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Redkey is facing tort claim

A tort claim has been filed in relation to the death of a Redkey woman this spring. It came up during Tuesday's Redkey Town Council meeting. The claim filed by Brittany Bailey and Nick Roberts names the Town of Redkey, Redkey Fire Department and Redkey Volunteer Fire & Rescue. Lana Roberts, the 18-year-old daughter of Brittany Bailey and Nick Roberts, died May 12 after sustaining burns all over her body after her bedroom caught on fire. She was later pronounced dead at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Parents allege fire department was negligent in its response, leading to death of daughter

The tort claim, which is dated Aug. 20, says the fire department demonstrated "gross negligence" while attempting to rescue Roberts. Allegations include out checking her vital signs, failing to promptly extract Roberts, "failing to coordinate, communicate or exercise appropriate command at the scene" and delaying life-saving care.

(A tort claim is a formal notice that alleges personal injury or property damage and seeks compensation. Under Indiana law, a written notice of tort claim must be filed before suing a government entity.) Emergency responders received a call about a fire at 19 N. Union St., Redkey, about 8:13 p.m. May 12. Redkey Fire Department arrived on scene about five minutes later. The tort claim alleges Roberts' grandparents informed Jay County Sheriff's Office deputies that Lana Roberts was still inside the burning bedroom. It

also says they told deputies she had a disability. Redkey Fire Department firefighter Mark Leavell climbed a ladder to the second-story window of the bedroom, according to the tort claim, and observed Roberts in the room. It alleges Leavell declared Roberts deceased "without entering the room or checking her vital signs." "Despite being declared deceased, Lana still had a pulse," the tort claim says. "Deputies immediately recognized the need for urgent intervention." See **Claim** page 2

Snap to it

JCCT brings 'Legally Blonde' to the stage beginning tonight

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Bend and snap your way to Arts Place this week. Jay County Civic Theatre will present its production of "Legally Blonde: The Musical" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place. The musical, an adaptation of the novel by Amanda Brown and the 2001 movie starring Reese Witherspoon, follows California sorority girl Elle Woods on her journey to attend Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend. "What you think is a stereotypical California blonde follows her ex-boyfriend to Harvard Law School and discovers that she has the power to change and make herself powerful without the need of having him," said director Brad Younts. "If I had to distill it down to one word, I'd say (the plot) was about empowerment. And to expand on that, I would say that it is ... the support of your community that gives you that power." Aside from a few structural differences, the storyline is similar to that of the movie. Younts explained the musical dives further into the characters' perspectives. "You are able to dig a little bit deeper into the mindset of some of the characters, especially Elle Woods, and have a better idea of what's going on internally," he said. Jay County Civic Theatre's production stars Erin Staugler of St. Henry, Ohio, as Elle. Staugler voiced her excitement to perform as a character she loves and respects. She described the pink-loving protagonist as an empowering individual. "Elle is energetic, positive, confident, inspiring and she empowers every person she meets," said Staugler, who played Katherine in JCCT's 2019 production of "Newsies." "I think, at least throughout the show, almost every person she interacts with or meets, you end up seeing how they change for the better as a person." Staugler, who has also been on



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Erin Staugler stars as Elle Wood in Jay County Civic Theatre's production of "Legally Blonde" this weekend. Shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Arts Place in Portland. Tickets are available at bit.ly/JCCTLegallyBlonde, by calling (260) 726-4809 or by visiting Arts Place.

stage with Jay County Civic Theatre in "The Sound of Music" and "Freaky Friday," explained Woods grows herself throughout the course of the musical as well. Her priorities shift from ex-

boyfriend Warner Huntington III to a love for the law business. "She starts to love law because she can use it to help people," Staugler said. "You go from, you know, her big want is following

this man, trying to win him back with her love, to she doesn't care about him anymore, and she just wants to follow her own dreams and become her own person." See **Snap** page 2

Council creates park board

Members have not yet been appointed

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

REDKEY — The town has established a board to handle park decisions. Redkey Town Council approved an ordinance establishing a park and recreation board and heard updated estimates for proposed renovations to Morgan Park at its meeting Tuesday. Per the ordinance, the board will have the following powers and duties:

- Exercising general supervision of the parks department
- Establishing rules for the use of parks and recreational facilities in Redkey
- Preparing and submitting an annual budget
- Accepting gifts, donations and grants for park purposes
- Contracting for services, facilities and improvements
- Acquiring, holding and disposing of property for park and recreation purposes

Council will appoint the park board members. Pursuant to Indiana Code, there must be no more than two members of the same political party. (The town must attempt to follow that rule unless it can't find qualifying members, after which it could be categorized as a non-politically affiliated board.) The ordinance also calls for establishing a park fund within the town's budget. Council member Jenny Staver noted she's received updated estimates for renovating the town's park. Creating a splash pad alone is priced at more than \$330,000. "A lot more than what I thought," she said with a laugh. "It's going to go in phases, of course. So, literally, it's going to be a \$1 million park when it's all said and done if we are able to get all the funding and grants." Plans discussed at previous meetings for the park involved installing all-inclusive playgrounds for all ages and abilities. See **Board** page 2

Deaths

Patricia Wilson, 91,
Winchester
Linda Stewart, 76,
Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature was 80 degrees Tuesday in Jay County. The low was 65. Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the lower 50s. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with a high in the mid 70s. Saturday's high will also be in the 70s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Portland Foundation is accepting applications for its Jay County Agriculture 2025 grant cycle. Grants are available to tax-exempt organizations operating or proposing programs to benefit agriculture in Jay County. Applications are available at portlandfoundation.org. The deadline is Nov. 6.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of Wednesday's Jay County Council meeting.
Saturday — Results from the Jay County High School football game at Woodlan.
Tuesday — Coverage of the Jay County girls soccer game against Heritage.



Obituaries

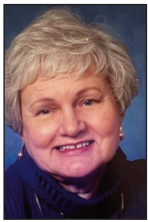
Patricia Wilson

Feb. 24, 1934-Sept. 24, 2025
Patricia Joyce Wilson, age 91, a resident of Winchester, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025 at her home.

Joyce was born Feb. 24, 1934, in Crum, Lewis County, Kentucky, the daughter of Earl Benjamin and Jessie (Rouse) Redden. She was raised in Rushville, Indiana on a farm. Joyce graduated high school in 1952 and was valedictorian of her class.

Joyce married Richard F. Wilson on April 8, 1953, and he passed away in 2016. They were married 63 1/2 years.

Joyce was a homemaker before working for Dr. Lowell Painter in Winchester for 17 years. She then was secretary to Painter's widow and his son, Dr. Robert Painter.



Wilson

Joyce and her husband were member of the Disciples of Christ Church in Winchester for 45 years. She taught Adult Sunday School, sang in the choir and headed several committees. She and her husband were members of the Methodist Church in Winchester for 15 years.

Joyce will be missed for her grace, beauty and intelligence.

She is survived by her children Mark F. Wilson, Winchester, Donna Wilson Haggenjos (husband: Dr. Mark Haggenjos), Portland, and Murray C. Wilson (wife: Debbie), Muncie.

She is also survived by three grandchildren, Dr. Lee Haggenjos (wife: Stephanie Ruas), Lauren M. Haggenjos (husband: Zachary Watson) and Dr. Liza M. Haggenjos.

In addition, she leaves behind two great-grandchildren; one sister, Arla Redden Waits (husband: Kenneth); one niece; and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents Earl Benjamin Redden and Jessie Rouse Redden; and a niece.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church, 201 E. Franklin St., Winchester, Indiana, from 10 to 11 a.m. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be held at Fountain Park Cemetery in Winchester.

Memorials may be directed towards the donor's choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Linda Stewart

Sept. 23, 1948-Sept. 10, 2025
Linda Karen Stewart, age 76, a resident of Portland, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, at her home.

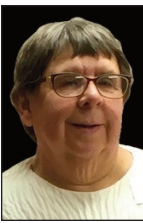
Linda was born Sept. 23, 1948, the daughter of Wayne M. and Iva M. (Gagle) Stewart.

Linda graduated from Ridgeville High School in the class of 1966. She worked at Jay Garment in Portland for several years, a short time at The Commercial Review and several years for Community and Family Services in Portland.

Linda also took classes and obtained her real estate license in the state of Indiana. She worked at Fort Recovery Industries for several years before retiring.

Linda was a member of Trinity Arch Bridge Church in Portland.

Linda was a passionate member of the Order of the Eastern Star and was past matron several times and held may different offices as a member of the Half Way Chapter #230 in Redkey. She also held offices in Muncie



Stewart

Chapter #104 and Mississinewa Valley Chapter #94.

Linda was appointed District 13 Deputy of the Order of the Eastern Star in 2014 and was also appointed Grand Representative of Rhode Island in Indiana.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. An Eastern Star service will be held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will follow the Eastern Star service. Pastor Dan Vore will officiate and burial will follow at Spring Hill Cemetery in Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Memorials may be directed towards the Halfway Chapter #230 Order of the Eastern Star in Redkey or Trinity Arch Bridge Church in Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

CR almanac

Friday 9/26	Saturday 9/27	Sunday 9/28	Monday 9/29	Tuesday 9/30
77/51	81/53	83/54	83/54	81/54
Mostly sunny skies on Friday with highs in the mid to upper 70s.	Saturday's forecast shows sunny skies, with the temperature reaching up to 81 degrees.	Mostly sunny skies on Sunday with highs climbing to the low 80s.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Monday when the high will be around 83 degrees.	Tuesday's weather looks like mostly sunny skies with a high around 81.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$127 million	Daily Three: 8-7-8 Daily Four: 7-6-1-5 Quick Draw: 12-16-18-20-21-26-29-33-36-38-42-48-56-58-59-60-63-72-78-79
Mega Millions 13-24-41-42-70 Mega Ball: 18 Estimated jackpot: \$474 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 5-1-1 Pick 4: 7-9-1-7 Pick 5: 4-2-8-6-6 Evening Pick 3: 2-1-4 Pick 4: 6-5-6-1 Pick 5: 4-5-7-6-4 Rolling Cash: 24-26-27-28-34 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 8-4-0 Daily Four: 6-6-8-5 Quick Draw: 12-16-18-20-21-26-29-33-36-38-42-48-56-58-59-60-63-72-78-79 Evening	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.19 Oct. corn4.11 Dec. corn4.24	Dec. beans10.09 Wheat 4.76
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.19 Oct./Nov. corn4.09 Dec. corn4.29	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.96 Late Sept. corn3.96 Beans9.68 Late Sept. beans9.68 Wheat4.72
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.04 Oct. corn4.01 Beans9.58	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.19 Oct. corn4.04 Beans9.50 Dec. beans9.74 Wheat4.56

Today in history

<p>In 1890, Sequoia National Park was formally established by United States Congress. Situated in California, it's known for its giant sequoia trees, which are the largest trees in the world and can reach up to 3,400 years old.</p> <p>In 1897, William Faulkner was born in New Albany, Mississippi. The novelist wrote stories set in fictional Yoknapatawpha County, based on his home, Lafayette County.</p> <p>In 1926, Henry Ford</p>	<p>announced employees at Ford Motor Company would begin an 8-hour, 5-day work week. The choice later became an industry standard.</p> <p>In 1929, broadcast journalist Barbara Walters was born in Boston, Massachusetts.</p> <p>In 1957, efforts to end racial segregation came to light when nine Black students began attending the previously all-white Central High school in Little Rock, Arkansas.</p> <p>— The CR</p>
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Citizen's calendar

Oct. 2 5:15 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St..	1616 N. Meridian St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Oct. 6 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station,	Oct. 7 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Snap ...

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Other names highlighting the cast include Pennville's McKenna Vore as Paulette, Bryant's Josh Hilty as Warner and Fort Recovery's Emily Hull as Vivienne.

Like the comedy film, the musical overall has an upbeat, humorous tone.

Younts noted various unexpected funny moments throughout the show. "Bend and Snap," a phrase coined by Woods about the ways in which to woo a man, expands into a song and dance number.

"The thing that is unique about this show is that I've described it as the 'earwormiest' show ever because it just gets stuck in your head in the best possible ways, it's just super infectious in the way it's written," said Younts.

"What You Want," another energetic song, encapsulates Woods' venture into attempting to win back her ex-boyfriend's love. Staugler describes it as "complete chaos."

"That's just how it is, I guess, with Elle, there's just always something



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Jay County Civic Theatre's cast of "Legally Blonde" hits a pose during the song "Whipped into Shape" at Monday's rehearsal. Pictured, front row from left, are Carly Shaneyfelt, Julie Pickett and Maisey Keller. Back row are Emilee Buckner and Alison McGraw.

always crazy and exciting happening," she said.

Tickets are \$12 for students and \$14 for adults. They're available by visiting bit.ly/JCCTLegally-

Blonde, calling (260) 726-4809 or visiting Arts Place in Portland. (There is a \$1 charge per ticket for credit card purchases.)

"People should be pre-

pared for a lot of pink," Younts said. "It is Elle Woods' signature color, both in the film and the musical, and we're making full use of that."

Claim ...

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The tort claim says Roberts was extracted from the house about 32 minutes after one deputy's arrival. It adds that there was a "significant delay" between when Leavell declared her deceased and Roberts' removal from the house by emergency medical service personnel and deputies.

"The retrieval process was signifi-

cantly delayed by a lack of command, poor coordination, and unnecessary procedural steps imposed by some fire personnel, including the insistence on using a backboard and blanket, despite the immediacy of the danger," the claim says.

Roberts died at the hospital from smoke inhalation.

The claim alleges that if the fire

department had been better coordinated, it could have mitigated her injuries and potentially prevented her death.

Clayton Lengerich of law firm Miller, Burry & Brown is representing Brittany Bailey and Nick Roberts. Lengerich is also the attorney for several tort claims that are currently active against the City of Portland and its police department.

Board ...

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The new play sets would include activities for children with sensory processing disorders, among other items, as well as a splash pad.

Staver said Jay County Development Corporation executive director Cearn Bales plans to connect with railway Norfolk Southern Corporation about grant opportunities.

Also, council members mentioned a tort claim filed against the town, Redkey Fire Department and Redkey Volunteer Fire & Rescue related to a woman's death in a fire earlier this year. (See related story.)

In other business, council:

- Set Halloween trick-or-treating hours for 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31. The fire department will also host its annual costume contest, starting with lineup at 5:15 p.m. and judging at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 31.
- Announced plans to host a special meeting at 6 p.m. Oct. 14 to review the budget for 2026.
- Heard plans to begin enforcing the town's ordinance that prohibits residents from draining stormwater into the wastewater system. The goal is to look into homes determined to have downspouts and sump pumps and work with property owners to

connect them to a stormwater drain.

- Learned about various volunteer efforts through Redkey Community Development, a new local organization working to obtain nonprofit status. The group currently consists of about 10 volunteers, who have been cleaning up old buildings around town and Mount Vernon Cemetery. It's organizing a "The Goonies" movie night from 4 to 10 p.m. Oct. 24 at the old fire station, with food trucks, cornhole and other activities.
- Heard criticism from former council member Mike Wright. "I just don't understand what the board's priorities are, they seem very good at wasting the town's money," he said. He questioned council's decision to hire a third employee at the clerk-treasurer's office and choice to bring on consulting firm Civitas Strategies, saying the money would have been better spent on purchasing another firetruck. He also spoke in opposition of the new water ordinance. Wright suggested council members do away with the third office employee and Civitas Strategies. He also suggested all five council members resign from their roles to allow others with "good old common sense" to take over.

- Was reminded Best Way Disposal will begin collecting additional trash cans from residents who are not paying to have more than one toter.
- Discussed financing options for purchasing a firetruck for the fire department. Mark Leavell of the fire department suggested looking into Indiana Bond Bank, with Civitas Strategies government advisor director Pete Olson agreeing to do so.
- Approved purchasing a new police radar from Stalker Radar for \$1,682 and replacing two water plant testing meters for \$1,500.
- Heard parts of Spencer, Main and High streets on the east side of town will be temporarily closed for gas line work through Miller Pipeline.
- Learned town marshal Alex Heath's final day at Indiana Law Enforcement Academy is Thursday.
- Heard a request to purchase a \$10,100 snow plow to equip a second town vehicle for plowing through the winter. Council president Brenda Beaty suggested holding off on the decision until after council looks over its budget next month.
- Were informed the town has about 82 smart water meters left to install.
- Made \$942.97 in water bill adjustments.

SERVICES

Friday

Hart, Mark: 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Stump, Martin: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Shepherd, James: 2 p.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany.

Saturday

Snow, Margaret: 10 a.m., Grace Bible Church, 6626 S. 150 West, Berne.

Wilson, Patricia: 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 201 E. Franklin St., Winchester.

Lopez, Nancy: 1 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Crouch, Fran: 2 p.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany.

Tuesday

Stewart, Linda: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Father needs time to slow down

By **CHRIS SCHANZ**
The Commercial Review

There was once a time I was too impatient.

It was because, at the time, my 13-month-old daughter had not yet fully grasped the concept of walking.

Now, a couple days older than 18 months, I need time to slow down.

Baby Schanz is seemingly a new person each day. She's developing her personality more and more. She loves to dance along with Ms. Rachel. She loves to be outside, go on walks and to climb. She is apprehensive at times when at the top of a slide, but enjoys going down them.

Most enjoyable of all, so far, is that her vocabulary

Parental Ponderings



is expanding at a rapid pace.

Early on, we tried our best to teach her sign language to help her communicate her needs. She would mix up "more" with "hungry," although we were still able to decipher what she was trying to tell us and give her food before she got hangry — and God forbid we have a hangry baby!

Now that she's finding her voice, though, she's

able to communicate her needs better.

She can ask for milk and water, and tell us she's hungry. She can say "mama" and "dada," knows our dog Moose's name and loves to say "hi" to anyone who will listen.

Just the other day when we were in the garage getting ready to go to the car, she yelled "hi" to our neighbor who was out for her morning walk. The neighbor smiled and waved back before turning up her driveway to end her stroll.

She says "kiki" when our cats walk by and knows they "meow." She can "moo," tell us to "stop" and say "bye" even if we're not going anywhere.

She already knows her major body parts: head, nose, eyes, ears, tummy, hands and feet. She loves her tummy so much that at times she'll randomly lift her shirt and slap her belly.

It's the cutest thing in the world.

When I ask her if I can change her diaper, no matter where she is in the house, she'll walk over to her dresser — it has her changing table on top — and raise her arms to be picked up.

Just the other day, when I was in the backyard mowing the lawn, she stood at the top of her slide and yelled to get my attention. I had to take a break to comply with her orders, and she threw a mini tantrum when I had

to resume my lawncare duties.

She knows the concept of brushing her teeth — she's only awaiting her second molars now — but still hasn't figured out how to do it effectively. And her stubbornness, which I have NO IDEA where she might get that from, won't allow either of her parents to show her how to do it correctly. At this time, she just brushes her tongue and sucks on the toothbrush.

She'll learn how to do it in due time. Hopefully, though, not anytime soon.

Baby Schanz continues to amaze us each day with how rapidly she's changing. I cannot believe I once wanted her to grasp new skills quicker than the

speed at which she was learning them.

I'm far from that mindset now. I cannot fathom the fact that she's already a year and a half old. It seems like just the other day we were prepping to bring her home to the hospital.

People sure as heck weren't joking when they said time flies when you have children.

I wish I could slow down time just a little bit. She's growing up too fast.

Chris Schanz is a former CR Sports Editor who needs his daughter to stop growing up so quickly. Send tips for slowing time to christopher.schanz@gmail.com.

Mother's physical discipline unsettles witness

DEAR ABBY: I was shopping recently and encountered a mother who had her two young children in her cart. One of them was making a loud noise. The mother slapped her hand across the face, yelling, "You're not getting what you want, so BE QUIET!" I felt I should say something, but I didn't want the situation to escalate. What would an appropriate response be that would show empathy but would also convey that physical abuse is unacceptable? — MOTHER LOOKING ON IN ARIZONA

Dear Abby



DEAR MOTHER: Empathy for whom — the mother or the child? Mature parents do not slap their children across the face for acting up. They take the kid out of the store until

they calm down. If this happens in public, one can only imagine what goes on in private. If I had seen it, I would have snapped a picture of the three of them, as well as the license plate of the mother's car. Then I would report the woman to child protective services so they could investigate.

DEAR ABBY: During social events and initial greetings, I am often asked, "What was/is your occupation?" Abby, I am retired

and have no desire to discuss my past occupation with them. Once people know it, they automatically place you in a category, which might include your financial worth, what kind of car you drive, what kind of house you live in, etc. Often, this happens so they can "one-up" you. I really don't think these things are anyone's business unless I choose to discuss it with them. I prefer to look toward the future and not dwell on the past. Although I am grateful for my past employment, it does not define who I am today.

Can you please suggest a polite way to answer the question "What was/is your occupation?" — NOT DEFINED BY MY OCCUPATION

DEAR NOT DEFINED: No law says you must discuss your past career if you don't wish to. Try this the next time you are asked that question. Say, "I'm retired, and I forget from what." Or SMILE and say, "Work? I don't use four-letter words in public." Then ask the asker what THEY do for a living.

Community Calendar

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

Today

LAWYERS — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

SMART RECOVERY —

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

MISSISSINewa CHAPTER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Jay County Historical Museum. Cindy Mulkey of Life Center of Jay County will speak. Call regent Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678 for questions.

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

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at

100 N. Meridian St., Portland. To learn more information, please call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

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

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

THE LIFE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy, as well as help with the needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank

St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

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

Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS 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 - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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Congress should not trade stocks

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In what's become something of a ritual, members of Congress have lately been holding news conferences calling for stricter limits on their own stock trading. Americans love this idea, yet the bills have so far gone nowhere. Here's hoping common sense may soon prevail.

Time and again, in recent years, members of both parties have executed trades that seemed to be awfully well timed. In early 2020, after some legislators had received classified briefings about the likely severity of COVID-19, a flurry of stock-buying ensued in industries that stood to profit from the pandemic. One congressman placed millions of dollars in undisclosed trades, including in medical and tech companies that had a stake in the virus response. More

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recently, at least one lawmaker seemed to have an uncanny sense that the president's tariffs were about to be paused.

There's also more overt corruption, such as when former Rep. Chris Collins tipped off his son that a drug made by a biotech company he was invested in had failed a crucial clinical trial. (Collins pleaded guilty to securities fraud in 2019.) The perception that lawmakers have an inside edge has even led to the creation of two exchange-traded funds that track their trading: NANC, named after Rep. Nancy

Pelosi, and KRUZ, after Sen. Ted Cruz.

Even if their investing is unconnected to any privileged insights, as they all claim, it's a poor look for legislators to be buying and selling stock in companies over which they hold sway. In recent years, analyses have found that 97 lawmakers had bought or sold stock in companies that intersected with their committee work, including more than a dozen members who oversaw the Pentagon and had financial ties to defense contractors. It's little wonder that 80% of Americans see congressional corruption as a significant problem.

Efforts by lawmakers to regulate themselves have not been notably successful. In 2012, they passed the Stock Act to require that trades worth more than \$1,000 be disclosed within 45 days.

Yet members have routinely failed to comply with the requirement, which carries a whopping penalty of \$200, and no legislator has ever been prosecuted for insider trading under the law.

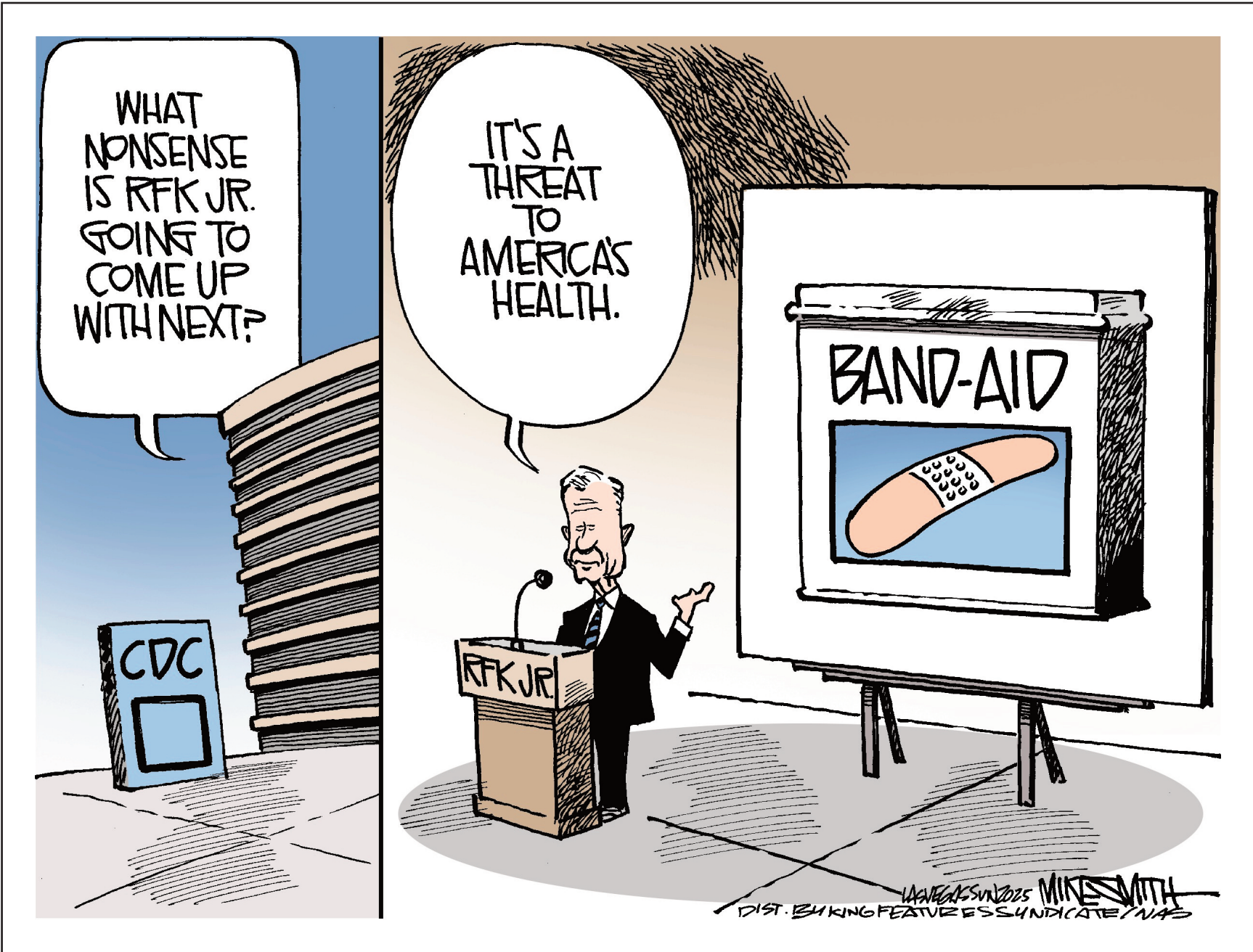
Although more than 60 measures to limit or ban stock trading have been proposed since 2017, the problem has only gotten worse: 61% of the current Congress' freshman class owns individual stocks, compared to 46% of the total class in the last session.

There's no reasonable defense for this. After all, owning low-cost index funds should under normal circumstances be far preferable to dabbling in individual stocks (88% of professional fund managers underperformed the S&P 500 index over the past 15 years). And restrictions on personal trading are hardly unusual in

industries — such as finance and the news media — that are keen to prevent conflicts of interest and preserve customers' trust.

With almost two dozen bills proposed this year alone, a clear risk is that lawmakers can't agree on one approach. They could do worse than to endorse a bipartisan House proposal called the Restore Trust in Congress Act. It imposes a simple ban on individual stock trading by legislators and their immediate families, without loopholes for blind trusts or other complicated exceptions. It also sets penalties — all profits plus 10% of the investment value — that should provide a reasonable deterrent. It's a sensible way to restore some public trust in the institution.

A seat in Congress comes with many privileges. Day trading shouldn't be one of them.



Do more to stand against violence

By **MICHAEL J. HICKS**

The assassination of Charlie Kirk was an evil, vile and pernicious act that targeted not merely one man, but also our republic — our basic freedoms. It was an attack on the vision our founders had for freedom and democracy, a direct assault on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Yes, it was also an attack on one man, whose death left ripples of grief, made a widow of a young wife and robbed young children of their father. It was the devil's own work. It isn't merely important for free men and women to say these things, it is necessary that we do.

It is also necessary to speak plainly about the political violence that threatens all our freedoms, and who is to blame. There are most definitely two sides to this — 'them' and 'us' — but it is not a partisan political divide.

On one side are those who commit, support, wink at or even fail to condemn all types of political violence. On the other are those who hate and condemn it. This is not a right-or-left, Antifa-versus-Nazi divide. It is between those who hate our democracy and those who love it.

The murder of Kirk is no different from the murder of Min-

Michael J. Hicks



nesota state Rep. Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark Hortman, on June 14. It is the same evil that led to the slaying of Brian Thompson, the CEO of United Healthcare in December. It is the same vileness that led to the murder of two Israeli diplomats in Washington, D.C., this spring, and the attack on the Centers for Disease Control that killed police officer David Rose.

This same evil led to the shooting of then-candidate Donald Trump last summer, the fire-bombing of Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro's residence on Passover, the shooting of U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise in 2017 and the attack on Nancy Pelosi's husband, Paul, in 2022. It is no different from the Black Lives Matter riots or the attack on our Capitol building on Jan. 6, 2021.

All were violent attacks on our democracy — on each of us. They were a rejection of our Constitu-

tion and an abandonment of the principles of our Declaration of Independence.

If you laughed at any of these attacks or thought, "well, they had it coming," or believe their cause was sufficiently righteous for violence — you are part of the problem, part of the violence, a party to the desecration of our Constitution. Repent and ask forgiveness.

I suppose we should be a bit relieved that these attacks have nearly all been perpetrated by lone actors, broken and highly delusional men, often profoundly mentally ill. Even the organized attacks on the Capitol on Jan. 6 were mostly carried out by troubled men and women with, it must be said, marginal intellectual gifts.

We do not currently have an organized violent faction. We must guard against that.

Assassinations are always exploited for political advantage. It's human nature to amplify the voice of the victim and to deny the assassin the last word. It is normal and healthy to do so. One need not agree with much of what Charlie Kirk said to acknowledge that his strength was speaking openly and freely. Denying that right to others dis-

honors his most public success.

If there is anything hopeful on that front, the most vocal voices exploiting Kirk's murder, including many that are openly calling for more violence, are themselves the softest of men. They wish to be thought of as hardened and tough. They are not.

Those calling for violence, even a civil war, are people who've never trained for battle, slept in a fighting position or seen a man die violently. They've never been to a country where political violence, rather than free expression, is the law of the land. They've never been to war. They are pretenders — unschooled and untrained, meretricious in thought and action, devoid of a moral compass.

Ignore them and their calls for more violence.

Instead, let's summon the moral suasion to oppose that violence. Most importantly, work harder to police those with whom you agree rather than those with whom you do not. Also, speak to the young people in our circles. Tell them clearly why this is wrong, and what we must do about it.

I don't pretend this is easy, but we have no better option than to do these hard things. Much is at

stake. Abraham Lincoln tried in 1861 to make this point, speaking so crisply that his words bear rereading in these dark times:

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies," he said. "Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

We need today, not merely better angels, but also braver ones. We need everyday people to reject the call to political violence — to vote against it, protest against it, to speak and pray for it to end. We must also pray for its victims, living and dead, no matter our differences of opinion.

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pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

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(419) 375-4680
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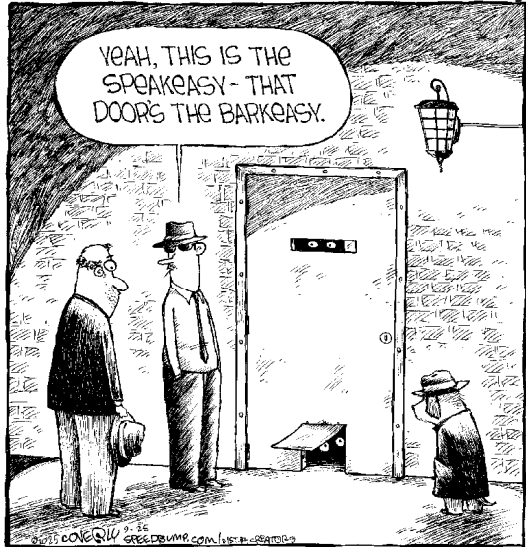

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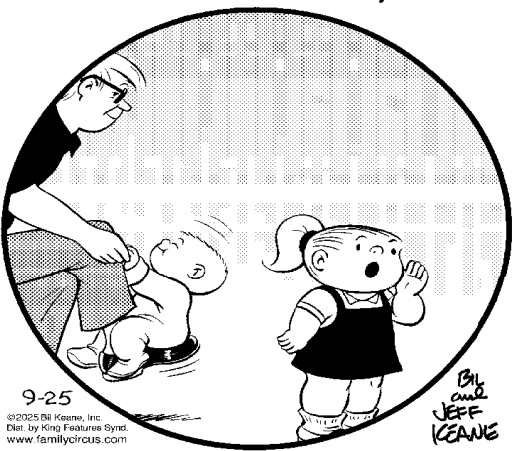
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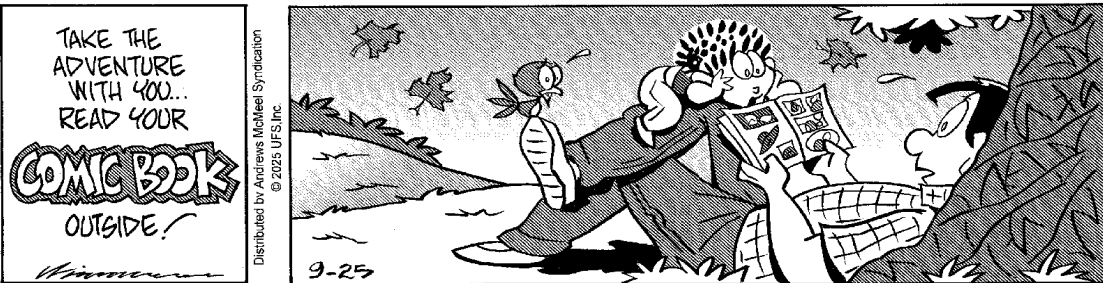
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♥ K 10 7 2
♦ 9 6 5
♣ 8 3

EAST

♠ Q 10
♥ J 8 4
♦ 10 4 3 2
♣ J 9 7 6

SOUTH

♠ A 6 5 3
♥ A Q 9
♦ A Q 7
♣ K Q 2

The bidding:
East Pass 2 NT Pass West North
Opening lead — four of spades.

Suppose you're declarer at three notrump and West leads a spade. You duck East's queen at trick one and take the ten return with the ace. How would you continue?

When the deal occurred, declarer cashed the K-Q-A of clubs, hoping dummy's ten would become his ninth trick. After the jack failed to fall, South led a heart to the nine, losing to the ten.

West cashed his two spades and exited with a diamond to dummy's jack. Declarer then led a heart to

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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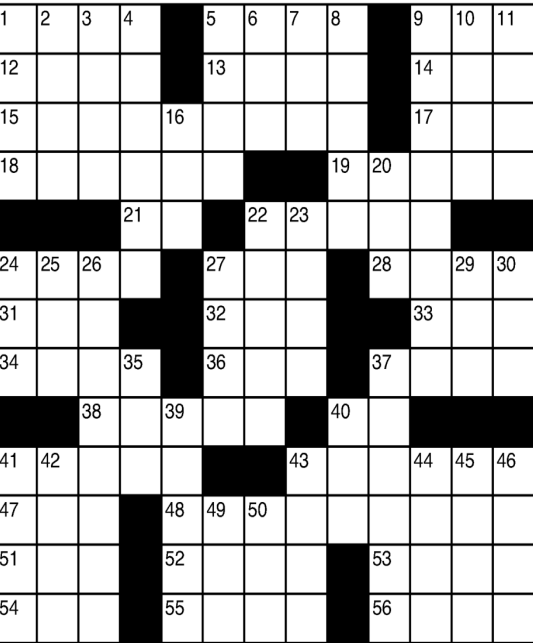
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15 Play down
17 Prefix for "night" or "day"
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19 Cross-word diagrams
21 Come — (pay a visit)
22 Utter disorder
24 Leaf
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31 Altar affirmative
32 — the ramparts
33 Service charge
34 Low digits

DOWN

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2 Lotion additive
3 Biog-raphy
4 Doesn't bother
5 Distort
6 Cover
7 Pie — mode
8 Europe's longest river
9 Like Tilsit cheese
10 Battery fluid
11 Seed holders
16 Salary
20 Steal from
22 Tight-fisted
23 Circle dance
24 Deep hole
25 Commo-tion
26 Be-comes lenient
27 Judicial garb
29 PBS supporter
30 Cozy family room
35 Sault — Marie
37 Rips to pieces
39 Thoreau piece
40 Chances, for short
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Jarred ...

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“She’s physically a lot stronger than any of my players,” Muhlenkamp said. “She was smart, she knew how to pass, her first touch was incredible.

“A lot of times when we’re getting pushed and shoved, it’s going to be the stronger person and she knew how to stand her ground and be in the right areas.”

Avery Jarrells affected the game one last time as she sent a through ball that Bollinger scored on with 24:35 remaining in the game.

While Delta didn’t have much trouble scoring, the Patriots struggled to get good looks at the goal. The midfield and defense did a

generally good job of stopping Jay County from getting clean looks, to the point that two of the best opportunities came on free kicks from just outside the box and a corner kick. (Charlee Peters took the first one by the top right corner of the box that Ruth Sherck saved, Raylin Hummer took another from the left side of the box that didn’t make it in close enough for a threat and Hummer also took a corner kick that got past Sherck, but Aubree Jarrells cleared the ball.)

“Honestly, the back line did great, but I also give a lot of credit to my midfield,” said DHS coach Mason Turner. “They did a lot from stopping it from even getting there. ... Most

of the time that’s our midfield and our defense making sure we keep the ball in front of us and on their side.

“They’ve been a unit all season, only allowing five goals. I credit a lot to obviously Ruth, but our defense is keeping it from Ruth as well.”

JCHS got a few looks during live play as well, but each were contested. London Lloyd managed a shot in the first half that Sherck had to dive to save. Aixa Lopez took a shot 12 minutes into the game that Sherck bobbled. Peters came up for an attempt at a rebound, but Adoree Smith sent it out without much trouble.

The Patriots will need a

short memory as they take on another sectional opponent tonight in Yorktown before hosting Heritage in the final Allen County Athletic Conference game of the season on Saturday.

“We’ve got to want it more, play smarter and play like a team,” Muhlenkamp said. “Part of the reason I switched up the formation a little bit in the second half was to find some offensive rhythm but still remain strong in the back. That bit us in the butt as we fell apart really quick, but it’s something that we’ll have to work on in practice and figure out. The goal of coaching is to have your team playing its best by the last game of the season.”

Middles push Patriots past Starfires

BERNE — The Patriots got themselves going downhill.

Momentum keeps building for the Jay County High School volleyball team as it picked up a 23-25, 23-25, 25-21, 25-12, 15-10 comeback victory over the Class 2A No. 9 South Adams Starfires on Tuesday to win its fifth consecutive match and remain first in the Allen County Athletic Conference standings.

The Patriots (13-6, 4-0 ACAC) recorded 41 kills in the match. Halie Schwieterman powered the offense with 11 kills, while Maria Hemmelgarn followed with nine. The other middles, Mya Kunkler and Brenna Schmiesing, each had six or more kills.

The defense at the net also showed out as Jay County blocked 20 shots from South Adams (16-6, 2-2 ACAC). Kunkler had a team-high 14 blocks, 10 of which were assists, while Hemmelgarn had seven and Schmiesing added six.

Schwieterman and Lani Muhlenkamp both had strong days behind the service line with three aces each.

Local Roundup

Paisley Fugiett led JCHS with 30 assists and 24 digs. Muhlenkamp followed with 20 digs, while Kayla Jetmore and Elizabeth Barnett each added 18.

Another win

MUNCIE — Jay County’s boys tennis team picked up its second 5-0 win over the Muncie Central Bearcats on Tuesday.

Clark Wellman ran through Karter Hyneman 6-0, 6-0 in the No. 3 singles match.

Paul Dirksen and Henry Dirksen also picked up points from the No. 1 and 2 singles positions for the Patriots (12-5). Paul Dirksen beat Caleb Byrn 6-2, 6-0, while Henry Dirksen beat James Sue 6-3, 6-0.

Kadyn Carpenter and Alex Miller

played a close first set of the No. 1 doubles match, but pulled it out to defeat Adrain Collins and Tyko Holowell 7-5, 6-1.

Gabe Overton and Brock Wasson got through one set before Marcus Cupp and David Miller defaulted the No. 2 doubles match to hand over a 6-1, 2-0 victory.

Fort falls

FORT RECOVERY — Division VII No. 4 Fort Loramie took down the Fort Recovery volleyball team 25-13, 25-19, 25-20 on Tuesday.

The Indians (4-10) totaled 20 kills in the match with six coming from Cameron Muhlenkamp. Bridget Homan and Alexis Grisez each added five kills, while Brynn Willmann and Kenna Dues put down two balls each.

Willmann and Homan both patrolled the net, sending back four shots from Fort Loramie (11-6) apiece. Grisez added two more blocks, while Muhlenkamp had one.

Other leaders for Fort Recovery were Willmann with three aces and Kayla Gaerke with 13 digs.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys tennis at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. Yorktown — 7 p.m.; JV girls soccer vs. Yorktown — 5 p.m.; Junior high cross country vs. Monroe Central/Union City/WesDel — 5 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. Union City — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high football at Richmond — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Volleyball at New Knoxville at 5:30 p.m.; Middle school football at New Bremen — 5 p.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. Marion Local — 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Football at Woodlan — 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football vs. New Bremen — 7 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
12:40 p.m. — MLB: Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)
6:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Washington at Purdue (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Army at East Carolina (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Michigan State at Minnesota (BTN)

Friday
7 a.m. — Golf: Ryder Cup (NBC)
2:20 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs (FDSN Indiana)
2:30 p.m. — Bundesliga soccer: Bayern Munchen at Werder Bremen (ESPN2)
6 p.m. — College volleyball: Michigan at Michigan State (BTN)
7 p.m. — College football: Florida State at Virginia (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at Indiana Fever (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — College volleyball: Indiana at UCLA (BTN)
8 p.m. — ARCA Menards Series: Reese’s 150 (FS1)
8:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers (FDSN Indiana)
9 p.m. — College football: TCU at Arizona State (FOX)
9:30 p.m. — WNBA: Minnesota Lynx at Phoenix Mercury (ESPN2)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Houston at Oregon State (ESPN)

Local notes

Tryouts set
The Jay County Winter Swim Club will host new swimmer tryouts at the high school swimming pool on Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m.
A parent meeting for swimmers will

also be held on Sept. 29 6:30 p.m. in the pool area.

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 Plant 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.
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Review preview

Friday - 7 p.m.



Jay County Patriots

Portland, 1-4, (0-3 ACAC)

Coach: Eddie Fields, first year (fifth overall)

Conference: Allen County

Last week vs. Bluffton: The Patriots kept the Class 2A No. 7 Tigers at bay in the first half before falling 40-0. JCHS gave up four touchdowns in the third quarter. Jay County gave up 432 yards on 40 plays while only gaining 161 yards from the line of scrimmage on 45 attempts.

Season leaders: Passing — Nick Laux – 39-of-70 for 466 yards and four touchdowns. Rushing — Leighton Brown – 48 carries for 240 yards and two touchdowns. Receiving — Brady Jetmore – 14 catches for 235 yards and two touchdowns.



at Woodlan Warriors

Woodburn, 1-4, (0-3 ACAC)

Coach: Brock Rohrbacher, second year (13th overall)

Conference: Allen County

Last week at Southern Wells: The Warriors suffered their first loss at the hands of the Raiders since 2009 with a 34-21 defeat. They gave up one touchdown in the air and three more on the ground.

Season leaders: Passing — Griffin Clear – 8-of-23 for 103 yards and one touchdown. Rushing — Noah Ames – 18 carries for 210 yards and four touchdowns. Receiving — Cooper Smith – five catches for 37 yards. Defense — Ashtin Jacquay – 35 tackles. (Stats only go through week No. 3.)



Last season: As rain relentlessly pounded down, the Patriots failed to block Woodlan as they gave up six sacks and finished with a net total of one rushing yard in a 21-0 loss. The two teams attempted a total of 16 passes, only seven of which were completed, all by Sean Bailey. Drew Fleek, who led the game with 161 yards on the ground, punched the ball in once, while Jake Ley scored on a counter play. The other touchdown came on a 27-yard fumble recovery.

Game notes: This is the 11th matchup between the Patriots and the Warriors. Woodlan leads the series 10-1 ... WHS had its first .500 season or better since 2017 last year as it went 5-5 ... Jay County had two players suffer injuries during last week’s match. Joaquin Johnson will miss the rest of the 2025 campaign, while Carter Fugiett’s status is unknown after he needed to be carted off in an ambulance during the Bluffton game ... Both teams have started 0-3 in ACAC play and will have this game circled to avoid the cellar of the conference ... The Sagarin ratings for the teams are virtually the same as Jay County has a 35.93, which is 243rd overall and 51st in Class 3A, while Woodlan’s 36.32 rating is 242nd overall and 50th in Class 3A ... John Harrell projects Woodlan to lose 28-24.

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LAND AUCTION
MONDAY OCTOBER 13TH, 2025
TIME 5:00 P.M.
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REAL ESTATE
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MONDAY OCTOBER 20TH, 2025
TIME 5:00 P.M.
LOCATED: CR 200 S AND CR 300 E. PORTLAND, IN
REAL ESTATE
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Saturday Morning
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
10:00 A.M.
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Saturday Morning
OCTOBER 11, 2025
10:00 A.M.
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OCTOBER 6, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
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Jarred by Jarrells

Delta freshman scored five goals, assisted two more to beat Patriots

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review
MUNCIE — The Eagles have only given up five goals on the season. The Patriots couldn't add to that mark, while a freshman carved them up on the other side.

The Jay County High School girls soccer team struggled to get good looks at the goal against the Delta Eagles, while Avery Jarrells had a foot in every goal of the 7-0 defeat on Tuesday.

Delta (11-1) entered the match coming off its first loss of the season on Saturday as it fell to Pendleton Heights 2-1. While the Eagles only managed to score twice in the first half — Avery Jarrells and Jordan Bunch each assisted each other on a goal — the Patriots (8-4) couldn't slow them down in the second half.

"I would say our biggest struggle was being in the right spots at the right times," said JCHS coach Kendra Muhlenkamp. "I don't know, we weren't there. Our heads were not in the game. Hence, the second half, they scored four goals in the first (eight) minutes. That can't happen. ...

"I feel like as soon as they made that first goal in the second half, we just shut down."

That first goal came off the foot of Avery Jarrells. The freshmen received a pass from Bunch on the defensive side of the field and was able to beat Ariel Beiswanger down the middle, shaded to the right half. She delivered the shot that put Delta up 3-0 after 2 minutes, 11 seconds, ran off the clock.

Beiswanger made a defensive stand against Mia Bollinger 47 seconds later, but the following corner kick from Grace Jarrells found Avery Jarrells' head to get past Maleah Parsons in the middle of the goal.

Another two minutes ran off the clock and Avery Jarrells struck again. Emma Hatzell forced Shiloh Bunch to watch the ball go out of bounds, awarding Parsons a goal kick. The DHS freshman directly fielded the kick, got past Hatzell and took a chip shot that sailed over Parsons' arm into the top right of the goal.

Avery Jarrells' final goal of the match came at the 31:21 mark when she scored on a give-and-go with Grace Jarrells. Parsons came out of the goal to try to affect the shot, but Avery Jarrells stopped on a dime and side-stepped to the right before netting the ball.

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Emma Hatzell, a defender on the Jay County High School girls soccer team, boots a ball away from Delta's Shiloh Bunch as she drives down field during a 7-0 loss at the hands of the Eagles on Tuesday. The Patriots held Delta to two goals in the entire first half before giving up four goals to Avery Jarrells in the first eight minutes of the second half. JCHS will get another shot at a sectional opponent today as they host the defending champion Yorktown Tigers.

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