

John Jay partnership shifts

Education facility in Portland is working with Ivy Tech – Muncie

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
John Jay Center for Learning and Ivy Tech – Muncie are back together again.
The educational organizations held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house Friday to formally announce the transition that went into effect July 1.
“It’s a huge win for students, for families and for our local employers,” said John Jay Center of Learning executive director Rusty Inman, noting goals to offer more opportunities and programs. “For the community, this partnership brings together the best of both worlds —



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John Jay Center for Learning and Ivy Tech – Muncie held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday to recognize their renewed partnership. The education facility in Portland had previously partnered with the Muncie campus, but was shifted to be connected to the Marion campus about eight years ago. “It’s a huge win for students, for families and for our local employers,” said John Jay Center of Learning executive director Rusty Inman.

that Ivy Tech statewide reach that have, but also Jay County’s local dedication.”
“We’re very happy to be back united with our friends here at Ivy Tech and the Muncie campus,” added John Jay board president Josh Atkinson, “and we continue to want to provide the opportunities for our community to meet the best needs of our community.”
John Jay was partnered with Ivy Tech – Muncie previously, but was shifted to the Marion campus about eight years ago during a statewide realignment. As a result, students who came to John Jay for services were pushed toward the Marion campus, Inman said.
The result, he noted, was stark and fast.
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Hearing on vote centers set for Monday

County is considering change to two voting locations

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review
The majority of Indiana counties either already have vote centers or are in the process of implementing them.
Local officials hope to join that list soon, allowing registered voters in Jay County to cast ballots at any county designated location starting in 2026.
Jay County Election Board will host a public hearing at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Jay County Courthouse to share details and hear questions from the public about moving toward vote centers.
Vote centers serve as an alternative to traditional precinct-based voting, in which voters are assigned a voting location in their area. They allow registered voters to cast a ballot at any county polling location on Election Day.
Currently, the county has eight polling locations divided among its 18 precincts. Plans are to implement two vote centers in Jay County — one at Jay Community Center in Portland and another at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk. (Early voting will continue to be available at Jay County Courthouse.)
Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council approved a resolution in February designating the county as a vote center county. Jay County Election Board formed a study committee over the last few months and drafted a plan in August for implementing the new polling method.
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Celebrating the youth

Jay County High School celebrated the youth of the community during halftime of Friday night’s football game against Adams Central, with children who took part in this week’s cheerleading clinic joining the varsity cheerleaders on the track for a cheer and the Jay County Pee Wee Football teams being introduced. Pictured above, the second grade red flag football team waves towels in the air while crossing the track. At left, Addison Hurt grins while participating in the halftime cheer.



Russia, Ukraine negotiations are on pause

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Russia said negotiations with Ukraine are on “pause,” less than a month after the summit meeting between Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump that the U.S. said would spur talks on a peace deal.
“Communication channels exist, they are established, our negotiators have the opportunity to communicate through these channels, but for now, perhaps, we can talk about a pause,” Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters Friday, without elaborating.
At their Aug. 15 summit in Alaska, Trump abandoned demands for Russia to agree to a ceasefire in Ukraine to allow for negotiations on a peace deal, saying instead that the U.S. wanted to focus directly on a settlement to end the war. He called the discussions with Putin “extremely productive,” while the Russian leader said they’d reached an “understanding” that may open the door to ending the war he’d started in 2022.
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Deaths

Mary Reynolds, 94, Dunkirk
Katie Hilty, 86, Geneva
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 82 degrees Friday. The low was 51.
Skies will be partly cloudy today with a high around 80 degrees and a 40% chance of rain. Another day of partly cloudy skies is expected Sunday with a low of 56.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

It’s a busy weekend at Jay County Fairgrounds.
Jayland Trotting Association kicks off harness races at 11 a.m. today. Jay County Cancer Society will also host its Survivor Cancer cruise-in from 4 to 6 p.m. and carnival from 5 to 7 p.m. today. Jay County Chainsaw Carving Invitational continues today and Sunday.

Coming up

Wednesday — Details from Monday’s Fort Recovery School Board meeting.
Friday — Coverage of next week’s Portland Board of Aviation meeting.

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Obituaries

Mary Reynolds

Feb. 13, 1931-Sept. 10, 2025
Mary Helen Reynolds, 94, of Dunkirk, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, peacefully surrounded by love and comfort, at Parker Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parker City, Indiana.



Reynolds

Mary was born in Dunkirk, Indiana, on Feb. 13, 1931, a daughter of the late Maude Mae (Henry) and William Washington Johnson. She was the wife of the late Ervin Reynolds whom she happily married on Nov. 5, 1965, and sadly lost in 1978.

Mary was formerly employed in the box shop at Armstrong Cork in Dunkirk, Indiana, and formerly attended the Redkey Nazarene Church.

She enjoyed quilting, embroidery, sewing, making clothes for her children when they were lit-

tle, crossword puzzles, word searches, cooking, baking, watching classic TV shows, listening to classic country music, her state spoon collection from her son Jeff, and gardening with her husband. Mary never had an ill thing to say of anyone and will always be remembered for her love and kindness toward others.

She is survived by a daughter, Karena Dines, two sons Kipp Reynolds and Gene Reynolds, a sister Marjorie Forrest, a brother Kenneth Johnson (wife Mary Jane), two sister-in-laws Herta Johnson and Lana Johnson, five grandchildren Nakota Dines, Tony Monroe, Miranda Montero, Corey Reynolds and Shane Reynolds, eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sons Jeffrey Johnson and Earl Reynolds, six brothers Glen, William, Damon, Gayle, Harry and Keith Johnson, one grand-

child Brenda Anderson and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Sept. 15, 2025, from 5 to 7 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries – Dunkirk Chapel, as well as Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025, from noon to 1 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025, at MJS Mortuaries – Dunkirk Chapel with Pastor Fred Stevens officiating. Burial will be held in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (322 Eighth Ave., 16th Floor, New York, NY 10001). Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Dunkirk Chapel.

Katie Hilty

Feb. 4, 1939-Sept. 11, 2025
Katie Edna (Miller) Hilty, age 86, of rural Geneva, Indiana, passed away at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, at her home.

Katie Edna was born on Saturday, Feb. 4, 1939, in Kalona, Iowa,

to Samuel H. and Katie (Coblentz) Miller. She married Henry K. Hilty on Thursday, Aug. 23, 1962, in Kolona, Iowa; he preceded her in death on Dec. 23, 2009.

Katie was of the Old Order Amish Church. She was a homemaker and enjoyed doing crafts and jigsaw puzzles and liked card making.

Survivors include her children, Vernon E. (Leah), Miriam E., Katie Inez, Morris E. (Salome) Hilty, John Henry (Annie) Hilty, all of Geneva, Indiana, and Mary Susan (Chris) Schwartz, Portland, Indiana, brothers-in-law Elijah Miller, Iowa, Elmer K. Hilty, Geneva, Indiana, and John K. Hilty, Geneva, Indiana, sisters-in-law Kathryn Schwartz, Bremen, Indiana, and Susie Schwartz, Ohio, 28 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Henry K. Hilty, sisters Susan Miller, Mattie Schwartz Ropp, Oleta Mae Miller and Mary Schwartz, baby brother Amos Miller, and grandchildren

Harley Jacob Schwartz and Annie H. Hilty.

Visitation will be held at John Henry Hilty's residence located at 4211 E. 1175 South, Geneva, Indiana, on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025.

Funeral services will be held at John Henry Hilty's residence at 9 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 15, 2025, with Bishop David Wengert officiating. Burial will follow in the Bunkerhill Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva.

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

Sunday 9/14	Monday 9/15	Tuesday 9/16	Wednesday 9/17	Thursday 9/18
85/56 Partly cloudy skies on Sunday with a 5 to 10 mph wind. The low may hit 56.	86/56 Sunny skies are in the forecast for Monday when the high may hit 86.	86/55 Tuesday's weather looks like partly cloudy skies with a high around 86 degrees.	87/58 Wednesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with slight winds.	88/61 Mostly sunny skies on Thursday when the high will reach the upper 80s.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 1-7-8 Daily Four: 3-4-2-7 Quick Draw: 1-5-6-21-25-26-28-29-42-43-45-46-53-55-66-69-70-77-79-80	Pick 3: 9-7-6 Pick 4: 9-8-4-0 Pick 5: 5-1-6-3-1
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$50 million	
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$381 million	
Ohio Midday	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.20 Oct. corn4.15	Wheat4.79
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.25 Oct./Nov. corn4.15 Dec. corn4.35	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.04 Late Sept. corn4.04 Beans10.04 Late Sept. beans10.04 Wheat4.74
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Today in history

In 1598, Phillip III was crowned king of Spain and Portugal. He was known for his extravagant spending that made Spain's economic problems worse.

In 1814, lawyer Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry from a ship in Baltimore Harbor after previously being detained by the British navy. The incident inspired him to write "The Star Spangled Banner," which became the U.S. national anthem.

In 1848, American railroad foreman Phineas Gage survived an accident in which an iron rod shot through his skull and destroyed most of the left frontal lobe of his brain.

In 2021, Jay County Commissioners agreed to hold on to at least 30% of the county's federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to serve as matching funds for the state's Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP). The county, which was chosen to be one of the first HELP participants, could be awarded as much as \$1 million from Indiana Office and Community and Rural Affairs.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
4:30 p.m. — Jay County Election Board public hearing, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.

6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Local Schools, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Wednesday
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North, Portland.

Partnership ...

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At one time, there were between 700 and 1,000 enrollments from John Jay to Ivy Tech – Muncie. That number dropped to fewer than 50 about a year after the transition.

"We found a lot of people stopped coming to John Jay for help because they didn't want to go to the Marion campus," said Inman. "They were going to the Muncie campus anyway, so they took John Jay out of the equation and just went straight to Muncie. You'll be able to get Muncie services here again."

Ivy Tech – Muncie chancellor Jeff Scott referenced a great relationship previously with John Jay. He noted the importance of collaboration.

"This is just as big a day for us as it is for you," said Scott, referencing the previous high enrollment numbers. "It showed that dedication

and that commitment that this community has to know what education can do for a community."

With the renewed partnership, Inman noted various goals, including to bringing in-person classes back to John Jay. There is a push toward providing health care courses — the organization recently received funding from both the county and The Portland Foundation for that purpose — through building a health care simulation lab. That facility would be available to students pursuing certificates and taking degree classes as well as to staff from IU Health Jay.

Scott said Ivy Tech – Muncie will have a greater presence in Jay County, including having a staff member available at John Jay one day a week to assist students with their needs. There are also plans for a new computer lab and for the

community college to assist with equipment purchases.

Vice chancellor and chief operating officer Emery Peck said there are many ways in which the needs of the Jay County community align with the goals of Ivy Tech – Muncie. He mentioned the possibility of offering parenting classes at Westminster Preschool Portland and the Jay County Early Learning Center, adding to industrial training opportunities and generally filling gaps to provide additional opportunities to students of all ages.

"Everything that's already being done, there's a small resource we can add to it that meets our needs but then also creates something nice for the community," said Peck.

Inman said he feels the transition back to the Muncie campus will

allow the Jay County community a better opportunity to connect directly with Ivy Tech's resources while taking advantage of local support.

"We're going to make sure people of all ages have the chance to learn new skills, take the next step in their education, but most importantly be prepared for jobs," he said. "It's not just two organizations working together. It's about lifting the whole community."

Atkinson referenced the organization's motto — "to provide inspiration and prosperity through education" and the importance of what education can mean to a community.

"William Shakespeare said that ignorance is darkness," he said. "I believe that. Ignorance is darkness. Education can provide that light ... to shine through that darkness ..."

Hearing ...

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That plan will be presented at Monday's public hearing.

Why change?

Jay County clerk Missy Elliott explained the board first began discussing the topic in January. With 65 out of Indiana's 92 counties already utilizing or moving toward vote centers, she said, it seemed like the logical next step forward.

"I felt that it's a good time to look at the possibility for Jay County given that this was an off-year for elections," said Elliott. "Our poll workers are getting older, and it's harder to find people willing to work the polls."

Another reason for the switch leads back to early voting turnout. The county has seen a higher number of registered voters casting their ballots early as opposed to on Election Day for the last few years, Elliott said.

Switching to vote centers — Indiana has allowed counties the option since 2011 — cuts down on election costs. Fewer locations means less money spent on renting space — currently the county pays \$100 per polling location — as well as fewer poll workers. (Elliott

noted she would like to look at raising poll workers' pay, pointing to the increased number of voters they would likely see at the two locations on Election Day if vote centers are implemented.)

What would change?

Per the drafted plan, Jay County would use two vote center locations for Election Day — Jay Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland, and West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

For the 2026 primary election, early voting — it starts 28 days before Election Day — will be offered at the courthouse auditorium, 120 W. Main St., Portland. West Jay Community Center is also listed as a suggested satellite vote center to be open for early voting the two Saturdays prior to the election.

Registered voters may choose any of those locations within designated time frames to cast their ballots.

Votes will still be tallied and reported by precinct, with the county to continue using the MicroVote Infinity voting panels purchased in recent years.

Monday's public hearing will follow the election board's regular meeting. Elliott aims to present

the plan for vote centers, share copies with members of the public and entertain questions.

If vote centers are put into place, Elliott noted, there will be signs at former polling locations on Election Day directing voters to the new centers.

What happens next?

Per state law, the election board must hold a public comment period for 30 days to allow input on the vote center plan before finalizing it. Once public comments have been implemented to the plan, the election board must vote unanimously to adopt it at a public meeting. The plan is then filed with Indiana Election Division.

From there, it's a matter of evaluating vote centers with every election and amending the plan as needed. Elliott hopes to start using the new polling method in the May 2026 primary.

"I'm excited," Elliott said. "I think it's going to be great. After talking with other counties, at first, the voters were apprehensive, but once they'd seen it in motion, they really liked the option to be able to go wherever to (vote) and not have to worry about going to their specific location."

SERVICES

Today
Donnally, Jacquelin: 1 p.m., Church of the Most Holy Trinity, 7321 Indiana 67, Bryant.
Clark, Raiden: 3 p.m., IOOF Cemetery, Montpelier.

Monday
Hilty, Katie: 9 a.m., John Henry Hilty residents, 4211 E. 1175 South, Geneva.

Tuesday
Reynolds, Mary: 1 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 221 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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Conservation Club to host fish fry fundraiser

Jay County Conserva- tion Club's building sus- tained heavy damage from a fire in May. The organization will hold a benefit next week- end to raise dollars for rebuilding efforts. Conservation club's fish fry fundraiser is slat- ed for 4 to 7 p.m. Satur- day, Sept. 20, at Bob Schmit Memorial Exhi- bition Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds. Dinner will include fried fish, chick- en strips and side dishes. Adult tickets are \$15.

Taking Note

Ex-husband's flirting led to serious consequence

DEAR ABBY: I have read let- ters in your column from women whose boyfriends or husbands flirt with other women in their presence complaining about feel- ing hurt and embarrassment. I was married for 25 years to a man who flirted with other women while we were dating and also after we were married. I told him many times that it hurt my feel- ings and made me feel inade- quate. His response was I was "too sensitive" and that I should get over it. Fast-forward 20 years: I GOT over it! Then I walked out and filed for divorce. My grown daughter told me he cried like a baby when he realized I was gone. I have now been married for many years to a man who loves me deeply and makes me feel I am the most important person in his life. My advice to those women is: Pack up, run as fast as you can and don't look back. — FOUND MY SELF-ESTEEM

DEAR FOUND: Some people need constant reassurance that they are attractive, which is why they feel compelled to flirt. Their insecurity is a bot-

Dear Abby



tomless pit. This is destructive when it affects partners and spouses. I'm glad you finally realized that the problem was- n't you and found the strength to leave. You deserve your happy ending, and I know you make your current husband as happy as he makes you.

DEAR ABBY: As a baby boomer and an amateur genealo- gist, I am continually frustrated by the lack of interest my grand- children's generation seems to have in learning about their fam- ily history — particularly mine. Rather than ask about what life was like when I grew up in the 1950s and '60s, they seem fixated on their own lives and show little interest in anyone or anything else.

Children 5 years old and younger get in for free. All proceeds benefit Jay County Conservation Club's rebuild fund.

Alcove Artists
Alcove Artists' Collec- tive will hold a paint out pop up event Wednesday. Local artists will dis- play their skills and art- work at Hudson Family

Park in Portland from 4 to 6 p.m.

President's list
Southern New Hamp- shire University recently named three Jay County residents to its summer President's List. On the list were Chelsea Bolt of Ridgeville, Elizabeth Schmitz of Ridgeville

and Brandyn Towell of Portland. To earn the honor, undergraduate students must be full- time with a 3.700 GPA or above.

Touch a Truck
There's an opportunity coming up for families to touch a truck from vari- ous occupations next week.

Touch a Truck, a fami- ly event, will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday at West- minster Early Learning Academy, 827 W. High St., Portland. Car seats and booster seats will be given to visitors who par- ticipate in a car seat check as provided from Healthy Beginnings and Community Partners for Child Safety.

Community Calendar

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

Today
ALCOHOLICS ANONY- MOUS — 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.

Sunday
A BETTER LIFE – BRI- ANNA'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 BREAK- FAST 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 Com- munity Center. EUCHRE — Will be

played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk. TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924. THE LIFE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support dur- ing 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 informa- tion or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted. BREAD OF LIFE COM- MUNITY 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 ANONY- MOUS — 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. UNDERSTANDING YOUR SUICIDE GRIEF — Meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month. The support group serves to help individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. To register, con- tact Stephanie Patterson at (260) 251-3259.

Tuesday
COMPASSIONATE RECOV- ERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they devel- op long-term recovery meets at noon each Tues- day in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland. JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana Uni- versity Health Jay Hospi- tal. FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library. A BETTER LIFE – BRI- ANNA'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 ANONY- MOUS — 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
WEDNESDAY MORN- ING 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. COMMUNITY REIN- FORCEMENT AND FAMIL- Y 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 Outpa- tient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland. AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Begin- nings, 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 infor- mation, call (260) 726-8229.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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Dumbing down SATs bodes poorly

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The SAT is billed as “a great way to find out how prepared students are for college.” If that’s true, recent changes to its format offer an unflattering assessment of the country’s aspiring scholars.

Colleges and universities have long used standardized tests to filter applicants. The SAT, published by the nonprofit College Board, was for decades considered the preeminent one. A nationwide industry arose to help kids prepare for the test and boost their chances of acceptance to a good school. The SAT’s influence over American education was hard to overstate.

Then the pandemic hit. As in-person exams became impractical, hundreds of schools dropped their testing requirements. The SAT and its main competitor, the ACT, lost millions of dollars in revenue. Although both recently

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started offering digital options, schools have been slow to reinstate their requirements. Today, more than 80% of schools remain test-optional.

“If students are deciding to take a test,” as one College Board executive put it, “how do we make the SAT the one they want to take?”

To anyone familiar with American teenagers, the company’s answer should come as no surprise: Make the test easier. The newly digitized format allows a calculator for the entire math section and drastically cuts reading comprehension. Gone are the 500-

to 750-word passages about which students would answer a series of questions. Instead, test takers read 25- to 150-word excerpts — about the length of a social media post — and answer a single question about each.

To an extent, the College Board can be forgiven for acceding to student preferences. Its research shows the new format is equally rigorous, and proponents say reading comprehension is better reflected in other parts of a college application. The problem is that these revised standards reflect, and may perhaps worsen, some alarming trends in American education.

For college applicants, this has made for a dire combination. Little more than a third of 12th graders are proficient in reading, and 26% say they never read novels outside of school. By some accounts, many students now arrive on campus “functionally

illiterate,” incapable of reading complex texts. The rampant use of artificial intelligence to complete assignments is unlikely to help.

Universities themselves have contributed to this trend by lowering their expectations. Responding to student complaints, professors have been slashing homework assignments, routinely extending deadlines and (most prominently) inflating grades. Nearly 80% of all grades awarded to Yale undergraduates in 2023 were an A or A-. The average GPA at Harvard is 3.8.

There’s plenty of blame to go around for these trends. But the SAT has long been a powerful symbol of academic ambition.

An effort by the College Board to reemphasize the benefits of deep reading — for critical thinking, for self-reflection, for learning of all kinds — might go a long way toward restoring some

balance. It should build on efforts to incorporate college prep into school curricula, work with districts to develop coursework that builds reading stamina for all test takers, and consider reducing the cost of its subject-specific Advanced Placement exams that continue to test these skills (now \$99), in line with the SAT (\$68).

Schools, for their part, should recommit to teaching books in their entirety. Just 17% of third-through eighth-grade teachers primarily rely on whole texts; a quarter mostly use excerpts. University administrators should support tough professors and resist the temptation to placate grumbling undergraduates.

As it stands, the College Board risks undermining the value of a test that’s been remarkably effective at predicting college and career success. Dumbing down the SAT serves no one well, least of all students.

Expand availability of life-saving drug

By EVELYN ENGLISH
Progressive Perspectives
Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — Not long ago, a neighbor in the community experienced an overdose outside the doors of the Alliance for Positive Change’s center in Harlem, New York. A passerby brought the person inside, knowing it was a safe place where help would be provided without judgment. Within minutes, staff was able to administer Narcan — also known as Naloxone, the safe and easy-to-use medication that reverses opioid overdoses. The person walked out alive.

Overdose remains one of the most pressing public health emergencies of our time. Last year, nearly 80,400 Americans lost their lives to overdose. While that’s a 27% decrease from 2023, it is still a staggering toll. Here in New York City, among other places, the crisis continues to hit some communities hard.

Evelyn English



who walks through the door, no matter their background, status or whether they use drugs themselves. This status-neutral approach reduces stigma, broadens access and recognizes a simple truth: Anyone could be in a position to save a life.

Since February, here in Harlem, we’ve trained nearly 350 people on how to use Narcan. Across Alliance for Positive Change, we’ve already received 118 reports of people using kits we distributed. That’s 118 lives saved because universal access put Narcan into the right hands at the right time.

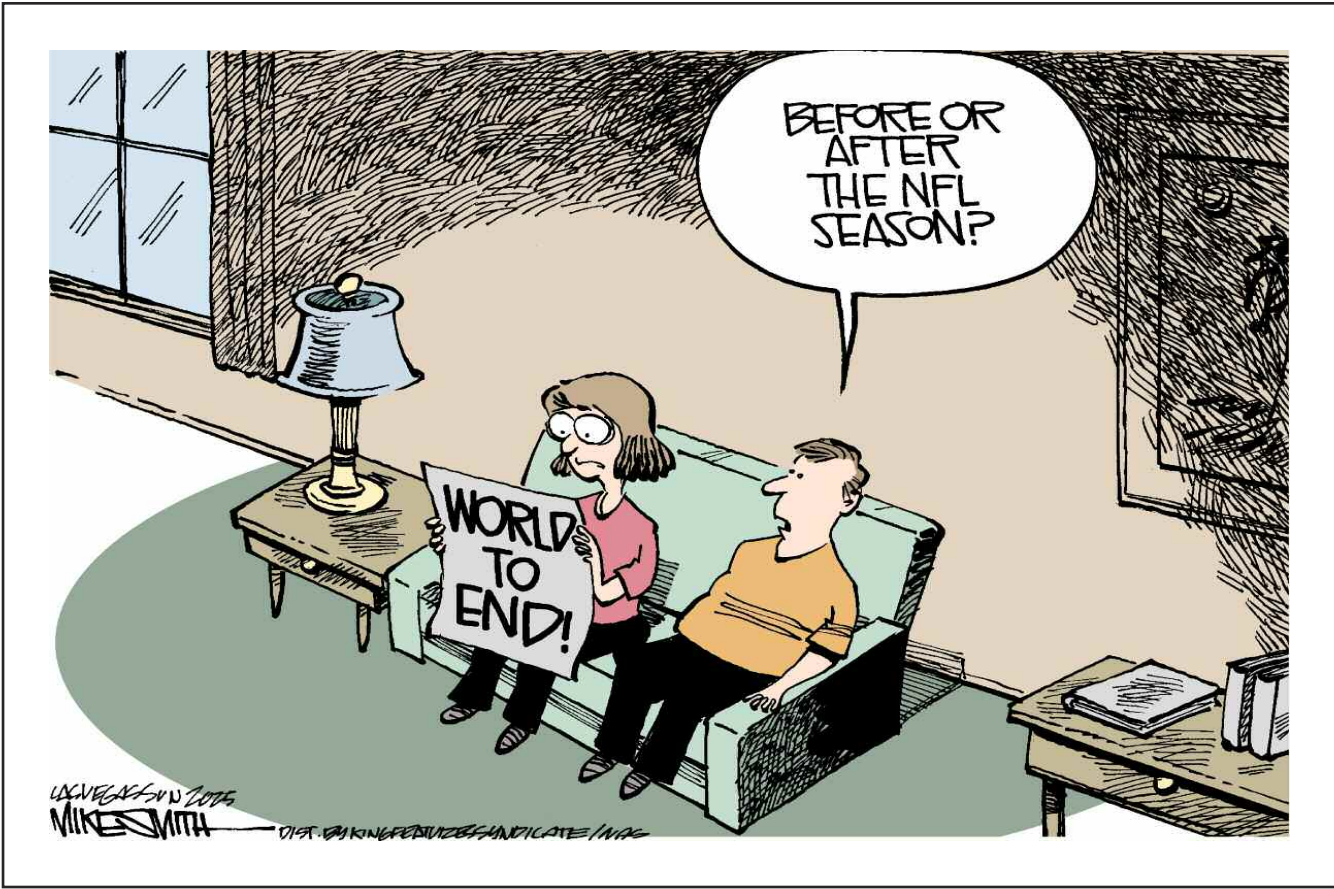
And here’s the thing: Narcan is not complicated. It comes most often as a nasal spray. You don’t need to be an expert to administer it. Anyone can. In fact, one of the most common reactions I hear after a training session is how easy it is to use.

I’ve been working in harm reduction since 2003, and one lesson I’ve learned is that people don’t come to us because they want to stay in active use. They come because they want support, and recovery often feels impossible. The path is never linear. What they need most is compassion, dignity and time.

Yet harm reduction remains under attack. Some policymakers continue to stigmatize or defund the tools that work. That approach is not only misguided, it’s dangerous. Every barrier to access Narcan means more preventable deaths. Universal Narcan distribution is one antidote to that hostility — it’s simple, effective and rooted in community care.

So here’s my ask: Take a training. Carry Narcan. Share it with your friends, your family, your community. Harm reduction doesn’t start in a clinic. It starts on the street, in our neighborhoods and in our homes. That’s where overdoses happen, and where lives can be saved.

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Political party shouldn’t matter

By JOHN KRULL
TheStatehouseFile.com

How many lies will be too many? And how much craziness will be too much?

Those have always been the essential questions regarding President Donald Trump.

In the years since he entered public life, he has stacked mistruth upon falsification upon fabrication until he has built a massive edifice of mendacity and obfuscation. He’s demanded that his followers — both the eager ones and the ones too frightened of him to do otherwise — embrace his bizarre alternate reality in which wrong is right, down is up and lies are truth.

Truth, though, provides a firm foundation.

Lies do not.

And that is what we’re beginning to see with the president’s maladroitness handling of the whole unbelievably sad Jeffrey Epstein saga.

Overwhelming evidence and the testimony of many — too many — survivors demonstrates that Epstein was a sexual predator who preyed on underage girls. He was able to roam free, damaging and destroying lives along his way, because he was a billionaire and because he enjoyed the friendship of prominent and powerful friends. Including Donald Trump.

When Epstein was caught and it became clear that he finally would be held fully accountable for his crimes, he killed himself in his cell.

That’s the official story.

There are other stories. Since Epstein’s death during Trump’s first term in the White House, conspiracy theories about the child rapist’s demise have sprung up like hothouse flowers.

But so have the public demands for a full and transparent accounting of how Epstein was able to prey

John Krull



on so many girls and young women for so long?

Powerful men — not just Trump, but also Great Britain’s Prince Andrew and former President Bill Clinton — have been implicated at times in the enduring controversy. The whole tragic and tawdry tale has become a flashpoint, a symbol of the many ways the lifestyles of the rich and shameless are different from those of the mass of Americans.

Trump exploited that division during his desperate campaign to return to the White House. He alluded to the great embarrassment and exposure many Democrats would experience once the records of Epstein’s activities became readily available. He vowed on the campaign trail to make “the Epstein files” public as soon as he was president.

That was before Trump learned, according to some excellent reporting by The Wall Street Journal, that his name was all over the Epstein files. That squares with the existing video and audio recordings of Trump talking about how close the two men were and how much they both “loved” beautiful women.

The fact that the president now stands to be implicated in some way by the release of the Epstein records has prompted him to do an about-face. He’s doing everything he can to delay having the files made public and to obfuscate about Epstein, their relationship and the origins of the controversy.

He’s called it a Democratic hoax and threatened Republicans who

want to give the women Epstein wronged a platform and a chance for justice with dire punishments.

It’s not helping him.

A recent poll by the University of Massachusetts Amherst revealed that nearly half of the people who voted for Trump in 2024 think he’s handled the Epstein matter badly. More than a quarter of them — 27% to be exact — now regret voting for him because of it.

That’s not surprising.

No matter how determined Trump is to divide America into two warring camps, most of us agree on some things.

When it comes to assaulting, molesting and raping young girls, we don’t care what political party the person belonged to. The important thing about that man isn’t that he’s a Republican or Democrat.

It is that he’s a sexual predator.

And we don’t like sexual predators.

To think that partisan loyalties should take priority over protecting innocent girls is, well, crazy.

Donald Trump has built his political career on unleashing the craziness in America, but I do not believe that most Americans are willing to be that crazy.

He also has acted as if he could lie his way out of any problem, but when half of the people who just voted for him say they want the truth, he’s got a problem.

We’re at the tipping point we Americans have been approaching for a decade now.

How many lies will be too many? And how much craziness will be too much?

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—Thomas Jefferson

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9-13CRYPTOQUIP

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VKEKISCKP, DMKO MBEK DS
JGSZ ISDA.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FAMED DRUMMER WHO LOVES GAMBLING GAMES THAT USE CARDS WITH FIVE ROWS AND COLUMNS: BINGO STARR.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals Y

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to the school year. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 6 = S)

A. 26 18 25 21 20 7 26

Clue: Teach

B. 11 26 6 6 14 4 6

Clue: Plans for teaching

C. 21 11 20 6 6 12 14 14 13

Clue: Where students gather

D. 6 16 11 11 20 23 25 6

Clue: Course outline

Answers: A. educate B. lessons C. classroom D. syllabus

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to school.

A E M X S

Answer: EXAMS

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in Pennsylvania on September 11, 1958. I studied literature at Rutgers University. I also was a minor league baseball pitcher in the 1980s. I've been on various television shows and also in the "Saw" films. But I'm best known as a gruff diner owner with a heart of gold.

Answer: Scott Patterson



Health FACT:

This position is the safest for a sleeping infant.

Answer: On their back

How they say that in...

English: Protect
Spanish: Proteger
Italian: Proteggere
French: Protéger
German: Beschützen

9-15CRYPTOQUIP

IQAJNDHQGBIKA TLS AGI
RHQODJP LT SIJDDP QOIXHJD
NLSRISQ JSLMKR OHXAMSIQ:

AGI GJDD LT TSJBI.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO BE A SUCCESSFUL REAL-ESTATE DEVELOPER, THEY HAVE TO KNOW LOTS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals L

Creative Coloring

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

SAFETY MONTH

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the individual words to reveal letters for the phrase.

PCAREIIF

EHTET

EBAHT

AFECs

Y

Y

MON

Answer: Baby Safety Month

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

10

1846: Elias Howe is granted a patent for the sewing machine.

1937: Nine nations attend the Nyon Conference to address international piracy in the Mediterranean Sea.

1960: Abebe Bikila becomes the first sub-Saharan African to win a gold medal, doing so in bare feet.

NEW WORD

OUTLET

a point in a wiring system where electricity can be accessed

SCHOOL YEAR WORD SEARCH

H A I B W K E P N K C B T N W X M K R G
B K H L M T M G U R K Y G X H I P R K P C
R Y X X O U E S X P E A T I D I O P M T T
T B R U O E S X P E A T I D I O P M T T
A A I E R C L L T E E E D E G R K R E Y
R E C E S S R S O B H O M B K Y E I L S
H D H S S N K E O H O O H E P X C N U K
N I W A A R Y A S D H O R Y A O M C R R D
R S G M L Y R G R A D E K M O Y M I H R
O N S H C D X A R N O T E B O O K P R E
T O P X L H Y A S R O T A L U C L A C H G
E S H W L I A H C C E N O I S L O L R G
A S O A I W G I Y H H E A T M B I K X I
C E T N D Y S S H R W C E U E K O C A A E
H L S M D S G W T H U D D C Y A K D H R
E D Y H N T K N A E E E A U P T X A M M
R K R X O D P L G N R L I K L E D R D B
Y O P D X I K P T L B M C E I E S D Y L
P T N E M N G I S S A A Y R A R B I L L
U Y D E S K S M G D B U G B U W W I U

WORDS
ASSIGNMENT
BACKPACK
BLACKBOARD
CALCULATOR
CHAIR
CHALK
CLASSROOM
DESK
EXAM
GRADE
HIGHLIGHTER
HOMEWORK
LESSON
LIBRARY
MARKER
NOTEBOOK
PRINCIPAL
RECESS
RULER
SCHEDULE
STUDENT
TEACHER
TEXTBOOK
WHITEBOARD

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

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Patch target
4 Employer
8 Valentine border
12 "Kinda" suffix
13 Diamond Head locale
14 Borodin's "Prince"
15 SSW opposite
16 Physics bit
17 Reporter's quest
18 Into two equal parts
21 DDE's opponent
22 Illustrations
23 "— de Lune"
26 Monk's title
27 June honoree
30 Place for a wreath
31 Lad
32 Chromosome part

33 Pitcher Maglie
34 Wooden pin
35 Cello bow application
36 Expert
37 Small battery
38 Hoedown instrument
45 Byron or Tennyson
46 Trenches
47 Tic-tac-toe loser
48 Novelist Rice
49 Peter Fonda role
50 Orange Muppet
51 Go by

DOWN

1 Peel
2 "Money — object"
3 "That was close!"
4 Straw hat
5 Solemn promises
6 Pump, e.g.
7 Recap
8 Swiss chocolate brand
9 Mellowed
10 Monk's hood
11 Gaelic
19 "Queen of Katwe" director
24 Mauna —
25 "You've got mail" ISP
26 Boating hazard
27 —
28 Black-bird
29 Comfy family room
31 Quick trip for a six-pack
32 Incite
34 Agt.'s cut
35 Elevated
36 Peaks of Peru
37 Pursuing
38 Applaud
39 Actress Chaplin
40 Coffee vessels
41 Christmas
42 Take a nap
43 Booty
44 Alimony recipients

Solution time: 26 mins.

BEA OWL CODED
ADM ARI RHINO
SIA TABLESIDE
ITT SPREE
CHIC UAE TEAM
RIP KAHLUA
ASSES REIGN
BIGTOE EMS
ARTE MAX EMMY
AMMAN JOU
SIDETABLE DUM
SWAMI ETATUM
ROBOT RST SHY

Yesterday's answer 9-13

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

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The numbers game

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

2
AK 9 5
AK 10 8 7 2
K Q

WEST

5 3
J 10 8 6 4 3
6 5
10 9 5

EAST

Q J 10 9 8 7 6
—
Q 4
7 6 4 2

SOUTH

AK 4
Q 7 2
J 9 3
AJ 8 3

The bidding:
North 1♦ 3♦ 3 NT
East 4♦ Pass 4♣ Pass
South 5♥ Pass 6♠ Pass
West 7♦ Pass 7 NT

Opening lead — five of spades.

Let's say you're South and end up in seven notrump after East's preemptive three spade bid left your side less space in which to bid. Your final bid is based on the theory that it's usually better to play in seven notrump than seven of a suit when both are feasible contracts, as notrump sometimes allows you to delay the play of a key suit while

safely exploring the distribution of other suits.
This deal provides an example. If North plays in seven diamonds, he is immediately faced with the problem of whether to take a finesse in the suit or cash the A-K and hope the queen falls. He might easily go wrong because East apparently has seven spades and therefore is more likely to have a singleton diamond than a doubleton.
But in seven notrump, there's no question about how to proceed. You win the spade lead with the king and cash the ace of spades, ace of diamonds and K-Q of clubs. When you next play the ace of hearts and East shows out, you now know much more about East's hand than you did at trick one. Most importantly, you know that East started with seven spades and no hearts.
Continuing with your exploratory moves, you next play the king of hearts and a low heart to your queen. When you then cash the A-J of clubs and East follows suit to both, all your worries melt away. East started with seven spades, no hearts, four clubs and therefore two diamonds. So, you lead your jack of diamonds to the king, felling East's queen, and the grand slam is home.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

8 3
Q 10
K 9 7 6
AQ J 8 7

WEST

10 7 6 5 4
7 6 4
A
10 9 6 2

EAST

AK Q J 9 2
9 5
J 3 2
5 3

SOUTH

—
AK J 8 3 2
Q 10 8 5 4
K 4

The bidding:
North 1♣ 1♥ 3♥ 4♥
East 1♠ 3♥ 5♥ 5♣
South 6♦
West 6♠

Opening lead — five of spades.

This deal occurred in the quarter-final match between Italy and the United States at the 2004 world team championship. The Italians defeated their longtime rivals by the slender margin of 12 IMPs in the 80-goal clash in which the lead changed hands many times.

Today's hand helped put the Americans into the lead early in the match. The bidding shown took place when Norberto Bocchi and

Giorgio Duboin were North-South for Italy. Duboin ruffed the opening spade lead and had to decide how to breach the trump suit.
West's four-spade bid indicated a distributional hand with few high cards, so it would seem that declarer would do best by leading a low diamond from his hand to see whether West had a singleton honor. In the actual case, this would have resolved the issue immediately. If an honor did not appear, declarer would play the king, and if it lost to the ace, he would have to decide whether to finesse East for the jack when the suit was next led from dummy.
Instead, Duboin crossed to dummy with a club at trick two and led a diamond to the queen. When this lost to the singleton ace, he had to go down one.

At the other table, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein of the U.S. also reached six diamonds and got a spade lead. Here, too, the Italian West had bid four spades at his first turn.

Weinstein considered his first play in the trump suit very carefully and found the winning line by leading low from his hand at trick two. The appearance of West's ace gave the Americans a 16-IMP pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: The sure way is the best way.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Sheep call
4 Bridge coups
9 Uber alter-native
12 Actress Mac-Graw
13 Watch brand
14 Spanish gold
15 Sans-serif typeface
17 Map lines (Abbr.)
18 Bank-book abbr.
19 Polar
21 Asian capital
24 Wife of Zeus
25 Coffee vessel
26 Biol. or chem.
28 Pub projectiles
31 Authorita-tive order
33 Cain's mom

35 Telegram
36 Less wild
38 Lanka lead-in
40 100 yrs.
41 Historic times
43 Shocked
45 Diocese part
47 — -cone
48 Peyton's brother
49 Mouth organ
54 WWII service member
55 Love affair
56 Coquet-tish
57 "Dia-monds" singer

58 Tightly packed
59 Thither

DOWN

1 "Hum-bug!"
2 Ginger —
3 Be sick
4 Public quarrels
5 Pie crust pattern
6 "— was saying ..."
7 Book after Jonah
8 Sky-rocketed
9 Central American nation
10 Intro stu-dio class

11 Pear type
16 Red-carpet type
20 Gullet
21 Grass clump
22 Met melody
23 Susan Sontag novel
27 Hosp. hookups
29 "— chic!"
30 Faxed
32 Garr of "Tootsie"
34 Dutch Renaissance scholar
37 Actress Phylicia
39 Dis-regard
42 Mortify
44 Sweetie
45 Church furniture
46 Jai —
50 Harry Potter pal
51 Glacial
52 Bill's partner
53 Writer Rand

Solution time: 21 mins.

RIP BOSS LACE
ISH OAHU IGOR
NNE ATOM NEWS
DOWNTHEMIDDLE
AES ART
CLAIR FRA DAD
DOOR BOY GENE
SAL PEG ROSIN
ACE AAA
COUNTRYFTDDLE
LORD RUTS OOX
ANNE ULEE ZOE
PASS NERD ETS

Saturday's answer 9-15

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
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18 19 20
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57 58 59

SPEED BUMP

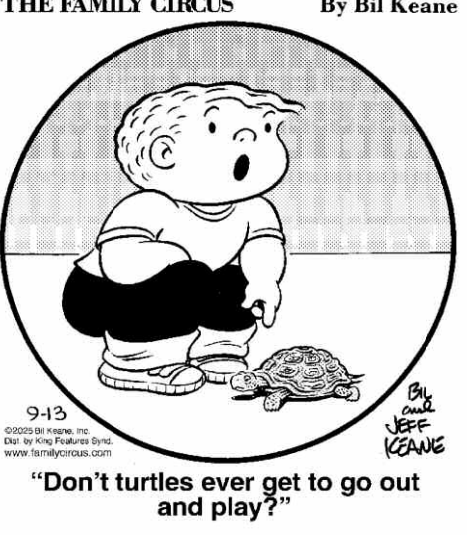
Dave Coverly



Exercise Equipment 4 sale

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



9-13

“Don't turtles ever get to go out and play?”

SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



DO YOU WANNA... DO YOU WANNA GO FOR AAA...

HA HA, SEE, I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO SAY THE WORD "PINT."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



9-15

“Daddies believe 'zactly what you say, but mommies can read your mind.”

Peanuts




THAT HAS TO BE THE DUMBEST EXPERIMENT I'VE EVER SEEN!

WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO KNOW HOW MANY NOTCHES YOU CAN PUT IN A DOGHOUSE BEFORE THE ROOF FALLS IN?

IT'S CALLED "LIVE AND LEARN"

OR IS IT "LIVE AND DON'T LEARN"?

Peanuts



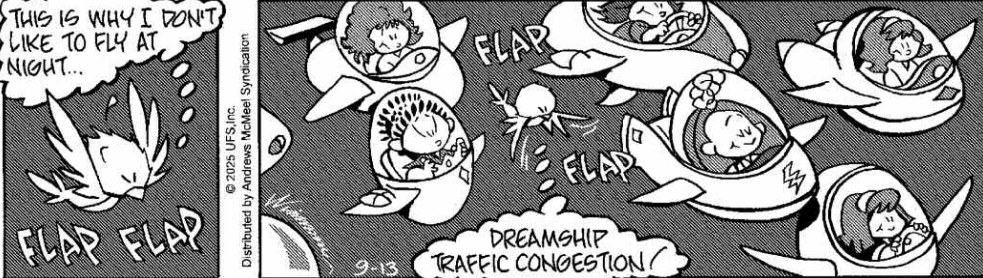
PSST! WAKE UP, SIR!

I CAN'T LIFT MY HEAD, MARCIE... GIVE ME A LITTLE PUSH...

BONK!!

DON'T CALL ON ME FOR A WHILE, MA'AM... I'M HERE, BUT MY NOSE IS IN THE RECOVERY ROOM!

Rose is Rose



THIS IS WHY I DON'T LIKE TO FLY AT NIGHT...

FLAP FLAP

DREAMSHIP TRAFFIC CONGESTION!

Rose is Rose



HIKING IS A GREAT WAY TO RECONNECT WITH NATURE...

WE ALL RECONNECT IN OUR OWN WAY...

WE ARE WARRIORS OF THE MOUNTAIN!

Agnes



AGNES... IT IS YOUR TURN TO SET UP FOR YOUR SCIENCE PROJECT PRESENTATION...

IT IS SET UP...

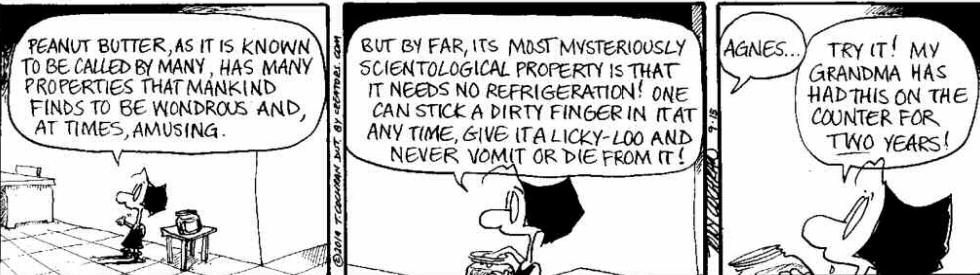
THAT IS JUST A JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER...

SIGH... WHY DO WE SCIENTISTS ALWAYS HAVE TO DEAL WITH SKEPTICS?

PEANUT BUTTER IS NOT A SCIENCE...

OH... NOW YOU'RE A RELIGIOUS ZEALOT?

Agnes



PEANUT BUTTER, AS IT IS KNOWN TO BE CALLED BY MANY, HAS MANY PROPERTIES THAT MANKIND FINDS TO BE WONDEROUS AND, AT TIMES, AMUSING...

BUT BY FAR, ITS MOST MYSTERIOUSLY SCIENTOLOGICAL PROPERTY IS THAT IT NEEDS NO REFRIGERATION! ONE CAN STICK A DIRTY FINGER IN IT AT ANY TIME, GIVE IT A LICKY-LOO AND NEVER VOMIT OR DIE FROM IT!

AGNES... TRY IT! MY GRANDMA HAS HAD THIS ON THE COUNTER FOR TWO YEARS!

Hi and Lois



I GOT A BACKUP PUMP TO INCREASE WATER PRESSURE...

WHAT DO YOU NEED THAT FOR?

WATCH...

Hi and Lois



A CANDLE, A GLASS OF WINE AND A STEAK DINNER?

SO, WHAT ARE YOU ASKING ME FOR?

EAT FIRST, THEN WE'LL TALK...

Between Friends



HARV... WE NEED TO TALK... THE DISTILLERY OFFERED ME AN IMPROVED PACKAGE...

I'M HAVING OUR LAWYER REVIEW IT, AND IF THERE ARE NO ISSUES, I'M QUITTING MY JOB AND ACCEPTING THEIR OFFER...

I'M NOT HAPPY AT THIS COMPANY, AND I'M NOT SPENDING MY LAST WORKING YEARS BEING MISERABLE... I'M SORRY ABOUT THE PAY CUT, BUT THAT'S WHAT I'VE DECIDED...

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?

Between Friends



WELL... I DID IT... I ACCEPTED THE DISTILLERY OFFER AND I GAVE MY TWO-WEEK NOTICE HERE...

CONGRATULATIONS! WHAT DID HUMAN RESOURCES SAY?

THEY SAID THEY WANT ME TO LEAVE NOW...

THEY DID?

YEP...

Blondie



CARE TO ROUND UP YOUR TOTAL TO HELP SAVE THE WILD SNAILS OF THE ARCHPELAGO?

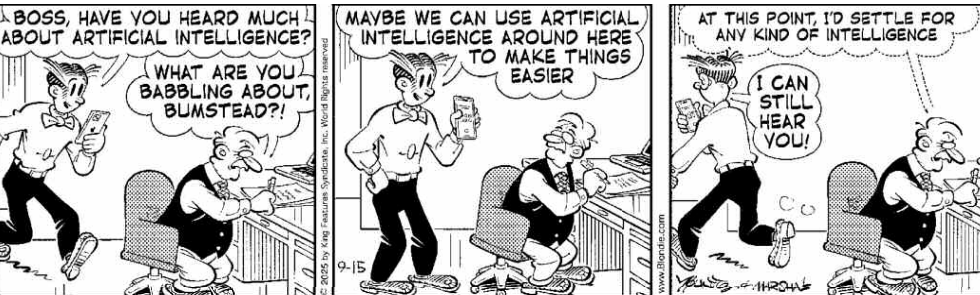
HUM? OH, NOT TODAY...

IT'S ONLY A FEW CENTS... I'M ROUNDING UP!

ME TOO, FOR SURE...

THESE DAYS YOU GET A FREE GUILT TRIP WITH YOUR CHECKOUT...

Blondie



A BOSS, HAVE YOU HEARD MUCH ABOUT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?

WHAT ARE YOU, BABBLING ABOUT, BUMSTEAD?

MAYBE WE CAN USE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AROUND HERE TO MAKE THINGS EASIER...

AT THIS POINT, I'D SETTLE FOR ANY KIND OF INTELLIGENCE...

I CAN STILL HEAR YOU!

Snuffy Smith



BRACE YORESELVES, FOLKS!!

OH NO !! EARTHQUAKE ???!

IT'S TIME FER TH' NEWS !!

SORTA !!

Snuffy Smith



SPARK PLUG CAN WHISTLE ?!

YEP !! JUST STARTED UP DOING IT RIGHT OUTTA THE BLUE !!

HE MUST'VE HEARD ME WHISTLING AND STARTED COPYING !!

NAW !! I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAR HE GOT IT, BARNEY !!

CUZ FER ONE THING, HE'S WHISTLIN' ON KEY !!

Beetle Bailey



I TRIED YOUR SOUP...

CAN YOU SAY ANYTHING GOOD ABOUT IT?

NO FLY...

Beetle Bailey



IT'S SO PEACEFUL SITTING HERE BY THE POND...

BUT THERE ARE DANGERS LURKING BELOW THE SURFACE...

We Deliver

Laughter

The Commercial Review We Deliver

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

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word
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The Alcohol Beverage Board of Jay County, will hold a public
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Chambers, 1616 N. Franklin St. in the city of Portland, to inves-
tigate the propriety of holding an alcoholic beverage permit by
the applicants listed herein. To watch the hearing, visit
https://www.in.gov/atc/public-meetings/local-board-hearings Ap-
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3 Terry Hanks 08/15/2016
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the Jackson Township Trustee
will meet on Monday, September
22, 2025 at 5341 W 400 N, Portland
IN 47371 at 7:00 PM to consider
the adoption of the Township's
Capital Improvement Plan.
Taxpayers appearing at the meet-
ing shall have the right to com-
ment. The Capital Improvement
Plan as adopted will be referred
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Rex A. Pinkerton, Trustee
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20TH, 2025
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Located under cover in the Industrial Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds,
Portland Indiana on Thursday Afternoon
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
5:00 P.M.
HOUSEHOLD GOODS – OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS
Oak dining room table with 6 chairs; Oak 2 pc. lighted china cabinet; Berne 2
cushion sofa; Berne 3 cushion sofa; 3 pc. full size bedroom suit with 4 drawer
dresser and 4 drawer bookshelf; GE upright freezer; Avanti dorm size
refrigerator; (2) Lazy Boy rocker/recliner; 4 drawer dresser; Lane cedar chest;
King size bed; night stands; (2) occasional chairs; Lazy Boy reclining sofa; glider
rocker; Samsung TV; kitchen appliances; sofa table; lamps; Char Broil grill;
Riccra sweeper; floor lamp; day bed; quilts; bedding; 1/24 SCALE DIE CAST
CARS: LARGE SELCTION TO INCLUDE Dale Earnhardt, Michael Waltrip,
Dale Jarrett, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Terry Labonte, Kevin Harvick, Casey Mears,
Jimmie Johnson, and Jamie McMurray to name a few; Hummel figurines; cups
& saucer sets; Autumn Leaf tea pot; linens; doilies; Lefton figurines; Milk White
set of dishes; West Moreland; Ironstone Tea Leaf plates; St Clair paperweight;
pictures; crock; Fostoria; Pyrex mixing bowl set; Jim Davis paperweight;
Nativity blow molds; baking dishes; Corelle set of dishes; (2) Apple covered
jars; Springtime Japan set of dishes; cookware; kerosene lamp; Norman
Rockwell plates; DVD's; VHS tapes; plasticware; buttons; pictures; Christmas
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ITEMS - GUNS**
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Number mattress;
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sofa; (2) leather reclin-
ers; Longaberger bas-
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jar; Diamond Arms 12ga
single shot; Stevens 22
lever action single shot
octagon barrel; baseball
gloves; canning jars;
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TRAILER - TOOLS
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cans; pry bars; pliers;
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shelf; GE upright freez-
er; Avanti dorm size
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Boy rocker/recliner; 1/24
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Dale Jarrett, Dale Earn-
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9:00 A.M.
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hours. 1961 JD 3010 D. NF Tractor. JD 3020 NF
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Mighty Mite 16HP D Tractor. Case 1030 Tractor w/
3600 hours. New Holland GT-122A Lawn Tractor
w/ deck and blade. Wheelhorse Raider 12 Riding
Mower. Wheelhorse 14HP Garden Tractor.
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Chevy Luv Diesel 5 Speed. 1981 Chevy Luv for
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2300 Miles. 2009 Kawasaki KLX 250 S Dirt Bike
w/ 708 Miles. 2009 Kawasaki KLX 250 SF w/ 8525
Miles. (5) JD Front Weights. (12) AC Suitcase
Weights. Frontier GM 2190 R 3pt Finish Mower. 7’
Grade Master 3pt Maintainer. 3pt 1 Bottom Cable
Plow. JD 55-A 3 Bottom Plow. 3pt 1 Bottom Plow.
JD 2-12 2 Bottom Plow on Steel. Oliver 565 4
Bottom Plow. AC 2000 5 Bottom Plow. (2) JD 3pt 3
Bottom Plows. 3pt Oliver 3 Bottom Plow. JD 7’
Cycle Bar Mower. JD 4 Row Cultivator. New Idea
2 Row wide Picker. AC 1200 Field Cultivator. (3)
JD 4 Row Wide Planters. 10’ Spring Tooth Harrow.
JD 12’ Wheel Disc. Landall 11 Shank Ripper. New
Idea PTO Manure Spreader. JD 24T Square Baler.
International PTO Manure Spreader for Parts. Kelly
18” Backhoe Bucket. (2) 165 Bushel Hopper
Wagons. 200 Gallon Fuel Tank w/ New Electric
Pump. Western Snowplow w/ Skid loader Mount.
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029, 017 Chainsaws. Stihl Weed Eater. JD 828D
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Tongs and Log Rollers. Old License Plates. Garden
Plow. (4) Steel Wheels. Radio Flyer Wagon.

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Fortunes reversed

Jay gives up goals on long shots, crosses in loss to Oak Hill

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

On Tuesday evening, Kendra Muhlenkamp wanted her team to come out aggressive.

It scored twice in the first 37 seconds.

She wanted the Patriots to use the second half to work on crosses and longer shots.

Maria Laux cashed in a 25-yarder.

They ended up on the opposite side of those objectives against an undefeated rival Thursday.

The Oak Hill Golden Eagles got on the board in the first four minutes on a shot from more than 30 yards out, hit another long shot to start the second half and closed the scoring with a deflection off a cross as they handed the Jay County High School girls soccer team a 5-0 loss.

“Still figuring it out,” said Muhlenkamp. “I didn’t underestimate. I knew they were going to be competitive. But, you know, we came off an 8-0 win against the team, hoping that would boost our morale ...”

Oak Hill (8-0-1) blanked the Patriots while delivering on some of their objectives in the process. It controlled the ball immediately, getting on the board first when junior midfielder Bella Kenyon found herself all alone with the ball in the center of the field. She took the opportunity to bomb a shot from about 30 yards out, putting it just under the crossbar for a 1-0 lead at the 36:47 mark.

Be aggressive, check.

Shoot from distance, check.

Defender Brooklyn Young, a sophomore, scored twice in the second half as OHHS coach Samantha Metzger flipped her lineup. She launched a long shot of her own that connected in the first five minutes and then took cross from Lexi Nuber, typically



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School freshman Charlee Peters goes up for a header on a corner kick during the second half of the Patriots’ 5-0 loss Thursday to the undefeated Oak Hill Golden Eagles. The next four JCHS games will be on the road, beginning with a visit Saturday to South Adams.

the team’s sweeper, and deflected it past goalie Maleah Parsons for the five-goal final margin.

“It was definitely good for them to connect,” said Metzger, whose team now has four wins in a row for the second time this season. (A 1-1 tie with Manchester separates the two winning

streaks.) “They both play defense, and so for them to be able to move up top and have a goal together was really exciting.

“I’m really proud of how our team played tonight,” she added. “We’ve had a week off, and ... you never know how the girls are going to come knowing that you

haven’t played in a while. And I thought we came out ready to win from the get-go.”

It was a frustrating day for Jay County (5-3), which rarely saw scoring opportunities after rolling over Wapahani on Tuesday. While it wasn’t by any means a game played entirely on the

Golden Eagles’ half of the field, the visitors tended to get to the ball first. Nuber kept it away from the net, and junior midfielder/forward Kora Pond alternately dictated the offense or made runs at the goal.

London Lloyd was generally at the center of the Patriots’ scoring opportunities, feeding a cross to Charlee Peters midway through the first half, taking a through ball from Raylin Hummer for a shot on which Oak Hill goalie Jolee Hawkins made a one-handed save and crashing the goal on a long free kick from Tessa Frazee.

Peters also had a long shot saved at the left post about 10 minutes into the game, and Hummer ran a give-and-go with Elly Byrum late in the first half that Nuber and Hawkins were able to turn away.

“They were beating us to the passes, number one,” said Muhlenkamp. “And two, we weren’t able to connect. They had some speedsters in the front ...”

The Patriots played most of the game without leading scorer Aixa Lopez (six goals), who was hit in the side of the head by a ball kicked from behind her and did not return.

Oak Hill’s other goals came on a Pond through ball to junior Erika Newhouse at the 22:02 mark of the first half and a Landri Hardman blitz straight up the middle with 21:18 on the clock in the second half.

Parsons recorded 21 saves, her highest total of the season. (Her previous high was 18 in the Patriots’ 2-1 loss to Coldwater on Aug. 28.)

Jay County’s next four games will be on the road — the first three against conference opponents, including South Adams on Saturday, and the last against undefeated Delta (7-0) on Sept. 23.

Barnett leads Patriots past Woodlan

WOODBURN — The first time the Patriots faced an Allen County Athletic Conference team, they got out of the gym as early as possible with a sweep.

When they went north to face the Warriors, they couldn’t end it in three, but still picked up the win.

The Jay County High School volleyball team stayed undefeated in ACAC play as it beat the Woodlan Warriors on Thursday 25-18, 25-12, 25-27, 26-24.

The Patriots (7-4, 2-0 ACAC) had a new offensive leader as Elizabeth Barnett earned 11 kills. Four more Patriots contributed offensively as Hallie Schwieterman had nine kills, Mya Kunkler and Maria Hemmelgarn each

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put down eight balls and Brenna Schmiesing added seven.

Defense at the net also played a big part in the win as Jay County blocked 13 shots. Kunkler and Hemmelgarn led at the net with nine and eight assisted blocks, respectively.

JCHS also racked up 16 aces on Woodlan (7-3, 0-1 ACAC). Schwieterman led with five aces, while Lani Muhlenkamp served four

up and Kayla Jetmore and Paisley Fugiett both had three.

Ball handling leaders were Muhlenkamp with 20 digs and Fugiett with 35 assists.

ACAC loss

BLUFFTON — While Jay County’s boys tennis team has had its best start to a season since Donald Gillespie took over as head coach, they couldn’t beat the Bluffton Tigers as it dropped the ACAC opener 4-1 Thursday.

Paul Dirksen owned the sole victory for Jay County (6-4, 0-1 ACAC) by beating Jacob Ribich 7-5, 6-0 at the No. 1 singles position.

Henry Dirksen nearly forced a third set against

Bluffton’s No. 2 singles player, Reid Abbett, but fell 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

Kadyn Carpenter and Alex Miller also lost the No. 1 singles match in a tie breaker as Coy Lantz and Lance Moser snuck out a 6-3, 7-6 (7-2) win.

Gabe Overton and Brock Wasson pushed Parker Christal and Dane Fiechter in the No. 2 doubles match, but were defeated 7-5, 6-2.

Clark Wellman couldn’t overcome Vince Lambert in a 6-2, 6-1 No. 3 singles loss.

Lead slipped

YORKTOWN — The Jay County boys soccer team couldn’t hold onto an early lead as it lost to the Yorktown Tigers 3-2 on Tuesday.

The Patriots (4-4-1) drew first blood as Jacoby Penrod found the net off an assist from Rockland Beiswanger two minutes into the game.

Penrod paid it forward with an assist to Brody Collins five minutes later to put JCHS up 2-0.

The Tigers (2-6) scored late in the half to bring them within one goal at the intermission.

YHS snuck two more balls past goalkeeper Peyton Yowell, who finished with 11 saves, to claim the victory.

Jay struggles

ALBANY — Jay County’s girls golf team had a tough day at Albany Golf Club on Thursday, leading

to a 215-231 loss at the hands of the Delta Eagles.

The Patriots’ best score came from Taven Bently as the junior carded a 56. She made just one bogey on the round, as she took five strokes to finish the 325-yard, par-4 fourth hole.

Delta’s Addison Condie earned match medalist honors in her varsity debut as she shot a 52.

Erin Aker followed for Jay County (2-10) with a 57. Aker made par three times on holes No. 2, 3 and 6.

Alexa Ridenour finished with 58 strokes, while Elizabeth Brunswick rounded out the score with a 60.

Reny Lingo and Crystal Swartzentruber both had 63s that didn’t affect the outcome.

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“We bounced back hard this week,” said senior quarterback Nick Laux. “We focused on doing the little things right and working hard — playing together no matter the outcome.

“I thought we came out and just worked hard. That was the biggest thing. We used that experience we had last week to humble us, and everybody rallied together this week and went at it.”

Jay County (1-3, 0-2 ACAC) started in a completely new look, eschewing the offensive formations they had run over the course of the first three weeks in favor of the double wing.

It was effective early.

Using the tightly packed formation based on deceiving the defense, the Patriots needed just two plays to get a first down on carries of 4 and 7 yards from Leighton Brown. They punted

three plays later, but responded by forcing a three-and out for Adams Central (4-0, 1-0 ACAC).

JCHS gained more momentum on its second drive, which started with an 8-yard run from Brady Jetmore. It chipped away, with Carter Fugiett converting a fourth-and-2 on the first play of the second quarter en route to moving the ball to the 29-yard line.

The home team tried to get the first points on the board, sending freshman kicker Jacoby Penrod out to attempt a 46-yard field goal. He had the distance, but his boot hooked just wide left.

Still, to that point the Patriots had held the ball for 13 minutes, 37 seconds, while Adams Central had run just three plays.

“Their game plan was such that they took us out of what we wanted to do,” said ACHS coach Michael Mosser. “We came into this ball game not knowing what the heck they were going to do.

We’ve seen a gamut of things from them offensively. ...

“We had no clue. And this, to be honest, I didn’t think this. ...

“Kudos to them. It’s a good game plan against us. And if their game plan was to hold the ball and drive and prevent us from scoring, they accomplished that.”

The game turned when his Jets touched the ball for the second time, with senior running back Joey Everett breaking a 67-yard sweep for a touchdown around the right end. After Vance Miller ran in a 33-yard score, Adams Central quarterback Jamison Roach hit Everett for a 29-yard TD that made it 19-0 at the half.

The visitors went on to score on every possession after their short-lived opening drive, with Miller adding touchdown runs of 5 and 3 yards in the third quarter as part of his 12-carry, 122-yard evening. Thomas Laughlin

reached paydirt on a 3-yarder in the fourth.

Though the scoreboard was more lopsided than in the previous two seasons against ACHS, the Patriots walked off the field Friday night with a much more hopeful outlook than they had seven days earlier.

“We told our kids this week, we’re going to bet on our toughness,” said Fields. “We’ve tried the option game; it hasn’t worked. It’s not who we are.

“I thought they played really tough. ... That’s who we’ve got to be. And I think that fits the community. ...”

“We left New Castle kind of confused. We left Southern Wells with very little hope,” he added. “I think our kids were scared we were a bad football team. Even as bad as the score is, I think we leave tonight as a hopeful football team that can grow and win football games.”

Box score

Class 2A No. 1 Adams Central
Jets (4-0, 2-0 ACAC)
at Jay County
Patriots (1-3, 0-2 ACAC)

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First Quarter
No scoring

Second Quarter
AC — Joey Everett 67 run (pass failed), 7:09.
AC — Vance Miller 33 run (run failed), 2:42.
AC — Everett 29 pass from Roach (Braylen Cowans kick), 1:56.

Third Quarter
AC — Miller 5 run (Cowans kick), 9:26.
AC — Miller 3 run (Cowans kick), 2:30.

Fourth Quarter
AC — Thomas Laughlin 3 run (Cowans kick), 8:00.

Team Statistics

	AC	JC
Rushes - yds	26-280	36-100
Comp-Att-Int	6-9-0	7-11-0
Passing yds	82	62
Total Plays	35	47
Total Offense	362	162
Punt ret - yds	1-27	0-0
Kickoff ret - yds	1-3	2-35
Sacks - yds lost	0-0	0-0
Punts - yds	0-0	4-103
Ints - yds	0-0	0-0
Fumbles - lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties - yds	1-10	2-15

Individual Statistics

Rushing — Adams Central — Vance Miller 12-122, Joey Everett 4-78, Jamison Roach 7-67, Thomas Laughlin 3-13. Jay County — Garrett Bennett 6-29, Leighton Brown 11-21, Brady Jetmore 6-20, Carter Fugiett 8-20, Nick Laux 3-8, Bryan Fields 1-3, Kenton Cochran 1-(-1).

Passing — Adams Central — Jamison Roach 6-9-0 82. Jay County — Nick Laux 7-11-0 62.

Receiving — Adams Central — Brayland Reber 3-32, Joey Everett 1-29, Barrett Collier 1-14, Ashton Yergler 1-7. Jay County — Aiden Phillips 5-53, Brady Jetmore 1-6, Carter Fugiett 1-3.

Tribe golfers beat undefeated St. Henry

The Tribe needed a win to keep their hopes of a second Midwest Athletic Conference title alive.

The Indians played just well enough and now they need to close out the final MAC match to be tied heading into the tournament.

Fort Recovery High School’s girls golf team picked off undefeated St. Henry 194-197 at Portland Golf Club on Thursday to pull itself into a tie for first place in the MAC.

Olivia Knapke’s 45 strokes beat out Ava Wattercutter, who shot a 48 to lead St. Henry, to earn match medalist honors.

Evvie Briner also shot better than all of St. Henry as she card-

Fort Recovery Roundup

ed a 47. Mallory Evers finished one stroke behind with a 48 and Georgia Wenning’s 54 rounded out the team score.

Cora Pearson had 57 strokes and Macy Kaffenberger shot a 58 that didn’t impact the final.

Fort Recovery (10-1, 6-1 MAC) only has a match at New Bremen remaining. It will play the Cardinals on Tuesday, but the match is sandwiched around a

pair of non-conference meets on Monday and Thursday.

Should the Indians beat NBHS, they would enter Saturday’s MAC Tournament tied for the top spot and placing first would give them their second consecutive outright conference title.

Offense falters

FORT RECOVERY — The Fort Recovery volleyball team put up a good fight but couldn’t overcome the Division VI No. 1 New Bremen Cardinals in a 25-20, 25-17, 25-20 loss on Thursday.

The Tribe offense struggled as Fort Recovery (3-5, 0-3 MAC) only managed 28 kills to the 42 balls New Bremen (10-0, 3-0

MAC) put down. Bridget Homan and Brynn Willmann led the way with six kills apiece, while Cameron Muhlenkamp and Kenna Dues each had five.

Other leaders for the Indians were Dues with four aces, Muhlenkamp with two blocks, Homan with 10 digs and Kayden Ranley with 22 assists.

FRHS will face Crestview next before returning to MAC play with a match at Minster.

LeFevre leads

CELINA, Ohio — The Fort Recovery boys golf team lost another nailbiter on Thursday at Mercer County Elks Golf Course as St. Henry took it down 167-172.

Reece LeFevre earned match medalist honors for the 10th time this season by shooting a 36 for even-par. He had one blip on the third hole, where he shot a triple-bogey, but a birdie on the second and an eagle on the fourth made up for it.

St. Henry was led by Michael Rindler, who carded a 39.

Both Caleb Smith and Andrew Rehmert provided the second-best score for the Indians (7-6, 4-5 MAC) by finishing with 45 strokes. They combined to make eight pars and six bogeys.

Luke Fortkamp rounded out the team score with a 46.

Carson Fullenkamp shot a 47 and Garrett Diller carded a 49 that didn’t affect the final.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Cross Country at Randolph Southern Invite – 9 a.m.; Volleyball at Noblesville tournament – 9 a.m.; Girls soccer at South Adams – 10 a.m.; Boys tennis in Patriot Invitational – 10 a.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. Woodlan – 10 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Nate Niekamp Invite – 8 a.m.; Cross country at Troy Twilight – 6:30 p.m.; JV football at St. Henry – 10 a.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. Ansonia – 10 a.m.; Middle school cross country at Troy Twilight – 6:30 p.m.

Monday

Jay County — Boys tennis vs. Blackford – 5 p.m.; JV football at Adams Central – 6 p.m.; Junior high soccer vs. Muncie Southside – 5:30 p.m.; Junior high volleyball at Muncie Southside – 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls golf at Russia – 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball at Crestview – 5:30 p.m.; Freshman football at Fort Loramie – 5 p.m.; Middle school volleyball at Celina – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Jay County — Girls golf vs. Southern Wells – 4:30 p.m.; Boys tennis vs. Adams Central – 5 p.m.; Boys soccer vs. Richmond – 5:30 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Adams Central – 6 p.m.; JV boys soccer vs. Richmond – 7 p.m.; Junior high football at Southern Wells – 5:30 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. Adams Central – 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls golf at New Bremen – 4 p.m.; Volleyball at Minster (including freshmen) – 4:30 p.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. Minster – 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today

5:35 a.m. — AFL: Gold Coast Suns at Brisbane Lions (FS1)

7:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Arsenal FC at Nottingham Forest (USA)

9 a.m. — MotoGP: San Marino Grand Prix (FS1)

10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Fulham at Leeds United (USA)

12 p.m. — College football: Wisconsin at Alabama (ABC); Oklahoma at Temple (ESPN2); Houston Christian at Nebraska (FS1); Oregon at Northwestern (FOX); Central Michigan at Michigan (BTN); Clemson at Georgia Tech (ESPN)

12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: West Ham United at Tottenham Hotspur (NBC)

12:30 p.m. — NWSL soccer: North

Carolina Courage at Angel City (CBS)

3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Brentford at Chelsea (USA)

3:30 p.m. — College football: Georgia at Tennessee (ABC); USC at Purdue (CBS); Youngstown State at Michigan State (BTN); Villanova at Penn State (FS1); Oregon State at Texas Tech (FOX); Pitt at West Virginia (ESPN)

4 p.m. — College football: Iowa State at Arkansas State (ESPN2)

7 p.m. — College football: Western Michigan at Illinois (FS1)

7:30 p.m. — College football: Florida at LSU (ABC); Texas A&M at Notre Dame (NBC); UMass Amherst at Iowa (BTN)

7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Bass Pro Shops Night Race (USA)

7:30 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Charleston Battery at Oakland Roots (FOX)

8 p.m. — College football: Duke at Tulane (ESPN2)

8:15 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Milwaukee Brewers (FOX)

9:45 p.m. — College football: Air Force at Utah State (FS1)

10 p.m. — College football: Southern at Fresno State (CBS)

10:05 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Athletics (FDSN Indiana)

10:30 p.m. — College football: Minnesota at Cal (ESPN); Texas State at Arizona State (TNT)

Sunday

8 a.m. — MotoGP: San Marino Grand Prix (FS1)

9 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Burnley at Liverpool FC (USA)

12:30 p.m. — PLL lacrosse: New York Atlas at Denver Outlaws (ABC)

1 p.m. — NFL: Chicago Bears at Detroit Lions (FOX)

1 p.m. — College volleyball: Baylor at Florida (ESPN2)

1 p.m. — WNBA: Golden State Valkyries at Minnesota Lynx (ESPN)

2 p.m. — NHRA: 40th NHRA Reading Nationals (FS1)

3 p.m. — College volleyball: Arizona State at Texas (ESPN2)

3 p.m. — WNBA: Indiana Fever at Atlanta Dream (ABC)

3 p.m. — La Liga soccer: FC Barcelona at Valencia (ESPN)

4:05 p.m. — NFL: Denver Broncos at Indianapolis Colts (CBS)

4:05 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Athletics (FDSN Indiana)

4:25 p.m. — NFL: Philadelphia Eagles at Kansas City Chiefs (FOX)

5 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Phoenix Mercury (ESPN)

7:10 p.m. — MLB: New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox (ESPN)

8:20 p.m. — NFL: Atlanta Falcons at Minnesota Vikings (NBC)

10 p.m. — WNBA: Seattle Storm at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN)

Monday

6:15 p.m. — Track and Field: World Athletics Championships (USA)

7 p.m. — NFL: Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Houston Texans (ABC)

7:45 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals (FDSN Indiana)

10 p.m. — NFL: Los Angeles Chargers at Las Vegas Raiders (ABC)

Tuesday

6:15 p.m. — Track and Field: World Athletics Championships (USA)

7:10 p.m. — MLB: San Diego Padres at New York Mets (TBS)

7:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Nebraska at Creighton (FS1)

7:30 p.m. — WNBA: Atlanta Dream at Indiana Fever (ESPN)

7:45 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals (FDSN Indiana)

9:30 p.m. — WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at Seattle Storm (ESPN)

10:10 p.m. — MLB: Philadelphia Phillies at Los Angeles Dodgers (TBS)

Local notes

Cooper to host

Cooper Farms will host its 18th Annual Turkey Trot 5K benefiting EverHeart Hospice on Nov. 1.

The race will begin at Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Point at 1 Cooper Farms Drive, St. Henry, OH. Registration is at 9 a.m. with the race beginning at 10 a.m.

There will be age groups from 9-and-younger to 60-and-older. Awards will be handed out to the top female and male from each age group.

Refreshments and a to-go turkey meal will be provided for all runners.

For more information on registering, visit speedy-feet.com and search “Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K” or email Tonya Huber at tonyah@cooperfarms.com.

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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Progress in defeat

Patriots show toughness, togetherness despite falling 40-0 to top-ranked Adams Central

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Eddie Fields called time out with 8:31 on the clock in the second quarter.

To that point, his team had 55 yards of offense and four first downs.

The Class 2A No. 1 defending state champions had run three plays, gained 5 yards and punted.

Eventually the game shifted, with Adams Central imposing its will. But there was significant progress for the Jay County High School football team Friday despite its 40-0 loss to the visiting Jets.

"I thought we moved forward. I thought our kids grew, and they were better," said Fields, who is in his first year leading JCHS. "I thought the positives out of our kids — the toughness and playing hard — came back. And we hadn't seen it for two weeks."

The Patriots were left reeling a week earlier when they lost 21-14 to a Southern Wells squad that had dropped 21 in a row overall and 25 straight in the Allen County Athletic Conference.

In between, they regrouped.

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Carter Fugiett of Jay County High School turns the corner on a pair of Adams Central defenders, including Joey Everett (left), during the second half Friday. Fugiett was one of four Patriots to rush for 20-plus yards, joining Garrett Bennett (29), Leighton Brown (21) and Brady Jetmore (20).

Tied until half

Tribe hung with fifth ranked St. Henry until giving up 13 points in the third quarter

FORT RECOVERY — The Tribe showed some life against the Cavaliers in week No. 3, but couldn't get the win.

When the fifth-ranked team made the eight mile drive across Ohio 119, there were similar results.

The Fort Recovery High School football team hung with Division VII No. 5 St. Henry, keeping the game tied at half-time, but ultimately fell 33-13 Friday.

St. Henry (3-1, 1-1 Midwest Athletic Conference) struck first as quarterback Charlie Werling completed an eight-play drive with a 7-yard carry with 4 minutes 10 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

The ball changed hands a couple of times before the Indians (2-2, 0-2 MAC) struck back. After receiving the ball at their own 20-yard line, Reece Wendel, the team's leading rusher with 87 yards, ripped off a 79-yard carry before getting stopped at the one. Breaker Jutte got the ball for the 1-yard touchdown to tie the game 6-6.

The game went downhill for Fort Recovery in the final six minutes of the third quarter. The first score of the period came at the 5:59 mark as Werling connected with Will Speck for an 11-yard touchdown.

The next time SHHS got the ball back, Werling took the pigskin himself, traveling the full 91 yards to the end zone to go up 19-6.

The Tribe got some relief as it scored on a trick play where Jutte threw a 21-yard touchdown to Brody Barga to cap off an 11-play, 75-yard drive.

Things again turned south for FRHS as St. Henry managed two more scores to ice the game away. The first was a 3-yard keeper by Werling, while the second was a Jak Huelsman pick six.

The Indians got beat on the ground as St. Henry totaled 287 rushing yards on 36 attempts to their 28 attempts that amounted to 163. Werling worked exceptionally well out of the backfield, gaining 201 of the team's yards, while Speck followed with 79.

Along with Wendel's 87 yards, Alex Garke added 48 and Jutte had 28.

Neither team did much in the air as Werling passed for 59 yards and one touchdown while going 5-of-11 with an interception and Gaerke went 3-for-14 for 32 yards and two balls that got picked off.

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