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# GPC earns 31 state awards

INDIANAPOLIS — For the second year in a row, The Graphic Printing Company earned more than 30 awards in the state journalism contest.

Awards were presented Friday during the Hoosier State Press Association Foundation Journalism Conference and Awards Luncheon on Friday at Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport, with The Graphic Printing Company earning 31. That total included 13 for its flagship publication, The Commercial Review, and nine first-place honors.

Haul included 13 for The Commercial Review, with Balko winning for sports event coverage

The CR has earned at least five ter) and five for The News Times newspapers with a circulation of awards in the Hoosier State Press Association contest every year since 2011.

It picked up another 13 awards

of 1,500 or fewer).

The awards for The CR came for The News-Gazette (Winches- in Division III, which is for daily ownership of the three papers —

(Hartford City), both in Division 6,000 or fewer. The contest period I (non-dailies with a circulation covered April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025.

In its first two full years of

the company bought The News-Gazette and The News Times in May 2023 — it has earned a total of 67 awards from the state press association.

Sports reporter Andrew Balko earned the lone first-place award for The Commercial Review for sports event coverage — one of his seven awards on the day. His win came for his story about the Jay County High School boys' soccer team's 3-2 win over Eastbrook in penalty kicks for the 2024 sectional championship.

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Royalty,

County High celebrated School homecoming Friday night. Finley Hatzell Matthew Fisher (above) were crowned king and queen during halftime of the Patriots' loss to the Bluffton Tigers. Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter (left) passes over Harold E. Schutz Memorial Stadium while delivering the game ball. After it landed west of the stadium, Jay County JROTC students took the ball and delivered it to former coach Tom Bruin. For another photo from homecoming festivities, see page 2. For more on the game, see page 10.

# **Funding** measure comes up short in **Senate**

**Dueling** versions shot down *before* recess

By DAVID LERMAN CQ-Roll Call

Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON The Senate shot down dueling versions of a short-term funding patch Friday before leaving town for a weeklong recess without a plan in place to avoid a partial government shutdown

next month. With lawmakers unable to resolve a partisan standoff over extending expiring health insurance subsidies, Senate leaders agreed to engage in a bit of political theater, allowing each party to get a vote on its own version of a stopgap spending measure, knowing neither would have enough support to

Party leaders agreed to set a 60-vote threshold for each, and the GOP-controlled chamber is divided 53-47.

Republican leaders got a bit of surprise bad news when Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, voted against the Republican-authored version, which passed the House earlier Fridav. Murkowski, who has proposed extending the higher health care subsidies for two years, joined Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky as the only two GOP senators to vote "no."

Republicans actually got fewer votes for their version, which fell short on a 44-48 vote, despite backing from Sen. John Fetterman, D-Pa. The vote on Democrats' more expansive stopgap bill, which would permanently extend the expiring health care tax credits, was 47-45; no one on either side crossed the aisle on that vote.

Multiple absences on the GOP side Friday didn't help their cause. though Republicans didn't expect to pass their bill in the first place and gave senators a pass to be elsewhere if needed.

The defeat of both bills inched the government closer to a partial shutdown once current funding runs out on Sept. 30.

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#### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 80 degrees.

Expect partly cloudy skies today with a high in the upper 80s. There is a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight.

Rain is expected Sunday with a high of 80 and winds gusting to 20 mph.

Monday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with showers likely and a high in the mid 70s. There is a 50% chance of rain Tuesday, with the high again in the mid 70s. Lows Sunday and Monday will be in

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

Indiana Military Vehicle Preservation Association's annual Salute to the Troops Rally and Swap Meet continues from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Jay County Fair-grounds. It is being held in conjunction with an open house at Museum of the Soldier. A parade through Portland is scheduled for 10 a.m.

#### **Coming up**

Tuesday — Details from Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

Wednesday — Coverage of Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

**Thursday** — Results from the JCHS girls soccer game at

undefeated Delta.



# Awards

Continued from page 1 Balko also picked up a thirdplace award for sports feature photo.

President, editor and publisher Ray Cooney earned six awards for The CR as part of his total of 13 across all three publications. He took second place for editorial writer and general news photo and third for sports event coverage, headline writing, general news photo and sports action

Reporter Bailey Cline earned three of her four awards in photography categories for The Com-

place for best feature photo and second and third places for portrait.

Olivia Columnist Smith received the first award of her career, taking third for general commentary.

The Commercial Review's staff also earned third place for its website.

The News-Gazette had a big day with six first-place awards. Cooney picked up three of those wins — news coverage under deadline pressure for his story about the memorial service honoring fallen Winchester firefightmercial Review, taking second er Rick Sanders, sports event cov-

Wapahani High School 4x800meter relay team's regional championship and general news photo for his photo of firefighters battling a fire in northern Randolph County.

Scott Shaffer claimed first place for portrait for his photo of Kaylee Thompson with Santa Claus at Northblock Coffee in Winchester, and Hank Nuwer won for general commentary for his Far From Randolph County column. The newspaper also took the top spot for best website.

The News Times also picked up a couple of first-place honors.

erage for his story about the Wins came from Balko in multiple picture group for his photos from the Blackford County Fair and Cooney in sports action photo for his shot of Delta receiver Cooper Bratton making a onehanded catch during the Eagles' 2024 sectional semifinal loss to Mississinewa.

The Graphic Printing Company swept a couple of categories in Division I. Cooney (second for The News-Gazette) and Cline (third for The News-Gazette) ioined first-place Balko in the multiple picture group category. Balko picked up second place for The News-Gazette and third for

The News Times for sports event coverage behind Cooney's win.

Other Division I awards for The Graphic Printing Company were as follows:

#### The News-Gazette

Second — Cooney for short feature story, and Balko for feature

 Balko for sports fea-Third ture photo and retired sports editor Rick Reed for sports feature coverage

#### **The News Times**

Second — Cooney for general news photo and the staff for web-

# CR almanac

Sunday 9/21	Monday 9/22	Tuesday 9/23	Wednesday 9/24	Thursday 9/25
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83/64	74/62	78/60	72/58	74/57
There's a slight chance of showers or thunder- storms Sun- day. The high		Mostly cloudy skies on Tuesday with a chance of rain.	Wednes- day's fore- cast shows a 50% chance of showers.	Rain showers in the morning with a slight chance of rain.

# **Lotteries**

#### Hoosier

may reach 83 skies.

Midday Daily Three: 9-0-9 Daily Four: 8-5-9-9 Quick Draw: 4-9-12-15-16-18-21-22-26-28-33-42-48-56-59-61-62-66-69-

Ohio Midday Pick 3: 1-4-8 Pick 4: 8-8-7-5 Pick 5: 3-4-2-1-8

#### **Powerball**

Estimated jackpot: \$99

#### million

**Mega Millions** Estimated jackpot: \$423 million

## **Markets**

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery	Wheat4.79
Corn4.17	ADM
Oct. corn4.12	Montpelier
	Corn3.96
POET Biorefining	Late Sept. corn3.96
Portland	Beans9.96
Corn4.19	Late Sept. beans9.96
Oct./Nov. corn4.09	Wheat4.74
Dec. corn4.29	
	Heartland
The Andersons	St. Anthony
Richland Township	Corn4.09
Corn4.04	Oct. corn3.99
Oct. corn4.01	Beans9.78
Beans9.93	Oct. beans9.78
Dec. beans10.37	Wheat4.59

# **Today in history**

by Ferdinand Magellan of Portugal departed on NBA championships as a quest to circumnavigate the globe. Though he died during the voyage, the expedition King defeated Bobby accomplished its goal.

In 1850, Congress abolished the slave trade in Washington, D.C. It came as part of legislation referred to as the Compromise of 1850.

1870, Italian In troops occupied Rome. The military move eventually led to Rome being incorporated into the Kingdom of Italy and limiting the Pope's governing authority.

In 1878, Upton Sinclair, " author of "The Jungle," was born in Baltimore, Maryland.

**In 1881**, Chester A. Arthur was sworn in as the 21st president of the United States, one day after the death of James A. Garfield.

In 1886, Johannesburg was founded in South Africa.

coach Red Auerbach mer coach Jerry Kaup. was born Arnold Jacob

In 1519, a group led Auerbach in Brooklyn. New York. He won nine coach of the Boston Celtics.

In 1973, Billie Jean Riggs in a "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match.

In 1984, a suicide car bomber killed 22 in an attack on the U.S. embassy in Beirut.

In 1997, the Jay County High School volleyball team won the Eastbrook Invitational. Kim Flowers racked up 15 aces and 27 digs in the tournament.

In 2001, President George W. Bush declared a global military campaign against terrorism.

In 2017, Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico. The storm was responsible for nearly 3,000 deaths and more than \$90 billion in damage.

In 2021, Fort Recov-School Board approved the hiring of Kevin Eyink as baseball coach. Eyink had been In 1917, basketball an assistant under for-

# WELCOME CLASS OF '76

The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

# Inaugural return

The Jay County High School Class of 1976 was welcomed back for Friday's homecoming celebration, including members riding on a float in the parade. Pictured, the float carrying the members of the school's first graduating class makes its way down Votaw Street.

# **Funding**

Senate South Dakota, said he plans

to reconsider the vote when the Senate comes back after recess. Unless senators return early from the Rosh Hashana recess next week — an option Senate leaders did not rule out Friday — lawmakers would have only two scheduled

pass a funding extension before the deadline. "I think it's unlikely we'll be in next week but, obviously, never say never,"

work days remaining to

Thune said. House GOP leaders, meanwhile, on Friday canceled their scheduled Sept. 29-30 votes, though they reserved the right to call members back to Washington if the Senate hasn't passed a stopgap bill yet.

The House-passed measure would extend current spending levels through Nov. 21 to keep the government open. But it would not include an extension for the enhanced tax credits that defray the cost of health coverage purchased on government-run

exchanges, which are set to expire at the end of this year.

Democrats included a permanent extension of those subsidies — at an estimated cost of \$350 bil-

lion over 10 years — in Majority their stopgap bill, which Leader John Thune, R- would extend current spending through Oct. 31.

The defeats of both versions set the stage for a tense standoff that could drag on straight through a potential shutdown unless leaders can reach a bipartisan deal. But so far, neither side was ready to blink.

Thune told reporters repeatedly there was no room for negotiating costly health care provisions in a short-term funding exten-

"It looks to me like it's either this or a shutdown," he said of the Republican

But the Congressional Budget Office and other independent analysts say by then it will be too late to prevent steep premium increases for millions of individuals with coverage purchased on federal and state exchanges, with insurers already setting rates and open enrollment starting Nov. 1.

"When Republicans say they don't want to talk about health care — yet what they are saying is they don't want to talk about it until a lot of the damage has been done," Senate Appropriations ranking Democrat Patty Murray of Washington said during debate Friday.

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# Citizen's calendar

#### Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Port- Mooney St.

3:45 p.m. — Jay Coun- **Wednesday** tv Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.

7 p.m. — Dunkirk Council, city building, 131 S. Main

#### Tuesday

6 p.m. Redkey Town Council, cabin, Morgan Park,

6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.

6 p.m. — Jay County Council public hearing, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St.,



# Dish stars red peppers

By BETH DOOLEY

The Minnesota Star Tribune Tribune News Service

Panzanella, the classic Italian salad of sun-split tomatoes and crisped croutons flush with a bold vinaigrette, is the pinnacle of the late summer harvest.

And if we were in Tuscany, home of the original panzanella, and sipping chianti as the sun sinks into the hills, that dish might include a whole lot more roasted red peppers or roasted eggplant, or blanched green beans, perhaps toma-

In Italy, panzanella simply means bread salad. Born of Italian thrift and creativity, it's a delicious way to dispatch stale bread and what's left in the garden. This recipe was inspired by a bounty of plump, almost tooripe, red bell peppers from the farmers market. It showcases their sweet, smoky nature when blistered under the broiler or on the grill, and it relies on a few slices of stale miche, baguette or

Though some recipes recommend soaking the bread in water first, that step washes out its flavor and texture. Lightly toasted driedout bread has the best texture, crisped on the outside and chewy within and just absorbent enough to soak up all the salad's components.

The backbone of this salad is the fragrant basil vinaigrette. Simply whizz together handfuls of garden-fresh basil, peppery olive oil, fresh garlic and a splash of snappy red wine vinegar. The bread,

when well toasted, won't turn high or prepare the grill. to mush as the salad rests and Toss the peppers with 1 the ingredients meld together.

This is a wonderful makeahead summer salad. Turn it into a vegetarian meal by adding a cupful of cooked white beans and/or mozzarella and shredded Parmesan cheese. For omnivores, toss in grilled chicken, sausage or salmon. It will hold up for a potluck, backyard barbecue, picnic or an easy and elegant dinner on the deck. Don't forget the chianti.

#### **Harvest Panzanella**

Serves 6.

You can make this ahead, just be sure to toast the bread well so it doesn't turn to mush as the flavors meld together. Use any fresh veggies you have on hand. This recipe features roasted peppers but tomatoes, corn and green beans all work beautifully. Add a few olives for color and punch.

4 large red bell peppers (about 2 lb.)

½ c. extra-virgin olive oil, divided

Coarse salt

Freshly ground black pep-

1 small onion, thinly sliced

½ baguette or countrystyle bread, cubed into 1-in. red pepper flakes, and black squares (about 10 to 12 c.)

2 cloves garlic, minced 3 tbsp. red wine vinegar Generous pinch red pep-

per flakes ¼ c. chopped fresh basil 2 tbsp. chopped parsley

#### Directions

Preheat the broiler on leyskitchen.com.

tablespoon of the oil and season with the salt and pep-

Roast the peppers, turning occasionally until their skins are blackened and blistered all over, about 10 to 12 minutes. Remove and cover with a kitchen towel or set in a paper bag to cool for 15 minutes. Peel and seed the peppers and cut into 1- to 2inch pieces. Transfer to a large bowl and add the onion.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Scatter the bread cubes over the baking sheet and drizzle with 2 tablespoons of the oil, tossing until well coated. Season with salt and pepper and toast in the oven, shaking the pan occasionally, until crisped and brown, about 8 to 10 minutes. Remove and allow to cool.

Put the garlic, vinegar, pinch of red pepper flakes, basil, parsley and the remaining oil into a blender and whizz together.

Transfer the toasted bread cubes to the bowl with the vegetables and toss with the vinaigrette. Taste and adjust the seasoning, adding additional oil and vinegar, salt, pepper as necessary.

Cover and allow the flavors to mingle at least 1 hour or up to 4 hours before serving.

Beth Dooley is the author of "The Perennial Kitchen." her at bethdoo-

# Adult son refuses to share the truth

DEAR ABBY: My son has trouble telling the truth. He was getting up late, dressing for work, leaving and coming back early. When my husband and I asked him about having a job, he said he had one. When we asked him to show us his paycheck, he fumbled around on his phone, then he confessed that he had no job. He said he has been at the library looking for work.

This isn't the first time my son has lied to us. He agreed to counseling. He is good to us and he is kind, but he lies. He is in his 40s now. Help! How do we live with a liar? — CAN'T BELIEVE HIM IN **CALIFORNIA** 

DEAR CAN'T BELIEVE: Assuming that your son isn't penniless, where has he been getting money? If it is from you and your husband, it's time to stop. That may give him an incentive to look harder for employment. While you are at it, give him a date after which he must have found other lodging, and stick to it. A counselor may be able to help your son with his problem telling the truth, but it is long past time that you stopped living with it.

DEAR ABBY: I am 29 and on the autism spectrum, and I live with my parents. I work a fulltime job I enjoy and help my folks out financially wherever I can, but my life feels like it is at a dead end.

I have wanted to go back to college, but I often wonder if it's even worth it anymore. On top of that, my two best friends abandoned me, and I can't shake off my loneliness. I want to be successful and meet new people, but I have no idea what to do or where to go from here. Is there still hope? — LOST CAUSE IN **GEORGIA** 

DEAR LOST CAUSE: You are only 29! If you think that furthering your education better luck.

Dear Abby



will enhance your career opportunities, avail yourself of the opportunity. You are single and don't have children to support, so this is the time to go for it.

As to your loneliness, you are socially isolated right now. Getting out and into activities that interest you will enhance your chances of meeting like-minded people. You may be depressed, but you are NOT a lost cause. Of course there is still hope!

DEAR ABBY: I have lousy luck with women. I get involved with women who are slightly broken. Then I fix them and think we are growing a relationship, only for them to find the next love of their lives and push me into the friend zone. It is leaving me disappointed and emotionally exhausted. I'm a good person, capable of giving and accepting love, but it appears I'm only a stopgap. It's making me want to just be alone. Advice? — MR. FIX-IT IN

DEAR MR. FIX-IT: There is nothing wrong with being alone. In fact, it can be healthy. You need to break a destructive pattern that you may have established. It is important that you get over the impulse to rescue women who have been unlucky in love and whose self-esteem is weak. Concentrate instead on finding someone who feels good about herself without your help, and you may have

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# **Community Calendar**

Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item. email news@thecr.com.

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.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL MUSEUM — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Friday and Saturday of each month at Webster Depot, 132 W. Railroad St.

MUSEUM OF THE SOL-DIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland.

#### Sunday

Notices will appear in based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

#### Monday

PORTLAND 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 Community Center.

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

Hoover St., Dunkirk.
TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. A BETTER LIFE - BRI- Meridian St., Portland. ANNA'S HOPE — A faith- 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 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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restau-

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.

#### **Tuesday**

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JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tues-Richard's Restaurant.

COMPASSIONATE CON-NECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a 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 - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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.

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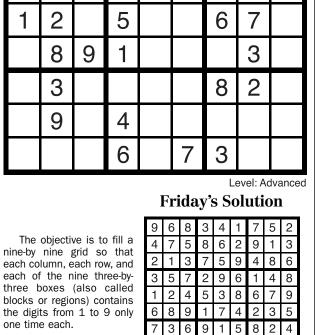
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# Former resident calls for change

To the editor:

Portland continues to take hit after hit, and the challenges our community faces cannot be ignored any longer.

From economic decline to housing shortages and infrastructure failures, it feels as though our city is being tested at every turn — and yet, little is being done to find real solutions.

Jay County has lost over 1,000 jobs in the past decade, shrinking the local workforce and weakening the tax base. At the same time, our housing stock has barely grown since the 1990s, leaving us with shortages and blight while younger fami-

# **Letters to** the Editor

lies move elsewhere. Efforts to develop new housing are moving far too slowly.

Infrastructure is another critical problem. Flooding from Millers Branch and the Salamonie River continues to damage property and quality of life, while the city still faces a 2025 deadline to eliminate combined sewer overflows. Our emerand communications equipment that put both responders and residents at risk.

Health and social issues compound these struggles. Jay County is classified as a shortage area for primary care, dental and mental health services. Prescription drug abuse and overdoses remain serious concerns. Poverty rates are high, especially among children, leaving too many families vulnera-

Adding to these problems, the Portland Police Department has become part of the issue rather

gency services are stretched no secret the department needs ly replied but now no longer in law enforcement and, right now, that trust is broken.

On top of this, downtown Portland still suffers from neglected and hazardous properties, stalling revitalization efforts. Policy debates over solar farms, wind energy and funding bills only add to the uncertainty about the county's direction.

As a former Portland resident and now a business owner based out of Houston, Texas, I have reached out to Mayor Jeff Westlake and members of the than part of the solution. It is city council. The mayor initial-

thin, with outdated facilities a complete overhaul. A commu-responds, and not one council nity cannot thrive without trust member has acknowledged my repeated emails. My business and I have even offered to sit down and meet — at no cost to discuss ways we could help address these challenges, yet nobody has been willing to

> Portland and Jay County deserve leaders who listen, who respond and who act with urgency. Ignoring citizens and rejecting offers of help will not move this community forward. The time for change is now.

Sincerely, Josh Schlechty Houston

# Reject divide, forge new hope

**By RICH HARWOOD** 

The Fulcrum Tribune News Service

The cold-blooded murder of the young, conservative activist Charlie Kirk is a tragic reminder of the state of our nation. We must awaken ourselves to the harsh truth that confronts us: While our politics are broken, something much deeper and more profound is happening in America. We face a cultural and human dilemma.

So, let's tell the truth. We need more truth-tellers.

Too often these days, a commitment to decency is replaced with cruelty and capricious acts. People's inherent dignity gets lip service while so many Americans suffer and lose hope. Rhetorical prayers and condolences take the place of real action, which we so desperately need today.

There is too much hatred, bigotry and demonization of one another in our land. Knee-jerk fingerpointing takes the place of actual leadership. Condescension and acrimony persist when we need empathy and compassion the most. Hubris and certitude dangerously crowd out humility.

Many of us are exhaustmust awaken ourselves, working. fear and feelings of powerlessness amid these challenges. Resistance alone is tucky and beyond. no substitute for an articulation of what we are for. We need to not only muster a shared will to face our challenges, but we must also find the courage to join with others and embrace the possibilities that we know in our hearts.

Indeed, we must remind ourselves of something else we already know: In all the distractions, we can lose sight of the inherent and innate goodness of people. But it exists. Routinely, I travel across the country from the most conservative to the most liberal strongholds and everywhere in between. Most of the time, I cannot tell who is a Republican, Democrat or independent. Instead, I see, hear and experience Americans. Every day people. Human beings who are yearning for better lives. Who says that we can do better and be better? Those who desire to put this country on a more hopeful trajectory moving forward.





human beings.

This requires that we face the real challenges before us. Our broken politics are but a symptom of a larger cultural and human dilemma we face in our communities and the country. Fragmentation. Loneliness. Negativity. Despair. A lack of belief in ourselves and one another.

People experience these challenges regardless of who they voted for in the last election. Indeed, they have been brewing for decades, even as recent years have accelerated and deepened our cultural plight.

I call on us — on all Americans, no matter your political persuasion to reject more divisive politics and choose a new civic path instead. This is how we can address our cultural and human dilemma, not simply because I believe it. But because I see people every day forging this new and more ed by all the noise and con- hopeful path in the local fusion. I know I am. We communities where I'm Everywhere We must not succumb to from Florida to Ohio to North Carolina to California to Alabama to Ken-

> Indeed, this work must begin in our local communities. That's where we can turn outward toward one another, see and hear each other, uphold each other's dignity, and build anew together. That's where we can begin to restore our belief in one another and our nation.

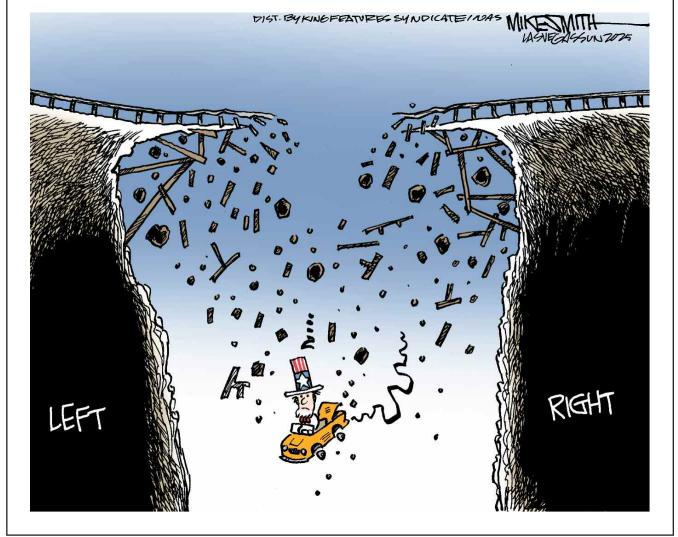
It is possible. It is doable. It is vital.

So here's what I ask of you. Join me and thousands of others who have already embraced this new civic path for America. Let us not give up or give in to despair, hatred, toxic political battles, or violence. We must not surrender – not now, not ever.

Let us awaken ourselves. Let's get to work. It's time to build a more hopeful future. We are meant to go together.

We can do this. We must do this. Our communities and our very nation depend on it. Join me.

Harwood is the president Let us remember who and founder of The Harwe are and what we seek as wood Institute.



# Redford left a golden legacy

vincing actor ever to play the title

character in the 1974 film adaptation

of F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great

accept that Mia Farrow's Daisy ever

would cast him aside for Bruce

Dern's Tom, but Redford could not

convey the desperate longing that

drove Gatsby to his tragic end. He

was not a man who would allow him-

self to show that much yearning for

his presence on the screen so power-

ful. The more he held back, the more

the women in his films and the audi-

ences in the theaters leaned forward.

beneath the smiling face and the

withholding, he made moviegoers scour below the surface.

He did the same as a director.

When we did, we saw the scars

That was his gift as an actor. By

His first film in the director's chair

1980's "Ordinary People" — dove

deep to reveal the sorrows, disap-

pointments and resentments roiling

within a family that seemed to out-

side observers an exemplar of the

In that movie, he elicited an amaz-

ing performance from Mary Tyler

Moore, a turn that managed to be

It was this elusiveness that made

anything or anyone.

golden hair.

American Dream.

Not only could audiences not

Gatsby.'

By JOHN KRULL TheStatehouseFile.com

No one displayed the quiet heartache beneath the heartthrob, the wounded interior below the gorgeous exterior, the way Robert Red-

His gift as an actor was his sense reserve, the reening mai thing was always being held back, something churning behind that handsome face.

Several of his leading ladies commented on it.

Kim Basinger from "The Natural" said that when she was in character, this removed quality of Redford's as he played baseball phenom Roy Hobbs drove her crazy. Her character wanted, no, needed, something from his character — and his character wouldn't or couldn't give it to her.

In perhaps his most romantic film, the glorious weeper "The Way We Were" with Barbra Streisand, his character Hubbell Gardner writes:

"In a way, he was like the country he lived in. Everything came too easily to him, but at least he knew it. About once a month he worried that he was a fraud."

One reason Redford could play that film's damaged male lead — a man who cannot commit fully to anything, including his wife or even his own talent — so devastatingly effectively was that some part of him feared he was that guy.

Things did seem to come easily to

Relatively early in his career, when he was lobbying director Mike Nichols for the lead in "The Graduate" that eventually went to Dustin Hoffman, Nichols said he didn't want to cast Redford because he didn't think audiences would believe he struggled to get a girl.

"When was the last time you struck out?" Nichols famously **John** 



He directed other fine films — "A River Runs Through It" and "Quiz Show" are the best—that explored "What do you mean?" Redford similar themes. responded, puzzled by the question. In "A River Runs Through It," Brad Because Redford never had to work hard to woo audiences or anyone else, he was perhaps the least con-

Pitt's golden-boy good looks conceal the self-destructive streak driving a talented young man to his doom. In "Quiz Show," the superficial glamor and elegance of the 1950s television world corrupt another golden boy, Ralph Fiennes' Charles Van Doren.

time. Under Redford's direction,

Moore — who had been known pri-

marily as a light comedienne up until

then — etched a portrait of a woman

so consumed by grief and anger that

she seemed to ache through the

If Redford's art had a lesson to impart, it was this: A winning visage can hide an awful lot, including a soul at war with itself.

There were sorrows in his life, the death of his mother when he was a teenager and the loss of two children.

He rarely spoke of his grief publicly. His reticence to speak of his emotional life embodied a kind of American male code, one that said what mattered most about a man was that which he chose to share with only a

And only if those few looked behind the curtain and paid close attention.

Robert Redford died the other day. He was 89.

He left behind a legacy of superb performances and films, ones that remind us that the truth is always something more than what meets the

May he rest in peace.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals G

#### Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

#### Writing history

1) In what city was the first newspaper in the American colonies published on Sept. 25, 1690?

2) What founding father published a series of letters using the pseudonym Silence Dogood?

> 2) Benjamin Franklin 1) Boston

#### 9-23 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: UNUSUAL MACHINE USED FOR DISASSEMBLING LONG WOODEN OR WIRE BARRIERS: A DE-FENCE MECHANISM.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals G



FALL IS HERE WORD SEARCH

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

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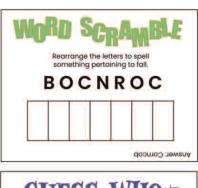
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I am an actor born on September 16, 1992 in Maryland. I attended the University of Central Florida. In 2016, I had a small role on "Stranger Things." I gained fame as a character on a Netflix teen drama named after an area in North Carolina.

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Answer: Chase Stokes

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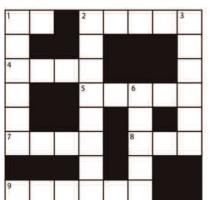


Leaves change color in the fall due to the breakdown of this substance.

Answer: Chlorophyll



Spanish: Fresco Italian: Fresco French: Frais German: Kalt



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3. Not as hot

6. Digital message

1. They grow on trees

2. Game played with a

**Crossword Puzzle** 

#### ACROSS

- 1. California city (abbr.)
- 2. Sudden fear 4. Dull pain
- Rest on knees
- 7. One who feels superior to others

8. We breathe it 9. Place for learning

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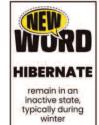


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1961: The world's first retractable roof stadium, the Civic Arena, opens in

1983: Vanessa the first Black Miss America.











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#### WORD By Eugene Sheffer

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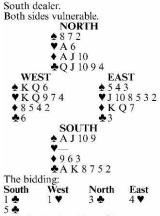
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# Contract By Steve Becker

# That Old Black Magic



Opening lead — king of hearts.

The declarer who strives for p fection is always on the lookout for a way to improve on his chances even when he already has a very good chance to succeed by adopting the most obvious line of play. Sometimes he may have to do something unusual, but if that's what the situation calls for, he does

Consider this deal where South is in five clubs. It seems normal to win the heart lead with the ace, discarding a diamond, then cash the queen of trump and stake the

outcome on two spade finesses. As it happens, both finesses lose, and South goes down one because he must also lose a diamond trick.

Inlucky, you could South is a more imaginative declarer, he makes the contract. Rather than rely on the 75% probability that Factorian declared the form of the factorian declared to the factori ability that East was dealt either the king or queen of spades, or both, which is essentially a matter of luck, South opts for a different course of action that eliminates the luck factor.

Instead of taking the king of

hearts with the ace at trick one, he plays low from dummy and dis-cards a diamond from his hand! Now the contract cannot be stopped, even though West holds two apparently certain spade tricks.

Let's say West continues a heart

at trick two. South discards another diamond on dummy's ace, cashes the queen of trump and ace of dia monds, then ruffs the ten of dia-monds high. This is followed by a trump to dummy's nine and a ruff of the jack of diamonds.

Dummy now has the 8-7-2 of spades and J-10-4 of trump; South has the A-J-10-9 of spades and the A-8 of trump. Declarer leads the trump eight to dummy's ten, then plays a spade to his nine. West wins with the queen but must yield the contract who trace he returns contract, whatever he returns.

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#### Contract By Steve Becker Bridge

#### A long-term view

Neither side vulnerable.
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 ▼ 10 7 6 2 ♣K4 EAST ♠ K Q ♥ 4 • 8 7 5 3 2 WEST **♣**Q7653 SOUTH **A** 6 ♥A Q 9 8 3 ♦ Q 9 ♣ A 10 8 2 The bidding: South West South 1 ♥ North East Pass Pass

South dealer.

Pass Opening lead — two of spades.

How should declarer go about planning the play of this hand? At the start, he sees a sure loser in spades, a very likely loser in diamonds, and none in clubs, provided be can successfully ruff two clubs. he can successfully ruff two clubs in dummy. In the trump suit, he might lose one, two or no tricks,

depending on how the defenders' cards are divided. South should start by taking the spade lead with the ace and promptly return a spade. There are two reasons for this play. One is that it is not a bad idea, when you

don't know what to do, to hand the ball to the opponents — they might not know what to do either, and

not know what to do cliner, and might make a helpful play.

The other reason is that it may be possible to establish dummy's spades, and that could come in

spades, and that could come in handy later in the play.

East wins the spade with the king and returns a diamond. South plays the queen hopefully, but West covers with the king and dummy takes the ace. A spade is next led, East showing out, and declarer ruffs. Then, after playing a club to the king, South ruffs dummy's fourth spade, finally establishing the ten as a trick. the ten as a trick.

South next plays the ace of hearts,

then cashes the ace of clubs and leads a club, intending to ruff in

If West elects to ruff with the jack at this point, declarer can dis-card dummy's diamond, so let's say West discards a diamond. South ruffs the club and discards his diamond on the ten of spades. Thus, all West can score is his K-J of trump. It would have made no difference if East had held the K-J instead, or if the trump honors had

The long-term view taken at the start of the hand — that an extra spade trick might prove very useful

Tomorrow: Psychological warfare. ©2025 King Features Syndicate Inc

#### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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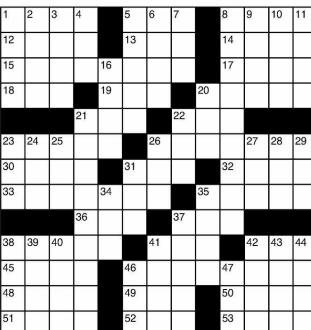
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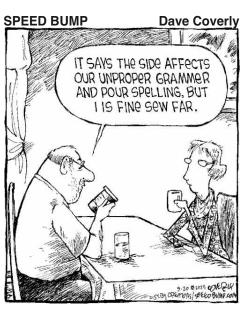
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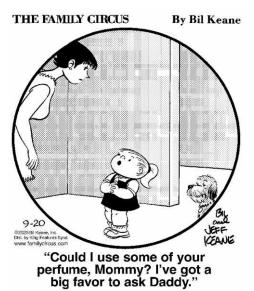
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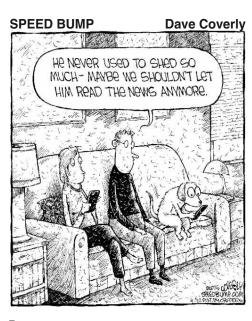
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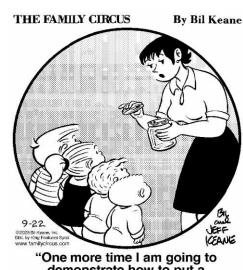
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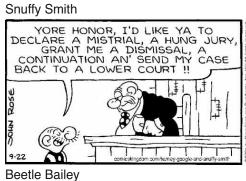


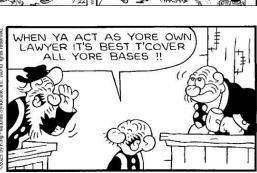
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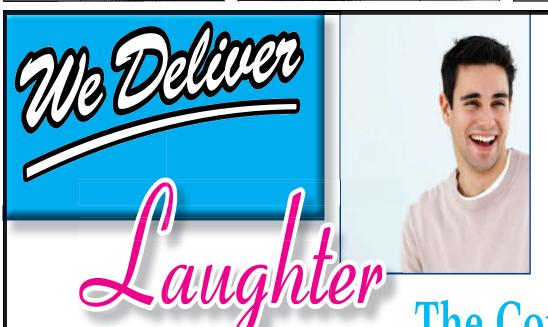












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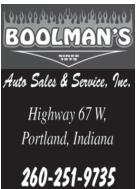
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Number mattress; Whirlpool refrigerator; Smith Bros. 3 cushion sofa; (2) leather recliners; Longaberger baskets; McCoy owl cookie jar; Diamond Arms 12ga single shot; Stevens 22 lever action single shot octagon barrel; baseball gloves; canning jars; Coke bottles; and many

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Virgina Cline Noble Township Trustee CR 9-20-2025- HSPAXLP

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# Long shots lift Jay

# Reynolds and DeHoff score from a distance to spark Patriots

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

A four-game skid with three of those losses by a single goal had the Patriots reeling.

Losing a pair of starters, one for the season, was not helping the cause.

A long strike from a junior leader got a spark going.

Emmitt Reynolds and Jaxson DeHoff each found the net on long shots Thursday night as the Jay County High School boys soccer team broke through for a 3-1 victory over the visiting Bellmont Braves.

"That's a good win," said JCHS coach ly needed it. We've been down a stretch, but moved some people around. I felt a lot more comfortable. ... Shots were better. Passing still, we've got to work on. ,,.

"I thought we played really well today. I wish we could have scored a few more. I think we could have. But besides that ... we're getting there. We're not there, but we're getting there."

Coming off of a 6-1 loss Tuesday to Richmond — the team had also dropped games 4-3 to Anderson, 5-4 to Heritage and 3-2 to Yorktown after a 4-1-1 start — the Patriots needed something to lift

Reynolds provided it.

At the 28:56 mark of the first half, the ball came his way about 30 yards out on the left side with Bellmont senior George Gardner

"It was beautiful ball up top," said Emmitt Reynolds. "I saw the kid coming at me. I Neymarflicked over and decided to shoot one. Half-volleyed and it went back post.

fans something to cheer about again just 30 seconds later.



Max Klopfenstein of Jay County High School chases a ball down the sidelines against Malachi Lavine of the Bellmont Braves during the second half Thursday. The host Patriots scored three times in the first 21 minutes, including a pair of 25-yard shots, on the way to halting a four-game losing streak with a 3-1 victory.

Jacoby Penrod. He pushed the clock. straight up the middle, victimiz-

The second long goal for JCHS lead to three.

Claiming possession after the ing Gardner on the way, and came midway through the half, The shot fired up the Jay kickoff, the Patriots (5-5-1) got tapped a grounder to the left cor- when Penrod dropped a ball back County squad, which gave its the ball to freshman striker ner for a 2-0 lead with 28:26 on to DeHoff. He took the opportunity and hit a high shot to push the

has been screaming at us to take those shots," said DeHoff, "so I just ripped it ..."

The score stagnated for the next 45-plus minutes before Bellmont was able to break through. Luke Ruble of the Braves (1-11) pushed deep into the left corner and then passed across to senior Henry Faurote, who was able to get a shot to the left side past JCHS goalie Peyton Yowell.

Faurote had another opportunity from inside the box less than three minutes later, but Yowell held on to the blast into his mid-section to preserve the two-goal lead. Yowell also turned away a final opportunity off a Jake Jackman corner kick with 1:40 remaining.

"We start slow and it's just something we've been battling,' said Bellmont coach Jake Briede. 'We just couldn't score. The Jay County keeper's solid back there ... We just needed to finish and he made some big saves.

Reynolds complimented the players who had new duties Thursday with multiple players gone because of injuries. Rockland Beiswanger is out for the season and Blake Collins missed the game as well.

"We moved Brody Collins back, center defender, really did well back there," said Rodney Reynolds. "I'm pretty proud of (the defense). ... It's two freshmen and a sophomore, and they're doing what they need to

do.
"We moved Eli (Mueller) back into a four spot, kind of plays right in front of the center defender. He was a striker, then he went to midfield and now he's back there. But he's got great ball control. ... He can maneuver things around, and that's what we need. That's what we're

# Deja two

# Another long No. 2 doubles battle seals Patriots victory By ETHAN OSKROBA The Commercial Review WINCHESTER — At Satinday's Patriot InvitationWINCHESTER — At Satinday's Patriot InvitationWinches Commercial Review WINCHESTER — At Satinday's Patriot InvitationWinches Commercial Review Winches Commer

By ETHAN OSKROBA

urday's Patriot Invitation- Kolby Hinkle, 6-4. al, Brock Wasson and Gabe Overton rallied from down 6-4 victory in set two, all a set to lift the Patriots over

Evansville Central. Five days later, Wasson and Overton gave an encore against a sectional foe, coming from behind to clinch a

riveting win.

The Jay County High School boys tennis team scraped past the Winchester Golden Falcons by a 3-2 margin on Thursday.

"I'll take it," said Jay County coach Donald Gillespie. "I feel more happy about this 3-2 win than I did Monday night when we blanked somebody 5-0. It's the way we play ... tonight, I thought the kids got a little gutsy and they did play."

After the pair produced a

eyes turned to their final set to determine the outcome.

With the match on the line, the Patriot pair adjusted to cover as much ground as possible.

We noticed that wherever we weren't, he was able to hit it," Wasson said. "So we spaced out more and just stayed back.

The adaptation helped spark a 6-2 set win, which the duo sealed with an Overton forehand winner setting up match point, where it was Wasson's turn to smash a forehand to finish the match.

e gutsy and they did play." "Today was a rough start, Nobody needed more for sure," Overton said.

that point, we knew we had to get the win.

The resilience of the No. 2 doubles team was a welcome sight for Gillespie as his squad tunes up for more pressure-packed late-season battles.

That's pretty special for those two young men, and shows they're never going to give up," Gilliespie said. "If I've got a doubles team out there and the match is on the line, I probably want them out there, because they're not going to quit for me"

The No. 2 doubles unit's chance at glory materialized due to strong results on the singles courts, where the Patriots won two of three.

See **Deja** page 9



The Commercial Review/Ethan Oskroba

#### Clark

Wellman, a junior on the Jay County High School boys tennis team lifts a backhand during Thursday's match at Winchester Community. Wellman beat Bryce Weigand 6-2, 7-5 to help the Patriots secure a 3-2 victory.

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Kubota BX2680 4WD Tractor w/ LA 344 Loader 29.3 Hours. Ferris 61î 27HP Zero Turn Commercial Mower w/ Suspension 2020 Hours. 2004 Condor Motor Home w/ 2 Slide Outs,

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# Deja

Henry Dirksen dominated his tangle with Jacob Rheinhart, win- piloted Wellman to ning 6-2, 6-2. Henry Dirksen's powerful serve and confident demeanor helped spur dropped both No. 1 the result, and he closed out the match back-to-back with

"I was just trying to get my first serves in," Henry Dirksen said. "Then, if I'd get them in, I was in charge of the point, and I had confidence."

Clark Wellman proadapt was essential in of possibilities. the victory.

ting them into the net, finals.'

Roundup

Continued from page 10

The Fort Recovery volley-

ball team lost a five-set

match against the Divi-

sion VI No. 6 Coldwater

Cavaliers 18-25, 25-14, 28-

26, 25-27, 15-8 on Thurs-

offense with 17 kills and

Cameron Muhlenkamp

added 15. Bridget Homan

put nine balls down and

seven more came from

Midwest Athletic Confer-

ence) put up a strong

defensive effort at the net.

Brynn Willman had a

team-high seven blocks,

Alexis Grisez added six

FRHS dropped 14 aces

MAC) with Muhlenkamp

on the Cavaliers (10-3, 4-1) final.

Recovery at 30, while Club.

and Homan had four.

leading with four.

The Indians (3-8, 0-5

Kayla Gaerke led the

FORT RECOVERY

Fell in five

Kenna Dues.

Continued from page 8 so I used that to my advantage."

advantage That victory despite a close second set, 6-2, 7-5.

The Patriots (11-4) positions as Paul Dirksen fell to Jayden Beeson 6-3, 6-3, while Kadyn Carpenter and Alex Miller lost to Foster Kratoska Aiden Mendenhall.

The match win marks the Patriots' third of the week, and perhaps one of the At No. 3 singles, most important, as a rematch with the vided a pivotal win Golden Falcons (9-5) over Bryce Weigand. in the postseason is Wellman's ability to well within the realm

"We're hoping we "Whenever I was don't have to draw standing back at the each other in the first baseline and just hit-round," Gillespie said. ting them hard, I "That way, we can noticed he kept hit- maybe meet in the

Muhlenkamp's 17 digs

MINSTER, Ohio — The

Fort Recovery girls golf

team fell in their final nine-

hole match of the regular

season 186-188 against Fort

Loramie at Arrowhead

Olivia Knapke and Mallo-

ry Evers both shot the low

score of 44 strokes for the

Schafer of Fort Loramie

earned match medalist

Evvie Briner, Georgia

Wenning and Emily Boeck-

man, who played in her

third varsity match, all

shot 50s to make up the rest

of the team score. Cora

Pearson finished with a 55

that didn't impact the team

The Tribe will finish the

regular season in the MAC

(11-3).

Moey

Golf Club on Thursday.

were a team high.

Final loss

Indians

honors with a 41.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School seniors Nick Laux (left) and Brady Jetmore (right) team up to tackle Cooper Craig of the Bluffton Tigers during Friday night's homecoming game. Craig ran for 116 yards and two touchdowns, the second of which came during the Tigers' 26-point third quarter.

# Spoiled

Continued from page 10 'Just both great kids, both seniors," said Fields. "Just terrible for both. I those kids, they're fouryear players and they're good kids and they're good kids in the classroom, the school and the community Really, really good kids."

Bluffton put the game away with its high-octane third quarter, covering 67 yards on four plays on the opening drive with Elijah Bertsch scoring on an 18yard wide receiver screen pass from quarterback Axton Beste. After a Jay County punt, Khamel Moore needed just one play to go 53 yards for the first of his two TDs. Another punt led to a Cooper Craig 39-yard scoring run — he also had a 30yard TD on a hook-and-lateral late in the first half as part of a 116-yard

one-play drive from Moore sacked on third down, and on a 43-yard run. Moore gave the Tigers

two 100-yard rushers as he mean, obviously, both ripped off 109 yards on just four carries.

Beste was a master of efficiency through the air, completing his first 10 passes and going 15-of-16 for 165 yards.

"Axton, he's incredible," said Bluffton coach Brent Kunkel. "He's an incredible kid, first and foremost, but he's an incredible leader for our football team, and obviously he's extremely talented. So putting the ball in his hands is never going to be a bad decision for us.

Jay County had an opportunity to score on its final drive against the Tigers' junior varsity defense, moving the ball to the 11-yard line on a series of Nick Laux passes to Aiden Phillips (four receptions, 49 yards) and evening — and a Patriot Jermore (five receptions, second time we run, ACAC after losing 34-21

his last-second, fourthdown heave toward Jetmore in the end zone fell incomplete. It marked the third time

the Patriots (1-4, 0-3 ACAC), who were outgained 432-161, have been shut out this season.

Bluffton, meanwhile, is undefeated through five weeks for the third year in a row.

"Those guys are winning football games four vears ago when they're in the weight room, when they're developing their youth program, when they're building numbers," said Fields. "You see their kids that show up and they get a deep sideline ...

"They're big, strong, well-developed, wellcoached kids. ...

"They're making adjustments to stuff we next at Woodlan, which is put in new tonight. The 1-4 overall and 0-3 in the

#### **Box score**

Class 2A No. 7 Bluffton Tigers (5-0, 3-0 ACAC) at Jay County Patriots (1-3, 0-3 ACAC)

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**First Quarter** 

B — Axton Beste 1 run (Ethan Ribich kick), 7:31.

> **Second Quarter** — Cooper Craig 30 run (Ribich kick), 1:01

**Third Ouarter** B — Elijah Bertesch 18 pass

from Beste (Ribich kick). - Khamel Moore 53 run (kick failed), 7:39.

B — Craig 39 run (pass failed), 4:52. B — Moore 43 run (Ribich kick),

2:13. **Fourth Quarter** 

No scoring

#### Team Statistics

	D	JC
Rushes - yds	24-267	26-55
Comp-Att-Int	15-16-0	11-19-1
Passing yds	165	106
Total Plays	40	45
Total Offense	432	161
Punt ret - yds	0-0	0-0
Kickoff ret - yds	1-8	7-97
Sacks - yds lost	4-21	2-10
Punts - yds	0-0	3-108
Ints - yds	1-25	0-0
Fumbles - lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties - vds	3-35	7-31

#### **Individual Statistics** Rushing — Bluffton — Cooper

Craig 9-116, Khamel Moore 4-109. Axton Beste 10-45. Jacob Kephart 1-(-1). Jay County -Leighton Brown 8-37, Garrett Bennett 4-11, Carter Fugiett 2-6, Nick Laux 7-1, Brady Jetmore 4-0, Bryan Fields 1-0

Passing — Bluffton Beste 15-16-0 165. Jay County Nick Laux 11-19-1 106 Receiving — Bluffton — Aaron

Streveler 6-69, Elijah Bertsch 5-67, Aiden Miler 2-23, Maddox White 1-5, Parker Barnes 1-1. Jay County — Brady Jetmore 5-48, Aiden Phillisp 4-49, Leighton Brown 1-8, Carter Fugiett 1-1.

well-coached, well-developed team."

Laux completed 11 passes for 106 yards, with one interception. Leighton Brown ran eight times for 38 yards for the Patriots, with the bulk of his yardage coming on a 27yard carry in the second quarter.

Jay County will play fumble led to a second 48 yards). But Laux was they're ready for it. It's a Friday to Southern Wells.

# Sports on tap

Kayden Ranly had the Tournament on Saturday

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#### Local schedule

Jay County — Girls golf at sectional at Crestview – 9 a.m.; Cross Country at Jim Leffler Invite at Yorktown – 10 a.m.; Boys soccer at Woodlan – 10 a.m.; Boys tennis at Pendleton Heights – 11 a.m.; Girls soccer at Woodlan – 12

p.m.; JV girls soccer at Woodlan - 10 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys golf at MAC Champi onships at Stillwater – 8:30 a.m.; Girls golf at MAC Championships at Mercer County Elks – 8:30 a.m.; Cross country at Tour De Sewer at Versailles – 9 a.m; Volleyball vs. Russia – 9 a.m.; Football at St. John's - 1:30 p.m.

**Monday**Jay County — Boys tennis vs. Bellmont – 5 p.m.; Boys soccer vs. Heritage – 6 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Blackford – 6 p.m.; JV football at Bluffton – 6 p.m.; JV boys soccer vs. Heritage – 7:30 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. Delta – 5:30 p.m. Fort Recovery — Volleyball at Wapakoneta 5:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Jay County — Boys tennis at Muncie Central – 5 p.m.; Volleyball at South Adams – 6 p.m.; Girls soccer at Delta - 6:30 p.m.; Junior high cross

country vs. Muncie Southside - 5:30 p.m.: Junior high football at South Adams – 5:30 p.m.; Junior high volleyball at South Adams - 5:30 n.m.

Fort Recovery — Volleyball vs. Fort Loramie 5:30 p.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. New Knoxville – 5 p.m.

#### TV schedule

4:30 p.m. — Formula 1: Azerbaijan Grand Prix (ESPN2)

7:30 a.m. - Premier League soccer: Liverpool FC at Everton (USA)

8 p.m. — Formula 1: Azerbaijan Grand Prix

10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: West Ham United at Crystal Palace (USA)

12 p.m. — College football: Arkansas at Memphis (ABC); Maryland at Wisconsin (NBC); Syracuse at Clemson (ESPN); SMU at TCU (ESPN2); Texas Tech at Utah (FOX)

12 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series NCTS Playoff Race at New Hampshire (FS1) 12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Manchester United at Chelsea (USA)

2:30 p.m. — Horse racing: America's Day at the Races (FS1) 3 p.m. — College football: Oregon State at Oregon (BTN)

Premier League soccer: Fulham at 3 p.m. Brentford (USA) 3:15 p.m. AFL: Brisbane Lions at Colling-

wood Magpies (FS1)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Tulane at Ole

Miss (ESPN); Auburn at Oklahoma (ABC); Michigan at Nebraska (CBS); Purdue at Notre Dame

(NBC); North Carolina at UCF (FOX) 4 p.m. — College football: N.C. State at Duke

(ESPN2) College football: West Virginia at

Kansas (FS1) 6:40 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati

Reds (FDSN Indiana) - College football: South Carolina at 7 p.m.

Missouri (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Florida at Miami

(ABC); Washington at Washington State (CBS); Illinois at Indiana (NBC); Arizona State at Baylor

(FOX); BYU at East Carolina (ESPN2) 9:30 p.m. — College football: UTSA at Colorado State (FS1)

10 p.m. — SuperMotocross World Championship: The Strip at LAs Vegas Motor Speedway

(USA)

10 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Oakland Roots at FC Tulsa (FOX)

10:15 p.m. — College football: Wyoming at

Colorado (ESPN) 11 p.m. — College football: Michigan State at USC (FOX)

7 a.m. — Formula 1: Azerbaijan Grand Prix (ESPN)

Premier League soccer: AFC Bournemouth at Newcastle United (USA) - NHRA: NHRA 4-Wide Carolina 12 p.m.

Nationals (FS1) 1 p.m. - NFL: Green Bay Packers at Cleve-

land Browns (FOX); Indianapolis Colts at Tennessee Titans (CBS)

College volleyball: Florida at Wis-

consin (BTN) 1:40 p.m. - MLB: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati

Reds (FDSN Indiana)

- NASCAR Cup Series: USA TODAY 2 p.m. -

301 (USA)

College volleyball: Notre Dame at 3 p.m. Michigan (BTN)

3:30 p.m. — the Races (FS1) Horse racing: America's Day at

NFL: Dallas Cowbovs at Chicago 4:25 p.m. Bears (FOX) 5 p.m. — College volleyball: Cal at USC (BTN)

quette (FS1)

7:10 p.m. — MLB: Seattle Mariners at Houston Astros (ESPN)

8:20 p.m. - NFL: Kansas City Chiefs at New York Giants (NBC)

6 p.m. — College volleyball: Minnesota at Mar

8:30 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Bay at Gotham FC (ESPN2)

— MLS: Los Angeles FC at Real Salt Lake (FS1)

#### Monday

8:15 p.m. — NFL: Detroit Lions at Baltimore Ravens (ABC) 9:45 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at San Francisco Giants (FDSN Indiana)

#### Tuesday

3:30 p.m. — La Liga soccer: Levante at Real Madrid (ESPN2)

6 p.m. — College soccer: Michigan State at Indiana (BTN) MLB: Pittsburgh Pirates at 6:40 p.m.

Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana) 7:40 p.m. — MLB: New York Mets at Chicago

Cubs (TBS) 9:45 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at San Francisco Giants (FDSN Indiana)



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# Celebration spoiled

Jay suffers injuries, falls to Tigers on homecoming

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

ebrate before the game Friday night, with a parade, tailgate and military helicopter delivering the game ball.

It would become a difficult night to be a Patriot, in more ways than one.

The mood was solemn as the fans departed Friday night after the Jay County High School football team lost multiple players to injury, one of whom left the field in an ambulance, in a 40-0 homecoming loss to the Class 2A No. 7 Bluffton Tigers.

Eddie Fields. "It's a competitive ball game, and then just ran out of gas again in second half. Got to keep searching for answers. Just keep drawing it up, keep working."

The Patriots managed to stay within two scores of their undefeated Allen County Athletic Conference rivals at the half, before Bluffton (5-0, 3-0

the third quarter. But it There was plenty to cel- wasn't so much the points allowed as the players lost that broke the celebratory mood.

> First, senior Joaquin Johnson went out with an

Then, as he was being tended to on the sideline, Carter Fugiett landed awkwardly while trying to catch a pass on the final play of the third quarter. He was immediately writhing on the turf while medical personnel and coaches rushed to his side.

He was eventually "We're 14-0 at half- placed on a backboard time," said JCHS coach and his teammates gathered close as he was moved into the ambulance. His friend Brady Jetmore led a team prayer before the ambulance pulled away.

Reports on the field were that Fugiett had feeling in his extremities. He was transported to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

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Kaiden Reynolds of Jay County tries to chase down Bluffton's Aaron Streveler during the first half Friday night. The Patriots were outgunned 432-161 on the game as they suffered their third shutout of the season.

# Nine girls score for JCHS against Raiders Smith earned match medalist Jay sweeps

PONETO — The Raiders formed a soccer team for the first time this season. After one meeting on the pitch, the Patriots can say they hold the series

Jay County High School's girls soccer team had nine different girls score in Thursday's 12-0 victory over the Southern Wells Raiders

Gabby Gibson all led the way with two goals apiece. Lopez's first goal came in the first half and she scored a second on an assist from London Lloyd . Laux was assisted by Finely Hatzell Finley Hatzell for the previous career goal.

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score – before putting the ball in the goal herself to enter the half Aixa Lopez, Maria Laux and 7-0. Gibson scored her first career goal in the first half before putting another in on Emma Hatzell's first career assist prior to the mercy rule.

Emma Hatzell provided her second career assist to aid on her first score - Laux assisted Araitz Lekue Magro on her first

Other goals for the Patriots (7-3, 5-0 Allen County Athletic Conference) came from Avery Snow (assisted by Raylin Hummer), Charlee Peters, Ariel Beiswanger (assisted by Lopez) and Hummer.

Maleah Parsons locked down the goal against the Raiders (0-8, 0-3 ACAC).

#### **Smith leads**

led the Fort Recovery boys golf team to a season-low 156-175 victory over the Newton Indians in Thursday's regular season finale at Echo Hills Golf

honors with a one-under-par 35. (Rhett Koffer led Newton with a 39.) Smith made par six times and despite a bogey on the 18th hole, birdies on the 13th and 16th to keep him under par.

Reece LeFevre wasn't far behind as he carded a 36 for Fort Recovery (8-6). He made three birdies and four pars.

Garrett Diller set a new PIQUA, Ohio — Caleb Smith career low at 39 strokes. Andrew Rehmert rounded out the team score with a 46.

Luke Fortkamp and Carson Fullenkamp shot a 49 and 53. respectively, that didn't impact the final.

CONNERSVILLE — Jay County's volleyball team swept the Connersville Spartans 25-19, 25-21, 25-22 on Thursday.

Mya Kunkler followed up a strong match against Adams Central with a 10-kill match. She also had six blocks.

Hallie Schwieterman also had a strong offensive game with nine kills and she served up all four of the Patriots' aces.

Paisley Fugiett had the high for Jay County (11-6) in assists at 32. Elizabeth Barnett had the most digs with 18, while Kayla Jetmore added 17.

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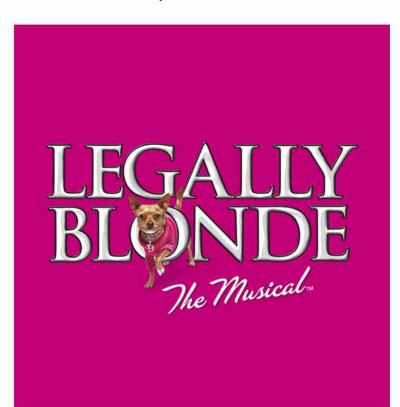


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