albany in Delaware County came in at 94%.

Randolph Southern reached the top of the list with a massive 18-percentage-point increase in its passage rate after coming in at 78.6% in 2024. All

but one (28-of-29) of its students achieved proficiency in 2024-25 after 33 of 42 met the same standard the previous year.

Union also made major gains, though its passage rate remained low overall. Its passage rate increased by 17.8 percentage points to 62% from the mark of 44.2% in 2024. (That number is heavily impacted by Union's Indiana Digital Academy, which was lowest in the area in 2024-25 at 61.1% while Union Elementary School came in at 77.8%.)

Three area school corporations saw their passage rates decrease — Delaware Community by 0.2 percentage points,

Jay County by half a percentage point and Randolph Central by 1.6 percentage points.

Jay Schools

While the school corporation's passage rate decreased slightly, it remained a percentage point above the state average.

There were some highlights, including Bloomfield Elementary School's 95.8% passage rate. Forty-six of 48 students showed reading proficiency.

West Jay was next in the corporation with 23 of 25 third graders passing for a rate of 92%.

See IREAD page 2

Braun takes a wait-and-see approach

State GOP lawmakers deliberating about redistricting

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Gov. Mike Braun on Friday again declined to say where he stands on redistricting congressional maps, maintaining that he wants to hear first from Republican leaders in the Indiana General Assembly.

"I've been very clear on that issue. That hasn't changed," Braun told reporters during a visit to the Indiana State Police post in Indianapolis. "You're going to hear individual representatives and senators speak up, and the two leaders of each caucus, I think, are going to ... put a lot of thought into what their own members are wanting to do, and that process will take a while to play out."

Braun emphasized that he is deferring to House Speaker Todd Huston and Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray. Neither of the Republican legislative leaders have made their positions clear either, though some of their caucus members have.

One longtime Senate Republican came out Friday against redistricting as the likelihood for a special session seems to be gaining momentum.

"Our maps are only four years old. They have undergone considerable public scrutiny and review," said Sen. Greg Walker, R-Columbus. "There is no justification for holding a special session to change our districts in mid-census. If Texas and California want to take the cynical step of redistricting their seats, so be it. But Hoosier lawmakers should be leaders in resisting this hypocrisy, not followers of this effort promoted by outsiders, not Hoosiers."

See Braun page 2

Trump asking Congress to rescind billions in aid

Proposal calls for eliminating \$3.2 billion in assistance

By GREGORY KORTE
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump asked Congress to claw back nearly \$5 billion in already-approved foreign aid spending, a proposal timed to take advantage of the looming end of the fiscal year and allowing him to cut the funding himself if lawmakers fail to act by the close of September.

The maneuver challenges

Congress' spending powers and intensifies an already contentious battle over government funding, which is due to lapse Sept. 30. Democrats are sure to seek guarantees Trump will actually spend money lawmakers appropriate in exchange for their votes to keep the government open.

The proposed cuts include \$3.2 billion in U.S. Agency for International Development assistance, \$322 million from the USAID-State Department Democracy Fund, \$521 million in State Department contributions to international organizations, \$393 million in State Department contributions to peacekeeping activities and \$445 million in separately budgeted peacekeeping aid, according to an administration official who described the notification on the condition of anonymity.

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The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Brighter than silence

Lanterns flicker along the edge of the pond at Hudson Family Park during Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition's overdose awareness memorial Friday. The event included guest speakers, a memorial walk and lantern release.

In review

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

Weather

Jay County's high temperature was 72 degrees Friday. The low was 50.

Today's forecast calls for a high in the mid 70s under mostly sunny skies. Expect sunny conditions and highs in the 70s on Sunday and Labor Day.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

There will be no newspaper Tuesday following the Labor Day holiday. We will resume our regular publishing schedule on Wednesday.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from Jay County's football game at New Castle.

Thursday — Details from next week's Portland City Council meeting.



I READ ...

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East Jay followed at 87.4%, and Redkey came in at 77.4%.

The numbers for Jay Schools are up overall since the return from the COVID-19 pandemic. The corporation had a passage rate of 83.3% in 2020-21 after there was no test given during the 2019-20 school year.

Regional comparison

Area schools were a mixed bag when compared to the wider region, including school corporations in adjacent

Adams, Wells, Grant, Madison, Henry and Wayne counties.

Randolph Southern's passage rate of 96.6% came in at fourth overall, trailing South Madison (98.1), Eastbrook (97.8) and Blue River (97.2). It was the only area school corporation to make the top third amongst the 37 school corporations.

Monroe Central, Delaware Community, Liberty-Perry and Jay County were all in the middle third, with Randolph Central, Blackford, Randolph East-

ern and Union in the bottom third.

The year-over-year improvements for Randolph Southern and Union were No. 1 and 2 in the region, respectively. Blue River was next at a 17.2-percentage-point increase. Six others in the region saw increases of 10 or more percentage points.

Across the region, Madison-Grant had the largest decrease in its passage rate, dropping 5.4 percentage points to 68%. MSD Bluffton-Harrison (3.4 percentage points) and Northeastern

(1.8 percentage points) were next, followed by Randolph Central.

State of Indiana

Indiana Capital Chronicle noted praise from various state officials, including Gov. Mike Braun, for the improvement in reading proficiency.






Indiana Secretary of Education Katie Jenner credited state efforts, including up to \$170 million in funding from the state and Lilly Endowment Inc. for more teacher training in the

“science of reading,” earlier screening and targeted interventions for students who are struggling.

State officials have set a goal of 95% of third graders demonstrating reading proficiency by 2027.

According to State Board of Education data, the highest statewide proficiency percentage in the last decade-plus was 94.1% in 2012-13. Numbers generally declined to 87.3% in 2018-19, then plummeted to 81.2% in 2020-21 following pandemic shutdowns.

CR almanac

Sunday 8/31	Monday 9/1	Tuesday 9/2	Wednesday 9/3	Thursday 9/4
 77/49 Sunny skies on Sunday, when the low may hit around 50 degrees.	 79/54 Labor Day's weather looks like sunny skies with a high around 79.	 79/57 Tuesday will be mostly sunny with highs in the upper 70s.	 75/51 Mostly sunny on Wednesday. There's a 50% chance of rain as well.	 63/45 Thursday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of showers.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 9-1-9 Daily Four: 8-7-9-3 Quick Draw: 1-9-11-13-21-24-25-27-36-41-46-51-52-56-65-66-70-73-75-76	Pick 3: 2-7-5 Pick 4: 8-6-6-9 Pick 5: 7-0-1-0-3
Ohio Midday	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$1 billion
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$277 million

Markets

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Today in history

In 1862, the Second Battle of Manassas (also known as Bull Run) ended in a decisive Confederate victory in northern Virginia during the Civil War.

In 1905, Ty Cobb made his debut for the Detroit Tigers.

In 1918, Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin survived an assassination attempt during which he was shot twice.

In 1930, businessman and philanthropist Warren Buffett was born in Omaha, Nebraska. Buffett took majority control of textile manufacturer Berkshire Hathaway in 1965. Today the company has a wide range of subsidiaries including GEICO, Duracell, Dairy Queen and Pilot Flying J.

In 1967, the U.S. Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall to the Supreme Court, making him the first Black man to serve as a Supreme Court Justice.

In 1991, Azerbaijan

declared its independence from the Soviet Union. It had been under Soviet rule since 1920.

In 1993, “Late Show with David Letterman” debuted on CBS. Letterman had moved from NBC, where he had hosted “Late Night with David Letterman” for 11 years.

In 2007, the Jay County High School boys tennis team defeated Anderson Highland 4-1 to stay in control of the race for the Olympic Athletic Conference championship. Adam Horn and Mark Alberson led the Patriots with a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 2 doubles.

In 2021, The Portland Foundation announced scholarship awards of \$143,075 for its summer cycle. It included five Dr. Ara C. and Gay B. Badgers Medical Scholarships of \$3,200 each for Kellie Fortkamp, Jared Schlosser, Lizzie Schoenlein, Katy Smeltzer and Abbigayle Smith.

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Citizen’s calendar

Thursday 5:15 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor’s office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 6:15 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, council chambers, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.	room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, living facility, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community	Tuesday 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 6 p.m. — Ridgeville Town Council, fire department, 302 N. Walnut St.

Braun ...

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Indiana’s next, regularly scheduled legislative session will begin in early January. There is a one-day ceremonial Organization Day also in November.

“Once I get a clear message from (Bray and Huston), I’ll decide whether we’re going to call a session — or if there are other reasons why you’d need a session prior to what we’re going to be doing in January,” Braun added.

The governor’s indecisiveness comes as Indiana Republicans face increasing pressure from Washington, D.C., to revisit the state’s congressional districts, last drawn in 2021.

Club for Growth — a leading national conservative group — has put together an ad saying, “Hoosier Republicans must fight back. Trump needs state lawmakers to

pass new maps to level the playing field.”

A group of Republican state lawmakers traveled to the White House earlier this week where talks centered, in part, on redistricting. Bray and Huston additionally had a private discussion with President Donald Trump.

“They are polling their own members in each caucus,” Braun said. “They’re in the process, they’re getting their own members engaged, and you’ll see more — because there’ll be more.”

The governor noted, however, that he has yet to speak with Bray, Huston or other state lawmakers about redistricting.

“I want everybody to weigh in, to speak out individually, and then the two leaders will have to collate all that and see where we go,” Braun continued. “And if somebody wants to speak

to me directly, just like on any subject, I’m more accessible than probably any governor has been, and they want to talk to me about it, fine, I’m not reaching out to them because they’re members of those two caucuses.

While many Indiana Republicans have kept mum about their stances on redistricting, some have shifted their tone since returning from their trip to the nation’s capital.

Walker — who is not seeking re-election — urged Braun and colleagues to resist any push for redistricting.

He defended the current boundaries, writing that “the current maps increased the number of counties contained within one district and reduced the number of townships split among districts.”

He noted that 84 of Indiana’s 92 counties remain

whole under the plan and that population totals in each district are “nearly equal, give or take a handful of people, at just over 753,000 people.”

Republicans currently hold a 7-2 advantage in Indiana’s congressional delegation. The maps, approved by the GOP-controlled legislature and signed into law by then-Gov. Eric Holcomb, have not been challenged in court.

“To those who want to redraw the districts it’s worth noting that they are very good maps, free from lawsuits,” Walker said.

“Our legislature should keep our focus on solving problems facing Hoosiers, not responding to the political priorities of other states or D.C. interests.”

“Our maps are fair,” he added. “They are balanced. And in Indiana, voters have the power.”

Felony arrests

Drug possession

A Huntington man was arrested Thursday for drug possession.

Robert C. Orme, 44, 35 May St., was

preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony for possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe and

a Class A misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

He was being held on a \$19,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Rescind ...

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Trump notified lawmakers of the plan in a message triggering a law allowing him to freeze the funds while waiting for Congress to act. The effort was first reported by the New York Post.

The maneuver, which White House budget director Russ Vought calls a “pocket rescission,” is a little-tested tactic that, if successful, could tip the balance of spending powers in the federal government.

The fight has already divided Trump’s own party — particularly in the Senate, where Republicans Mike Rounds of South Dakota and Susan Collins

of Maine worry that it could upset a time-honored understanding of which branch has the power of the purse.

“Any effort to rescind appropriated funds without congressional approval is a clear violation of the law,” Collins, who chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee, said in a statement Friday.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said the move “is further proof President Trump and Congressional Republicans are hellbent on rejecting bipartisanship and ‘going it alone’ this fall.”

“If Republicans are insistent on going it alone,

Democrats won’t be party to their destruction,” Schumer said in a statement.

By taking advantage of a gray area in a 1974 law requiring the president to spend money appropriated by Congress, the White House hopes to use the calendar to its advantage. The Impoundment Control Act allows the president to temporarily hold spending for 45 days while Congress considers the propos-

al to rescind it. Such rescissions used to be common, and Trump revived the practice by getting Congress to cancel \$9 billion in spending on public broadcasting, foreign aid and global health programs in July.

But if the request comes in the final weeks of the fiscal year, Vought argues, the money could expire before the clock runs out — effectively making the cuts permanent.

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‘Pet project’ becomes source of fear

DEAR ABBY: Recently, my neighbor, who has always been eccentric, has embarked on an unusual gardening project. Instead of traditional plants, he’s turned his backyard into a sprawling sanctuary for rescued wild animals. At first, it seemed harmless, but the situation has escalated. His yard now attracts wildlife, including raccoons, skunks and even the occasional coyote. While I appreciate his intent, I’m worried about safety — especially for my two small children and our dog, who are terrified when they encounter these creatures.

If that isn’t enough, my beloved pet cat has developed strange behaviors. She’s been staring intently at the wall, as if she senses something I can’t see. This may seem silly, but it unsettles me, especially since I’ve read articles about pets reacting to shifts in their environment. My mother says I’m overreacting to the neighbor’s project and should just let things be, which only deepens my anxiety.

Should I confront my neighbor about the animal situation, or let it go? Am I overreacting about my cat’s behavior? I worry that others will think I’m losing my grip on reality. How can I find a balance between addressing these concerns and maintaining peace in



Dear Abby

my neighborhood and family? — OVERWHELMED IN OHIO

DEAR OVERWHELMED: Your mother may think you are overreacting, but how do the other neighbors feel about this? Are they troubled as well? Is what this neighbor is doing legal in your community? In some communities, there are ordinances against feeding wild animals, let alone “collecting” them. Go online and start doing some research. If your increased level of anxiety persists, ask your doctor to refer you to a mental health professional to help you deal with it.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been with my girlfriend, “Ivy,” for eight years. We see each other mainly on the weekends, as she lives and works out of town. She says she is tied down to her house and daughter and can’t move here, even though she works only three days a week.

A few years ago, Ivy’s ex-

husband moved back in with her as he transferred jobs. She knows I’m not happy about it and that I want her to spend more time with me, but she says she needs to cuddle her daughter and take care of the dog. She rarely initiates anything, and I’m tired of being the one to do the extra things for our relationship.

I want to break up and move on, but she has ingratiated herself with my family, and this would make it difficult. She knows all my issues with her, but she either can’t or won’t make the change. — WEEKENDS-ONLY IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WEEKENDS-ONLY: You stated that the ex-husband moved back in with your girlfriend a few years ago!? They have reconciled! Ivy has shown you where her priorities lie, and you are not high on that list. By all means, move on, and tell your family why. It will be up to them to decide whether they want to maintain a relationship with her once they see the entire picture.

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DEAR ABBY: After their 25th anniversary dinner, my nephew “Will” was blindsided when his wife announced that she had never loved him and has

been in love with her step-brother since her teens. Will had supported her completely and gladly. (She wanted to be a stay-at-home mother; he makes good money.) This hurt him terribly.

Will has met another woman on Facebook Dating, and they’ve been seeing each other for a few months. She’s a certified nursing assistant and is now wearing a huge diamond ring from Will. She constantly posts statements on Facebook about what she wants. Cruises are her main desire. Yesterday, she posted that she’s looking forward to three of them.

I don’t know what CNAs earn, but she has several adult children with kids she spends a lot of time with and posts pictures of outings. This is good, but I’m afraid she has targeted Will as he was hurting from being blindsided. Is there a tactful way to caution him to be careful so he doesn’t get used again? — CONCERNED AUNTIE IN FLORIDA

DEAR AUNTIE: I may sound like a broken record, but there is a reason why folks are advised to “wait a year” before making important decisions after a death. In your nephew’s case, the death of his marriage would qualify. Giving a woman he has

known only a short time the Rock of Gibraltar for her ring finger seems a bit premature.

It would not be wrong to mention to your nephew that before he makes any lifelong promises to anyone, it’s important he have premarital counseling as well as discuss drawing up a prenuptial agreement with his attorney. (The counsel he is using for his divorce could qualify.)

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DEAR ABBY: I recently spent weeks caring for my mom in hospice. I was holding her hand when she took her last breath. I had announced to family and friends her choice to enter hospice. They knew her death was imminent. Being the last surviving child, it was up to me to arrange her funeral. Everyone, including my friends, asked me to keep them informed as to the service date and time.

As soon as I posted the funeral information, the excuses started rolling in. People I had considered close friends and family who supposedly loved my mother came up with a dozen different reasons not to attend her funeral.

I took stock after Mom’s service and realized I had attended all the bridal showers, weddings, baby showers, funerals and grad-

uations, donated to the school fundraisers, bought their Girl Scout cookies and listened to their litany of woes over the years. At the most horrible time in my life, they chose to leave me alone. Then it struck me: I really have no friends or meaningful family.

I feel abandoned and angry, and I’d love to tell those people how I feel. What are your thoughts? — DEVASTATED IN DENVER

DEAR DEVASTATED: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear mother. Your feelings are justified, but understand that your emotions are raw right now. Because you want to tell these people how you feel, do it — but NOT in anger, even if that’s what you may be feeling right now. Speak with each of those folks individually and be honest about how hurt and alone their absence made you feel at a time when you needed them most. They need to hear it, and you need to get it off your chest.

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Community Calendar

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

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

- lowship 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 pregnancy, 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.
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

- substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.
- A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

- Wednesday**
- JAY COUNTY HOSPITAL RETIREES** — Will host a carry-in lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the community room at Jay County Public Library. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish and table service and bring their own beverages.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday’s Solution

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9	2	7	8	3	4	1	6	5
4	7	1	5	2	8	3	9	6
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We must address loneliness issue

To the editor:
In a world where digital communication is constant, it is a cruel irony that so many in our communities feel profoundly alone.
The loneliness epidemic isn't just a national or global issue, it's here in Jay County, too. And it's time we started treating it like the serious public health crisis it is.
Research shows that chronic loneliness can be harmful. It weakens our immune systems,

Letters to the Editor

raises the risk of heart disease and increases the likelihood of depression and anxiety. The World Health Organization and public health experts now recognize loneliness as a widespread threat to well-being.

Here in Jay County, we see this impact across generations. Our older residents, especially those living alone or with limited mobility, often face deep isolation.
But loneliness doesn't stop with age. Many young adults in our area struggle with disconnection and a lack of meaningful relationships, even while surrounded by social media and online communication.
In smaller rural communities like ours, where resources

may already be stretched, this kind of isolation can be easy to overlook — but no less damaging.
It takes community effort. We need to invest in events that connect neighbors and foster a sense of belonging.
But more than anything, it takes all of us. It means checking in on a neighbor, inviting someone to coffee or starting a conversation at the grocery store.
Real change begins with

small actions that remind people they are seen and valued.
Loneliness is a silent crisis — but it doesn't have to be a permanent one. Jay County has always been a place of resilience and community spirit. Let's use that strength to build a culture of connection — where no one has to feel invisible.
Together, we can face this epidemic — and overcome it.
Stephanie Patterson
Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition

Youth are here to make politics better

By HARPER BROD
The Fulcrum
Tribune News Service

We were raised in the middle of a political hurricane.

Our childhoods came with breaking news alerts: lockdowns, impeachments, mass shootings, a pandemic, and presidents tweeting threats in real time. We never saw the so-called "good old days." We learned early that politics wasn't some distant, dignified machine — it was messy, volatile, and often cruel.

So, it's no surprise that trust is in freefall. Only 22% of Americans believe the federal government will do the right thing most of the time. Among young people, it's even worse. We trust each other more than we trust the people running the country — 74% of us believe in our peers and neighbors, but just 37% trust Congress. Political parties? Still waiting.

We came of age in the era of Donald Trump, when "fake news" became a weapon, disagreement turned into a daily blood sport, and wearing a mask could spark a shouting match. Politics wasn't a steady backdrop to our lives—it was the storm itself.

And yet — here's the plot twist — we didn't walk away.

In 2020, half of young voters showed up at the polls, the highest turnout in decades. In Boston and San Antonio, youth advisory councils are helping decide real budgets and policies. In Georgia, young organizers didn't just knock on doors — they helped flip Senate seats. Across the country, Gen Z isn't just voting. We're running for office. And winning.

I've seen trust start small, in the rooms where decisions are made right in front of you. At a recent county town hall, young people in my community spoke up about how leftover COVID relief funds could be used for youth mental health services. A week later, the council announced that funding would go toward exactly that. Watching peers my age shape policy in real time reminded me: trust doesn't have to start at the top. It can start with us, right where we live.

We've built our trust where it matters most: in grassroots climate strikes, in mutual aid food drives, in the town hall meetings where we can look the decision-makers in the eye. We believe in what we can

Harper Brod



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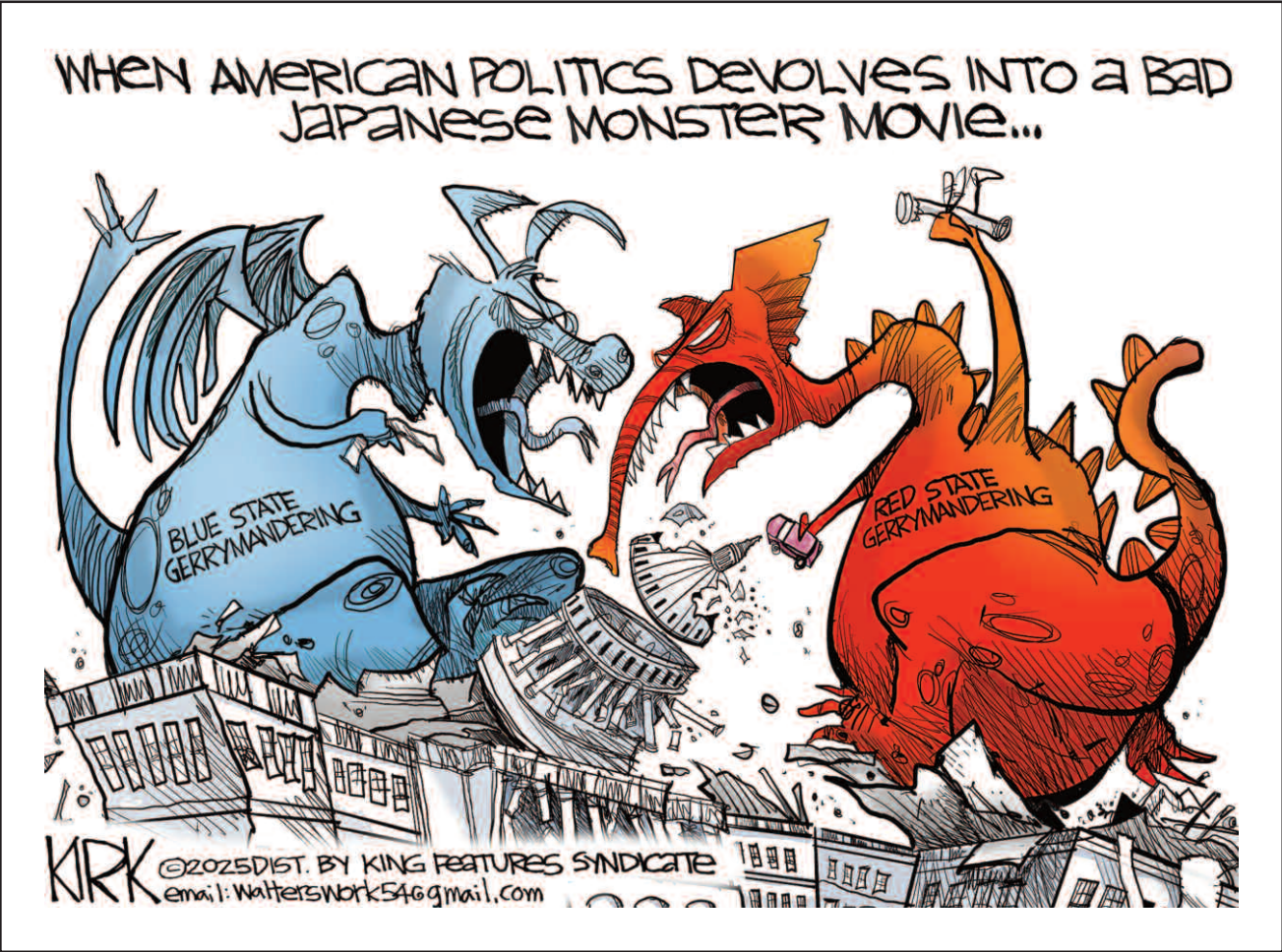
see, touch, and shape ourselves.

If leaders want our trust, they have to earn it. That means more than token "youth outreach" events or carefully staged Instagram posts. It means giving young people a real seat at the table where decisions are made — voting power to match. It means appointing us to state and local boards, integrating youth representation into school boards and budget committees, and trusting us to stay there long after the cameras are gone.

We've inherited a political system that often feels like it's breaking in slow motion. But we're not here to watch it crumble. We've also inherited the tools — and the audacity — to rebuild it; stronger, fairer, and built to last. Our trust may be fragile, but belief lives in action. And action is one thing my generation refuses to surrender.

We've seen politics at its worst — and that's exactly why we're here to make it better.

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Brod is a Virginia-based student and writer focused on government and civic participation. She plans to pursue a career in public policy and is especially interested in how institutions can build trust with younger generations.



Hoosier GOP has changed

By JOHN KRULL
TheStatehouseFile.com

Not that long ago, it was easy to understand who Indiana Republicans were and for what they stood.

They were the voice of business. They believed that scant government regulation and low taxes would lead to economic growth. They placed their faith in law and order and were quick to reject any innovation or expansion of government power — particularly in the executive branch — as a violation of either the U.S. Constitution or the Indiana Constitution.

They prided themselves on being strict constructionists of those august documents and derided any attempt to overcome, circumvent or work around any part of those fundamental charters as an offense as great as heresy.

Reasonable people could and did disagree with these core GOP beliefs. Reasonable people also could question, as I did from time to time, their faith in the business community as an entirely benevolent force in American life.

But there never was any doubt that their faith in those principles was genuine — and deeply felt.

Now, it's difficult to know who Hoosier Republicans are or what they believe.

More than 80 of them trooped off to Washington to meet with President Donald Trump in the White House. They did so because Trump summoned them.

He wants to find a way to manufacture extra GOP seats in the U.S. House of Representatives by gerrymandering ever more aggressively — and in some cases, illegally and unconstitutionally — in Republican-leaning states. His hope is that, by keeping the House in Republican hands, he will avoid investigations into the various schemes and scams that have dominated his second tenure in the White House.

It's easy to understand Trump's motivation.

He ran for the presidency in 2024 in large part to avoid facing the

John Krull



consequences of his serial law-breaking during his first tenure as commander-in-chief.

Less easy to fathom is the reasoning of the Hoosier Republicans who seem eager to outsource their thinking, ethics and convictions to the first convicted felon in American history to occupy the Oval Office.

Consider the case of Indiana Rep. Jim Lucas, R-Seymour.

When the idea of redistricting in Indiana in the middle of the census cycle first surfaced, Lucas was loud in his opposition to the notion. (Well, he's always loud.)

Lucas long has proclaimed that he is among the strictest constructionists of our constitutions, particularly the sections dealing with firearms, who ever lived. He was an absolutist about that, he said.

So fervent was his absolutism that, on a radio show I hosted, he once refused to rule out the notion that individual citizens had a constitutional right to own nuclear weapons. (Imagine just how much better the world would be if terrorists had a constitutional right to possess weapons of mass destruction.)

Lucas was among the Hoosier Republicans who, tails wagging, hustled to the White House when Trump whistled.

Afterward, Lucas began to modulate his tone. He said he wasn't ready to say yes to the president yet, but he wasn't as determined to say no.

His shifting of position, he said, was because Trump had demonstrated that Democratic gerrymandering was so widespread that it demanded a reaction in kind from Republicans.

There are several ways to respond to that.

The first is to note that it isn't true.

Gerrymandering has received considerable objective study. The analysis of that data vary slightly — one report lists 10 of the 11 most gerrymandered states as favoring Republicans, while others drop the ratio to eight or nine out of 10 — but, overall, findings are the same.

Gerrymandering benefits Republicans more than it does Democrats.

And Republicans rely on gerrymandering more than Democrats do.

There's also the rationalizing aspect of Lucas' justification. He said violating the Indiana Constitution — which prohibits redistricting between times when the census is taken — might be okay because Democrats have gerrymandered, too.

Well, if that's the case, wouldn't the deaths of schoolchildren and other innocents by the thousands justify reconsidering absolutist notions regarding the right to possess deadly weapons?

I mean, if one section of the state constitution can be ignored or reconsidered, why can't others?

The problem here isn't just Lucas.

Eighty GOP elected officials headed off to Washington to consider doing the president's bidding, even though doing so would violate the oaths of office they took.

The Indiana Republicans I have respected the most — Richard Lugar, Mitch Daniels, etc. — wouldn't do that.

But this is a different Hoosier GOP.

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Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE BIRDS NEVER PREPARE FOR THINGS IN ADVANCE? BECAUSE THEY PREFER TO WING IT.

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals F

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(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

All about labor

1) At its largest in 1979, about how many members did the AFL-CIO have?

2) What mammals have the longest gestation periods on average?

1) 20 million

2) African forest elephant (670 days)

9-1CRYPTOQUIP

KTXMUV GEGTUHS ZWCME XHNM

DSHLQKWIM JKEIM QKHSHQPMSI

IUEJUV CMZMUEG GIVQKWQ

GEJMSI: NWLCQSHDP.

Saturday’s Cryptoquip: IF A PIECE OF FOLIAGE IS TEMPORARILY MISSING FROM ITS TREE, MIGHT THAT BE A LEAF OF ABSENCE?

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: G equals P

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to state fairs. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = E)

A. 16 1 5 18 19

Clue: Amusement thrills

B. 4 13 16 26 1 14 13 20

Clue: Traveling amusement

C. 20 1 14 18 19 21 12 4 2

Clue: Farm animals

D. 20 18 17 12 26 13 5 18

Clue: Tart beverage

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to state fairs.

CTNSEOT

Answers: A. rides B. carnival C. livestock D. lemonade

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in New York on August 26, 1980. I was raised in a small apartment with six siblings, and studied ballet at the School of American Ballet. I starred in many films as a child, notably playing the main character in a popular Christmas movie.

Answer: Macaulay Culkin



Book FACT:

In English-speaking countries, the works of this playwright are widely studied in school.

Answer: William Shakespeare

How they say that in...

English: Locker

Spanish: Taquilla

Italian: Armadietto

French: Casier

German: Schließfach

What’s the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.

A

B

Answers: 1. Missing stars on wall 2. Missing shapes on book cover 3. Child standing in background 4. Missing stars on rug

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

AUG 26

1883: The volcano Krakatoa, located on an island near Indonesia, erupts.

1920: The 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution is certified, giving women the right to vote.

1972: The Games of the XX Olympiad open in Munich.

NEW WORD SYLLABUS

an outline of the subjects in a course of study

STATE FAIR WORD SEARCH

O B F B M C G M Y O G C D I B E S E L M

Y J A E Y C C S L D U R O N H N F J G F

D N A B T S I R W A N O A G S T R W K U

E P Y D I P M A J F J A K N J R J O J N

P O F I R E W O R K S Y C E D Y E U C H

O P S P A R A D E G O S E N W S D G O O

S L E S U O R A C C O H L T L O G T B C U

D F L E G A T A S Y E C H K E E T O A U S

N P M N Y G C F H O A Y H S K R T C N E

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O B K B O T O J B O T C I K R I I D C P

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G R Y I B E G H O R A C E S O J P K G O

R N R F E R R I S W H E E L D A K I L

I O O E D W J E P R O T C A R T N J M O

A U A U E K A C L E N N U F G P M R H H

F G G L N G O I S G E C G K L A F D O K

W O O B D E E P F R I E D C B R N L S C

T B F W C S J L O J O G J P C I S U M N

A K S B C P Y I A W T C R F P W H D E P M

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

WORDS

BLUE RIBBON

BOOTH

CAROUSEL

CORN

CORN DOG

COTTON CANDY

DEEP-FRIED

ENTRY

FAIRGROUNDS

FERRIS WHEEL

FIREWORKS

FUNHOUSE

FUNNEL CAKE

GRANDSTAND

JUDGES

MUSIC

NACHOS

PARADE

RACES

RODEO

STAGE

TICKETS

TRACTOR

WRISTBAND

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 38 — -di-dah

1 Russian ballet company

6 Degraded sandwich

12 Italian choice

14 Without markup

15 “I’m all ears ...”

16 Deli array

17 Slightly

19 Author Fleming

20 Wrestling style

22 Abel, to Eve

24 Chances, for short

27 Itsy-bitsy

29 Opposite of “fer”

32 Investor and philanthropist born on 8/30/1930

35 Actress Falco

36 Aviator’s milestone

37 Fan’s shout

40 Adjoining bloc

42 Docs’ direction

46 “Casa-blanca” role

50 Foreign correspondent?

52 Truly

54 Harley riders

55 Crown

56 Awake suddenly

57 Actress Burstyn

DOWN 1 Winslet of “Titanic”

2 Bygone Peruvian

3 Mob scenes

4 Switch settings

5 C and D, for two

6 Spumante source

7 Borscht base

8 Visual communication

9 Cauldron’s creator

10 Tennis star

11 TV chef Paula

12 Nonstick spray

18 Chocolate treats

21 Salt Lake athlete

23 Klutz

24 Have bills

25 Small tablet

26 Colombian’s land

28 Christmas season

30 “Give — rest!”

31 Ultimate

33 Actor Stephen

34 Sly one

39 Core

41 Kind of wave

42 SFPD alerts

43 Chow —

45 To boot

47 News story intro

48 Beheld

49 USN bigwig

51 Zing

53 Zilch

Solution time: 26 mins.

LEG EPIC CAFE

ALP ARCO ROBS

PLANTAIN ELIS

DESIST TOE

NAE ADDAMS

RESET LID MAI

AXES EON TINT

MIA DXXX TONES

STREEP MOW

ESL ARENAS

BEER AIR TRAIN

OMNI INRE PDA

PUCE NAYS ASP

Yesterday’s answer 8-30

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49

50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Silence is golden

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ A K 7 5 2

♥ 6

♠ A 5

♣ 10 8 6 4 3

WEST

♦ Q J 10 8 4

♥ K Q J 3

♠ 8

♣ K J 5

EAST

♦ 9 6 3

♥ 10 8 4 2

♠ Q J 10 9 7 4

♣ —

SOUTH

♦ A 9 7 5

♥ A K 6 3 2

♠ A Q 9 7 2

The bidding:

South 1 ♣

West 2 ♣

North 3 ♣

East 4 ♥

Dble Pass 4 ♣ Pass

5 ♣ Pass 6 ♣ Pass

Pass Dble

Opening lead — king of hearts.

There are two basic rules that apply when you’re considering whether to double the opponents for penalties at a high-level contract. The first is that you should expect to beat the contract at least two tricks; it is generally bad policy to double when you expect only a one-trick set. The second rule is that you shouldn’t double when by doing so you may give away so much information that it helps declarer make the contract.

West’s two-club bid was conventional and indicated length and strength in the majors; his subsequent double of six clubs, though tempting, was questionable and eventually proved fatal.

Declarer won the heart lead with the ace and concluded that West, for his double, almost surely had all three missing trumps. South decided, therefore, that his only real chance for the slam depended on a successful endplay in the trump suit.

Accordingly, South ruffed a heart in dummy at trick two, cashed the A-K of spades, discarding two diamonds, then ruffed a spade, a heart, a spade, a heart and another spade to produce this position:

West

♦ 8

♣ K J 5

South

♦ K 6

♠ A Q

East

♦ Q J 10 9

Declarer now played the A-K of diamonds, forcing West to ruff the second diamond and lead from the K-J of trump into South’s A-Q. South thus made six clubs doubled for a score of 1,740 points on a hand where, if West had not doubled and alerted declarer to the 3-0 trump division, South would almost surely have gone down.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ A

♥ K 10 9

♠ K J 8

♣ Q 9 7 6 4 3

WEST

♦ 7 3 2

♥ 6 5 4

♠ 10 7 6 5

♣ J 10 2

EAST

♦ K Q 10 5 4

♥ J 3 2

♠ A Q 9 2

♣ K

SOUTH

♦ J 9 8 6

♥ A Q 8 7

♠ 4 3

♣ A 8 5

The bidding:

South Pass

West Pass

North 1 ♣

East Dble

Redble Pass 1 ♣

Pass Pass 2 ♣

2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — seven of spades.

There are inspired plays one might never have an opportunity to make in a lifetime of bridge. Most such plays would not be difficult to execute if someone rang a bell at the critical moment to warn a player that his chance to rise and shine had arrived. Unfortunately, these moments occur so rarely and unexpectedly that for ordinary mortals the opportunity for brilliance goes unnoticed and quietly passes by.

But here is a case where the player in the saddle rose to the occasion. The deal occurred in a year-of-four championship, and the hero was Billy Eisenberg, well-known Los Angeles star. He got to three notrump as shown, and West led the seven of spades.

Eisenberg won with dummy’s ace and made the obvious lead of a low club from dummy. When East produced the king, Eisenberg played the five! This highly unusual play was well-rewarded, since East could now do no better than cash his K-Q of spades and ace of diamonds to hold Eisenberg to three notrump.

Now let’s suppose declarer had taken East’s king of clubs with the ace, which almost anyone else in his shoes would have done. In that case, the contract would have failed. When South continued with another club to the queen, East would signal with the nine of diamonds, asking West to return a diamond if he gained the lead.

Declarer could not now prevail, whatever he did next. If he continued with a club, West would win and shift to a diamond, and East would cash two diamonds and two spades to put the contract down one. And if declarer abandoned clubs, he would not be able to come to nine tricks.

Tomorrow: A question of percentages.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 37 Liquor-soaked desserts

39 Police officer

41 Raced

42 Loosens

45 Least normal

49 Abandons

51 Hawaiian party

52 Andy’s boy

53 Jr.’s son

54 Sports-caster Andrews

55 Brief moments

56 Genetic stuff

57 Fizzy drink

DOWN 1 Loads point

2 Niger’s neighbor

3 Muscat’s land

4 Echo

5 Cartographer

6 Coach Par-seghian

7 Gumbo need

8 Andre of tennis

9 Schwinn pro-tector

10 “A likely story!”

11 Hardy heroine

17 Poet’s initials

19 High point

22 Bistro hand-outs

24 Cauldron

25 Brink

26 Type of guitar

27 Formal discussions

29 Menlo Park

30 Bill-boards

33 Scored 100 on

36 Loud sounds

38 Confuses

40 Pot pie morsel

42 Sci-fi vehicles

43 “Uh-uh”

44 Lose traction

46 Continental currency

47 Stated

48 Casserole base

50 Aachen article

Solution time: 21 mins.

KIROV ABASED

PANINI SESAME

ATCOST TELLME

MEAT ABIT IAN

SUMO SON

OPS TINY AGIN

WARRENBUFFETT

EDIE SOLO RAH

LAH NEXT

AMA EAST ILSA

PENPAL INDEED

BIKERS DIADEM

SNAPTO ELLEN

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Notice is hereby given that
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months from the date of the
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whichever is earlier, or the
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2025 TERM
In the Matter of
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No. 38C01-2508-EU-000021
NOTICE OF
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Notice is hereby given that
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whichever is earlier, or the claims
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Attorneys
Melissa Elliott
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PUBLIC AUCTION
LOCATED: 506 N George St. Ridgeville, IN
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 4th, 2025
4:30 P.M.

GUNS – GUN SUPPLIES – AMMO
Taurus 357 Mag 6 Shot Revolver (3 Screw). 45 Cal
ACP Pistol. Taurus Titanium Stub-nose 38 Special.
Charter Arms Undercover 38 Special. H & R
Sportsman 22 Cal 9 Shot Revolver. Ammo Reloader.
Tumbler. Reloading Supplies. Large Lot of Lead.
Brass Shell Casings. Gun Cases. Scope Alignment
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TRAILER – TILLERS – SHOP EQUIPMENT
5' X 8' Single Axel Utility Trailer. Stihl Mini Tiller.
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Planer. Dewalt Planer. Router w/ Stand. Roller
Stand. Floor Model Drill Press. Lawn Dump Cart.
Wheelbarrow. Live Traps. Double Arbor Buffer.
Fishing Poles and Supplies. Coleman Lanterns. 2
Wheel Cart. Cedar and other Lumber. Battery and
Power Tools. Consew Industrial Sewing Machine.
Sentry Small Safe.

ANTIQUES – HOUSEHOLD – MISC
Toys and Miniatures. Primitive Tools. Lanterns.
Cream Cans. Old Telephones. Cross Cut Saws.
Banjo. Marlboro Sign. Wheat Pattern Curve Glass
Cabinet. Marlboro Top Ornate Sofa Table w/ End
Tables and Coffee Tables. Rosewood Upright Piano.
Smelter. 42" Samsung Flat Screen TV. Mini
Refrigerator. Stainless Steel Thermoses. Glass
Showcases. Wood Bowl Set. Canes. Inversion Table.
Laser Printer. 2 and 4 Drawer Filing Cabinets. Large
Lot of Hardware.

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PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: 1702 W Tyson
Road, Portland IN
SATURDAY MORNING,
SEPTEMBER 6, 2025
9:30 A.M.
REAL ESTATE
Tract 1 - 2 story home
with approximately
2,048 square feet of liv-
ing space situated on
approximately 1.75
acres. Property also
offers a 48' x 56' pole
building with front and
rear overhead doors,
enclosed shop/office
area, concrete floor, and
100 amp electrical serv-
ice.
Tract 2 - One acre bare
lot located just west of
the home on Tyson
Road.
Tract 3 - Forty-seven
+/- acres of bare land
located within the city
limits of Portland.
Tract 4 - Combination of
Tracts 1 and 2.
Tract 5 - Entire package
which includes house,
pole barn and 50 acres.
**HOUSEHOLD GOODS -
OLD & COLLECTORS
ITEMS**
GE side by side refrigera-
tor with in door water
and ice dispenser; May-
tag gas stove;
Lazy Boy recliner; Smith
Bros. sofa; rocker/recliner;
Walnut dresser with
mirror and marble insert;
Oak child's rocker;
Kitchen Aid stand mixer;
TRU SCALE TOYS: (2)

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picker, and 2 bottom
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beer steins;gazing ball;
and many other items
not listed.
**TRAILERS-MOWER -
TOOLS**
(2) M105A2 military trail-
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Series zero turn mower
with 60i cut and only
76.3 hours; Cub Cadet
garden tractor; Toro
snow thrower; Crafts-
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260 PUBLIC AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located at 1702 W Tyson Road, Portland Indiana on Saturday Morning
SEPTEMBER 6, 2025
9:30 A.M.
REAL ESTATE

Tract 1 – 2 story home with approximately 2,048 square feet of living space
situated on approximately 1.75 acres. 1st floor features include kitchen with
floor to ceiling cabinets, dining room, living room, bedroom, full bathroom, and
enclosed front porch. 2nd floor includes 3 bedrooms and 1 half bathroom.
Home has beautiful Oak woodwork throughout including Oak pocket doors in 2
rooms. Additional features includes Carrier high efficiency gas furnace, central
air, MacClean water softener, Bradford gas water heater installed in 2021, gas
wall heaters, 100 amp electrical service along with City of Portland water and
sewage. Home is connected via an enclosed area to a 2 car garage with
approximately 895 square feet and includes a pull down stairway accessing attic
storage. Property also offers a 48' x 56' pole building with front and rear
overhead doors, enclosed shop/office area, concrete floor, and 100 amp electrical
service.
This property offers you a rare opportunity to purchase a home with a rural
setting located within the city limits.

Tract 2 – One acre bare lot located just west of the home on Tyson Road.
Tract 3 – Forty-seven +/- acres of bare land located within the city limits of
Portland. This property offers the rare opportunity to purchase land in
Portland with both agricultural and commercial opportunities. This tract of land
already has had some water and sewage taps installed for possible development.
Possession to be given to the buyer after the harvest of the 2025 crops.
Tract 4 – Combination of Tracts 1 and 2.
Tract 5 – Entire package which includes house, pole barn and 50 acres.

Terms of Sale: 10% nonrefundable deposit day of auction and balance at
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will receive possession of land upon harvest of the 2025 crops. Buyer will
assume property taxes due and payable in May 2026 and thereafter. Property is
selling “AS IS” and any inspections made by the prospective buyer are to be
made prior to the auction date and will be at the buyers expense. Sellers will
furnish Title Insurance and Warranty Deed. Owner confirmation day of auction
and any statements made day of sale will take precedence over printed matter.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS – OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS
GE side by side refrigerator with in door water and ice dispenser; GE Profile
washer & dryer; Maytag gas stove; Oak square table with extra leaves and 6
chairs; Walnut china hutch; Oak full size bed; Vizio 50" TV; Oak lamp stand;
Lazy Boy recliner; Smith Bros. sofa; rocker/recliner; small corner cupboard;
Cherry (2) twin size beds, 8 drawer dresser with mirror, and 6 drawer chest; 9
drawer dresser with mirror; Oak 3 drawer chest; Cherry night stand; Oak
washstand; Sylvania TV; full size bed; Vizio TV; TV stand; rocker; 6 drawer
dresser with mirror; Walnut dresser with mirror and marble insert; Oak child's
rocker; office desk & chair; National sewing machine in cabinet; table with 4
chairs; twin size box spring & mattress; octagon table; corner table; folding
chairs; outdoor chairs; luggage; Shark sweeper; Kitchen Aid stand mixer; Bella
oven; Cuisinart coffee maker; flatware sets; cookbooks; Tupperware; child's tea
set; Noritake set of dishes; Pink Depression; Hand Painted Nippon creamer &
sugar; books; linens; Longaberger mugs, milk pitcher and baking dish; kerosene
lamp; glass birds; Elvis AM radio; double rinse tub; galvanized watering can;
sewing basket; high chair; small kerosene lamps; yardsticks; White Opalescent;
TRU SCALE TOYS: (2) tractors, NIB – (Green and Red color), baler, manure
spreader, corn picker, and 2 bottom plow; Erle McCormick Deering Model M
engine; Marx Za Zoom; Air Force helicopter; Butterfield Stage Lines stage
coach; 4 drawer and 2 drawer metal file cabinets; puzzles; toys; HP printer;
vintage hats; watches; towels; luggage; Christmas decorations; quilt; egg crate;
dolls; belt buckles; globe; 1949 Union City Centennial wooden nickels; several
S & P sets; Corning; Pyrex 4 pc bowl set; baking dishes; Watercolors Stoneware
set of dishes; Roseville pie plate; Circulon cookware; knives; utensils; snack
sets; cannister set; records; Jay County Directories; canning jars; #5 crown crock;
double handled vase; Hanson scales; cast iron kettle; wood cabinet; Christmas
tree; Snowman items; Blow Mold candles; lawn chairs; metal cabinets; mirrors;
lanterns; swing; walker; lamps; porcelain pans; baskets; heaters; beer steins; park
bench; sled; cart; gazing ball; and many other items not listed.

TRAILERS - MOWER – TOOLS
(2) M105A2 military trailers; ExMark Radius S Series zero turn mower with 60"
cut and only 76.3 hours; Cub Cadet garden tractor; White roto tiller; garden
trailer; Toro snow thrower; Echo weed eater; Craftsman 2 pc. tool cabinet; Earth
Way planter; Toro leaf blower; weed trimmers; 6' aluminum step ladder; indexes;
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Costly errors

Missed opportunities, miscues cost Jay against Eagles

By **ETHAN OSKROBA**

The Commercial Review

MUNCIE — Last time the Patriots played Delta, they ended the Eagles' season with a 4-1 victory in sectionals.

The stakes weren't quite as high when the teams met up for an early season non-conference clash, which was fortunate for the Patriots, who couldn't replicate the result from October 2024.

Jay County High School boys soccer was on the wrong end of a 3-1 score when visiting the Delta Eagles on Thursday.

"Two costly errors cost us the game," said Jay County coach Rodney Reynolds. "It's what we're trying to tell them. Errors happen, it's soccer, we get it, but we have to rebuild and we have to start over. We were right there."

The Patriots (2-1-1) were in contention until the final moments. Trailing 2-1 with a shade over five minutes remaining in the match, Jay County had a chance to even things up.

After Delta's Maddox Huffman was whistled for a handball in the box, Jay County sent freshman Jacoby Penrod to the penalty spot to try to score the equalizer. But it wasn't meant to be. Penrod's kick rifled off the crossbar, and Delta's Senad Selimovic scored his second goal of the game moments later to seal the win for the Eagles (3-1).

"Give him 10 of those and he's hitting nine," Reynolds said. "I mean, it's just luck has it, that's what it is. He's solid, not worried about it. He'll bounce back."



The Commercial Review/Ethan Oskroba

Jay County High School's Jaxson DeHoff tries to use his body to shield off Delta's Drayton Swanson during Thursday's 3-1 loss. Emmitt Reynolds scored the sole goal for the Patriots as they fell to 2-1-1 on the season.

The Patriots gave plenty of reason to believe they can bounce back as a team as well, despite suffering their first loss of the season. Jay County lost its top two goal scorers from 2024, including Levi Muhlenkamp, whose 35 goals were top-five in all of Indiana.

As a result, the Patriots have turned to youngsters like Penrod to fuel the new iteration of Jay County soccer.

"It's hard," Reynolds said. "I've got three freshmen on the field. It's not easy for them, especially when you're seeing teams that have seniors and juniors. They're playing great."

While the youth has reinvigorated Jay County, it was a pair of upper-classmen who got the Patriots on the board.

With just under a half hour remaining in the opening half, the junior duo of Elias Mueller and Emmitt Reynolds linked up to help the Patriots draw first blood.

Mueller, who leads the team with four goals, pinpointed a feed to Reynolds, who tucked it away to give the Patriots a 1-0 lead.

"I was wide open in the middle and I called for it," Emmitt Reynolds said.

"And it was a perfectly placed ball, and I just put it bottom left corner and put it away."

The Jay County lead was short-lived, with Huffman and Selimovic scoring in the closing minutes of the first half. But Jay County saw several chances in the second half, especially after a red card to Delta's Carson Hall put the Eagles a man down.

The match was scrappy and physical throughout, but that was the expectation between the rivals.

"We prepare, this game, to be physical," Rodney Reynolds said. "It's going to be physical. They know that, we know that, it's always a physical game."

While the precocious Patriots held their ground, they couldn't quite put it all together on Thursday. However, the team's inexperience could double as a pathway to a high ceiling.

"As a team, we're really young, and I still think we got a lot to work on," Emmitt Reynolds said. "I still think we can compete with all these higher up teams with younger people, it's just going to take time and teamwork."

That process will continue later this week, as the Patriots will have a day to lick their wounds before hosting Woodlan to open their Allen County Athletic Conference slate on Saturday.

"We're going to pick back up," Rodney Reynolds said. "Heads aren't down. We got a big conference game Saturday. We don't have time (to feel down), it's time to focus, time to get onto the next."

Jay spikers keep rolling vs. Bearcats

The Patriots picked up a giant win on Tuesday. Two days later, they kept the ball rolling.

Jay County High School's volleyball team picked up a 25-11, 25-15, 25-20 victory over the Muncie Central Bearcats on Thursday.

The offense was handled by committee as Maria Hemmelgarn, Mya Kunkler and Hallie Schwieterman all had a team-high four kills. Brenna Schmiesing followed with three, Elizabeth Barnett had two and Paisley Fugiett and Chloe Byrum each had one.

Behind the service line, Lani Muhlenkamp had four aces and Carley Trinidad had three.

Defensively, Kunkler led with seven block assists while Trinidad had six. Barnett had 12 digs.

Fugiett had 12 assists for Jay County (3-1) and Ella Rigby added two.

Local Roundup

LeFevre leads

MINSTER, Ohio — Reece LeFevre led the Fort Recovery boys golf team to a 173-193 win over the New Knoxville Rangers at Arrowhead Golf Course on Thursday.

LeFevre shot a one-over-par 37 to earn match medalist honors. He opened the round with a par before shooting back-to-back bogeys. He then strung together five consecutive pars before finishing with a birdie.

John Gabel led the Rangers with 38 strokes.

The next scores for the Indians (7-3, 4-2 Midwest Athletic Conference) came from Caleb

Smith with a 43 and Andrew Rehmert with a 44.

Luke Fortkamp's 49 rounded out the team score for FRHS.

Carson Fullenkamp carded a 50, while Garrett Diller had a 54, neither of which affected the final.

Tribe slips

FORT RECOVERY — The Fort Recovery volleyball team dropped the first Midwest Athletic Conference match of the year on Thursday to the Marion Local Flyers 25-23, 25-13, 25-8.

Cameron Muhlenkamp and Brynn Willmann put up a team high in kills as each put down six balls. Bridget Homan and Hope Evers added three apiece as well.

Kayla Gaerke led the defensive effort from the back row with 10 digs. Willmann supported at the net, recording two of the team's six blocks.

Five Indians (1-2, 0-1 MAC)

served up aces, while the team went 43-of-45 on service attempts.

FRHS will look to get back on track as it hosts Arcanum today.

Patriots fall

Jay County's girls soccer team suffered its first loss of the season as the Coldwater Cavaliers left Portland with a 2-1 victory on Thursday.

The Patriots (2-1) struck first as freshman Ayla Jackson scored her first career goal with 32 minutes, 25 seconds, remaining in the first half.

JCHS carried a 1-0 lead into halftime, but fouled a Cavalier inside the box to even the score part way through the second half. Coldwater (3-0-1) took the lead with 15:56 remaining in the game.

Maleah Parsons had to work hard in the goal, making 18 saves while suffering the loss.

Ridenour leads

BERNE — The Jay County girls golf team came four strokes short of the South Adams Starfires in Thursday's 217-221 loss at Wabash Valley Golf Club.

While the Patriots didn't walk away with the victory, Alexa Ridenour earned match medalist honors for the first time in her career, and this season for all the Patriots, by shooting a 52. Ridenour made bogey three times on the second, fourth and ninth holes.

Kendall Minger led the Starfires with a round of 53. Coming in just behind her was Jay County's Bailey Towell with a 54.

Elizabeth Brunswick carded a 55, but JCHS failed to get a fourth score in the 50s as Erin Aker shot a 60 and Crystal Swartzentruber had a 62 that didn't affect the final.

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20th, 2025
TIME 9:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 2641 E 1100 S. Montpelier IN.
TRACTORS - CRAWLER
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Backhoe Bucket. 30 Ton Hyd Press. Lincoln 225 Welder. . Merry Mac Shredder Chipper. Rabbit Cages.
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JD, Oliver, Massey Ferguson, AC, Massey Harris Toy Tractors. . (2) 110 lb Anvils w/ Stands. Corn Sheller. Misc Slate. (4) Steel Wheels. Radio Flyer Wagon.
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TRACTORS
JD 3010 D. Wide front, low profile Tractor (rare). JD A. Modified pulling Tractor w/ weights. 1936 JD A. w/ spoke rear

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rims. Massey Harris 33 Tractor. JD Tractor and Equipment Manuals. TRUCK-TRAILERS-EQUIPMENT-MISC
2003 Ford F250 Fx4 155,000 miles. Moritz DLH Series 10,000 lb Dump Trailer. Tandem Axel 10,000 lb Goose-neck Flatbed Trailer w/ Ramps. 15' Tandem Axel Livestock Trailer. 13 x 38 Rims and Tires. 7' Skid Steer Bucket w/ Boom. Snow Blade. 48i Lawn Roller. 3 Hog Feeders. Hardwood Lumber. . Chicago 90 amp Flux Wire Welder. Lincoln 225 Stick Welder. . Gone w/ the Wind Style Lamp. Last Supper and other Pictures. Cast Iron Pot w/ Lid. Flower Bin. Quilting Rack. Champion 12 gauge Single Shot Shotgun.
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Box score

Fort Recovery Indians (2-0)
at Allen East Mustangs (1-1)

Ft. Rec. 7 16 0 0 — 23
Allen East 7 0 9 0 — 16

First Quarter

AE — Braxton Montgomery 76
pass from Ethan Hershberger
(Travis Stanley kick), 11:41.
FR — Reece Wendel 12 run
(Alex Gaerke kick), 5:08.

Second Quarter

FR — Breaker Jutte 6 run
(Gaerke kick), 3:10
FR — Gaerke 1 run (kick fail),
2:28
FR — Gaerke 28 field goal,
:02.8.

Third Quarter

AE— Dominic Burkett 24 inter-
ception (pass fail), 10:22.
AE — Stanley 31 field goal,
2:42

Fourth Quarter

No scoring

Team Statistics

	FR	AE
Rushes - yds	55-247	18-50
Comp-Att-Int	6-19-3	11-22-0
Passing yds	82	126
Total Plays	74	40
Total Offense	329	176
Punt ret - yds	2-27	1-24
Kickoff ret - yds	3-32	4-73
Sacks - yds lost	3-20	0-0
Ints - yds	0-0	3-47
Fumbles - lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties - yds	11-80	4-30

Individual Statistics

Rushing — Fort Recovery —
Reece Wendel 32-184, Alex
Gaerke 14-65, Breaker Jutte 8-
49. Allen East — Miles McDor-
man 7-41, Keagan Jones 11-9.
Passing — Fort Recovery —
Gaerke 6-19-3 82. Allen East —
Keagan Jones 10-21-0 50, Ethan
Hershberg 1-1-0 76.
Receiving — Fort Recovery —
Colson Post 4-63, Reece Wendel
1-5, Brodie Hart 1-5. Allen East
— Braxton Montgomery 4-90,
Cam Smith 2-17, Ethan Her-
schberger 3-14, Deacon Jones 1-
4, Miles McDorman 1-1.



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Brady Evers wraps up Allen East's Ethan Hershberger during the second quarter of Friday's 23-16 win for Fort Recovery High School. The Tribe's defense came up big in the fourth quarter to record multiple stops in a one-score game.

2-0 ...

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This is the first time the Tribe has started the season 2-0 since they beat Wayne Trace and Urbana in the 2021 season.

But it didn't come without its hiccups.

The first came on the opening play of the game. With the ball sitting on Allen East's 24-yard line, quarterback Keagan Jones pitched to Ethan Hershberger. The Mustang wide receiver then launched a pass to Braxton Montgomery for a 76-yard touchdown to go up 7-0 just 19 seconds into the game.

The Tribe didn't stay down long, responding with an 11-play, 83-yard drive capped off with a Reece Wendel carry for 12 yards. Wendel cut through the Mustangs' defense with ease, rushing the ball seven times on the drive, with all but one of them going for 4 or more yards.

"He's a dynamic kid with good vision," said AEHS coach Joel Billings of Wendel, who led the Indians with 184 rushing yards. "I think he was really able to make

some cuts and able to keep his pads down to get some dirty yards."

The second hiccup against the Mustangs (1-1) came early in the third quarter.

The Tribe dominated the final five minutes of the second quarter, but Allen East's defense came out of the intermission with a vengeance. The first two plays had Wendel gaining 6 yards before FRHS went to the air. Dominic Burkett picked off the ball intended for Breaker Jutte at the 24-yard line and took it back to the house for the score.

Allen East stopped the Indians again on four plays before working a 31-yard field goal.

Fort Recovery's defense locked in from there.

Allen East's best chance to tie the game came midway through the fourth quarter when it had the ball at its 42-yard line. A pair of rushes and a 7-yard pass to Cam Smith got it in the Tribe's territory.

Jones completed a short pass to

Montgomery before keeping the ball on second down and getting stuffed at the line of scrimmage. Jones scrambled to the right on third down, but his pass got tipped by Josh Evers to fall incomplete and his fourth-down heave to Montgomery got bothered by Gaerke for a turnover on downs.

"That was probably the biggest stop of the game on the second-to last drive," Gaerke said. "They're pushing down the field and we need the ball back to control the pace of the game. Getting that stop completely shut them down."

The Tribe burned the clock down to 17 seconds, and AEHS couldn't cover the 77 yards to tie the game.

The Indians broke through for the lead on their third drive of the second quarter. All six plays were various kinds of carries, including hand offs to Wendel, a lateral to Wendel, a quarterback keeper by Alex Gaerke and finally, a 6-yard rush by Jutte on a direct snap to score the ball with 3 min-

utes, 10 seconds, remaining in the half.

"Everything fit up perfectly," Jutte said. "Broke a tackle and got a few extra yards. It felt really good to do that and get the lead."

FRHS got the ball right back after Devin Miller touched a short kickoff, allowing a pack of Indians to pounce on and recover the foot- ball.

Colson Post came down with a 34-yard throw from Gaerke, setting up the senior for a 1-yard keeper to score at 2:28.

They ended the half with Gaerke hitting a 28-yard field goal to go up 23-7.

While the Indians enter Midwest Athletic Conference play undefeated, they had multiple problems including three interceptions and 80 yards of penalties they will look to fix.

"There's a ton we gotta clean up," Wenning said. "There were aspects of this game where we were very sloppy, but it feels good walking out of here with a win."



Photo provided

Outing honor

The Jay County High School basketball program held its annual golf outing Aug. 22 at Portland Golf Club and honored the 2005-06 squad that finished as the Class 3A state runner-up. Pictured, from left, are Scott Bruggeman, Clint Muhlenkamp, assistant coach Chris Krieg, Tyler Rigby, Luke Goetz, Zac Green, John Retter and Randy Evans. They defeated Elwood, Tipton in overtime and Mississinewa in the sectional, Tippecanoe Valley and Wawasee in the regional and Plymouth in the semi-state in overtime before losing to New Castle in the state championship game. Rigby will be in his first season coaching JCHS this year and Goetz serves as an assistant coach.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Cross Country at Taylor University Invite — 9 a.m.; Girls soccer vs. Woodlan — 10 a.m.; Boys tennis at Muncie Central Invite — 10 a.m.; Boys soccer vs. Woodlan — 12 p.m.; Football at New Castle — 1 p.m.; JV boys soccer vs. Woodlan — 10 a.m.; JV girls soccer vs. Woodlan — 12 p.m.; Junior high tennis vs. Randolph Southern — 10 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country at Treaty City Invite at Greenville Park — 8:30 a.m.; Volleyball vs. Arcanum — 10 a.m.; JV football vs. Crestview — 10 a.m.

Tuesday

Jay County — Girls golf vs. Fort Recovery/Winchester — 4:30 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. South Adams — 4:30 p.m.; Cross Country vs. Fort Recovery — 5 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Fort Recovery (including freshmen) — 5:30 p.m.; JV football vs. New Castle — 6 p.m.; Junior high football at Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high volleyball at Northside — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high soccer vs. Delta — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. Winchester/Jay County — 4:30 p.m.; Cross country at Jay County — 5 p.m.; Volleyball at Jay County (including freshmen) — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. Parkway — 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today

5:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Dutch Grand Prix (ESPN2)
7:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Chelsea at Fulham (USA)
10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Sunderland at Brentford (USA)
10:30 a.m. — IndyCar: Music City Grand Prix (FS1)

11 a.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — College football: Mississippi State at Southern Miss (ESPN); Texas at Ohio State (FOX); Ball State at Purdue (BTN); Syracuse at Tennessee (ABC)
12 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: NCTS Playoff Race at Darlington (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Leeds United at Newcastle United (NBC)
2:30 p.m. — College football: Old Dominion at Indiana (FS1)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Marshall at Georgia (ESPN); Nevada at Penn State (CBS); South Dakota at Iowa State (FOX); Alabama at Florida State (ABC)
4 p.m. — College football: Montana State at Oregon (BTN)
4 p.m. — Horse racing: Nashville Derby (NBC)
6 p.m. — College football: UAlbany at Iowa (FS1)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)
7 p.m. — College football: UTSA at Texas A&M (ESPN)
7 p.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN2)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Detroit Tigers at Kansas City Royals (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Missouri State at USC (BTN); New Mexico at Michigan (NBC); LSU at Clemson (ABC)
9:30 p.m. — College football: Georgia Southern at Fresno State (FS1)
10 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Oakland Roots at Monterey Bay (FOX)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Hawai'i at Arizona (TNT); Cal at Oregon State (ESPN)
11 p.m. — College football: Utah at UCLA (FOX); Colorado State at Washington (BTN)

Sunday

9 a.m. — Formula 1: Dutch Grand Prix (ESPN)

9 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Nottingham Forest at West Ham United (USA)
11:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Liverpool FC at Arsenal FC (USA)
12 p.m. — College volleyball: Nebraska at Kentucky (ABC)
12:10 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)
2 p.m. — College volleyball: Texas at Wisconsin (BTN); TCU at Pitt (FS1)
2 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Aston Villa at Crystal Palace (USA)
3 p.m. — College volleyball: Virginia Tech at South Carolina (ESPN)
3 p.m. — College volleyball: Purdue at Tennessee (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ABC)
4 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)
4 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Washington Spirit at Chicago Stars (CBS)
4:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Kansas at Creighton (BTN)
5 p.m. — College volleyball: Penn State at Arizona State (FOX)
6 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Southern 500 (USA)
7 p.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN2)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Notre Dame at Miami (ABC)

Monday

12 a.m. — MMA: Professional Fighters League (ESPN2)
1:10 p.m. — MLB: Toronto Blue Jays at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)
3 p.m. — PLL lacrosse: California Redwoods at Denver Outlaws (ESPN2)
5 p.m. — College volleyball: Penn State at TCU (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Arizona State at Pitt (FS1)

8 p.m. — College volleyball: TCU at North Carolina (ESPN)

Tuesday

1:10 p.m. — MLB: Toronto Blue Jays at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)
7:45 p.m. — MLB: Athletics at St. Louis Cardinals (FDSN Indiana)
8:10 p.m. — MLB: New York Yankees at Houston Astros (TBS)

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. For more information, email kim.tormbley@adamshshealthnetwork.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.
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JC soccer teams host the Warriors today, see Sports on tap

NFL season near opening kickoff, see preview below

Tribe goes to 2-0



FR holds off the Mustangs with key stop in 4th quarter

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

HARROD, Ohio — The Mustangs turned the heat up on the Tribe a handful of times.

First it was a trick play to open the game with a 76-yard touchdown.

Then a pick-six to start the third quarter.

The only problem for the Mustangs? Each time they'd turn up the heat, the Indians had an answer.

Fort Recovery High School's football team walked out of Allen East on Friday with a 23-16 victory over the Mustangs despite slip ups to start each half.

"It goes back to how we responded after they made big plays," said FRHS first-year coach Wes Wenning. "We talk about that first drive, that first play, boom. They strike us big. It would have been very easy to bend down and not respond at that moment. I felt we responded."

"We come out of half. We're expecting to drive down the field, put down a methodical drive and all of a sudden, they get a pick-six. It would have been very easy to be deflated and let this place get out of control and let tides go their way. But we really dug in our heels. We trusted our game plan and grinded out a good win."

Breaker Jutte, a junior on the Fort Recovery High School football team pushes forward to gain extra yards while one of Allen East's defenders wraps him up on Friday. Jutte had a handful of key rushes off direct snaps in the 23-16 victory, including a touchdown in the second quarter and two key first downs in the fourth that helped run out the clock.

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Texans are favorite to win the South

By DAVID WILSON
Miami Herald
Tribune News Service

The 2025 NFL season is set to get underway on Sept. 4 when the defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles face the Dallas Cowboys.

Heading into the season, the Houston Texans look like a favorite to repeat in the AFC South while the Indianapolis Colts hope to find a way to stay competitive despite a quarterback position in flux.

Houston Texans

— Last season: 10-7 (first in the division), lost in the AFC divisional round to the Chiefs

— Key additions: RB Nick Chubb, RB Woody Marks, WR Jayden Higgins, T Cam Robinson, S C.J. Gardner-Johnson

— Looking ahead: If that really was a sophomore slump for quarterback C.J. Stroud, the Texans might be in pretty good shape going forward. Houston still won the division despite a step back for Stroud in Year 2 and the Texans are still the clear class of the AFC South.

Indianapolis Colts

— Last season: 8-9 (second in the division)

— Key additions: QB Daniel Jones, TE Tyler Warren, DE JT Tuimoloau, CB Charvarius Ward, S Camryn Bynum

— Looking ahead: Year 3 of the Shane Steichen era marks a fork in the road for the Colts: Indianapolis claims it's not giving up on Anthony Richardson, but benching for the former first-round pick for fellow quarterback Daniel Jones suggests otherwise. Of course, Jones is a former first-round pick, too. Maybe Indianapolis can rejuvenate Jones' career: Steichen was the first

coach to turn Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts into a star with a run-heavy offense and the Colts have the personnel to get the most out of Jones' legs, with superstar guard Quenton Nelson paving the way and star running back Jonathan Taylor taking some pressure off of whoever hands him the ball.

Jacksonville Jaguars

— Last season: 4-13 (third in the division)

— Key additions: WR Dyami Brown, WR/CB Travis Hunter, G Patrick Mekari, G Wyatt Milum, CB Jourdan Lewis

— Looking ahead: The Jaguars might be the worst team in the NFL, but it doesn't mean they won't be one of the most interesting. Offensive-minded coach Liam Coen will try to save quarterback Trevor Lawrence's career, wide receiver Brian Thomas Jr. is trying to build off a stellar rookie season and, above all else, rookie Travis Hunter will captivate everyone's imagination as he tries to become the NFL's first true two-way player in generations.

Tennessee Titans

— Last season: 3-14 (fourth in the division)

— Key additions: QB Cam Ward, T Dan Moore Jr., G Kevin Zeitler, DE Oluwafemi Oladejo, S Kevin Winston Jr.

— Looking ahead: It's no longer unusual to see a rookie quarterback win postseason games, and quarterback Cam Ward is the best bet to follow in the footsteps of Texans quarterback C.J. Stroud and Commanders quarterback Jayden Daniels to do the same this season. Ward was the No. 1 pick in the 2025 NFL draft and has a solid offensive line in front of him.



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