

Who has access?

Phillips requests to view recordings

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Already the subject of a lawsuit and an active tort claim, cameras came up during the closing minutes of Thursday's Portland Board of Works meeting.

Portland clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips requested access to all cameras in public areas of the interior and exterior of Portland City Hall.

Phillips asked the board of works for access to the cameras, including those in hallways and the carport. She asked Mayor Jeff Westlake, who sits on the board, for a timeline for access.

Westlake said he would address the issue Friday morning.

Phillips then asked who currently has access to the cameras' footage. Westlake said there is access via screens in Police Chief Dustin Mock's office as well as in the office of the mayor's secretary.

Phillips then again requested access in her office as well as the ability to review the footage "from time to time."

Westlake pushed to table the request.

"We have some things pending against us, so I just want to make sure that this is an OK thing," he said, referring to the lawsuit and tort claims against the city.

Phillips then asked board of works member Jerry Leonhard if he had any questions regarding her request. He said he did not.

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Two titles

It was a big day for the Patriot net sports Thursday as the Jay County High School volleyball team secured the outright Allen County Athletic Conference regular-season volleyball championship with a win over Class 3A No. 7 Heritage while the boys tennis team defeated Randolph Southern to earn its fourth consecutive sectional title. Pictured above, JCHS junior Hallie Schwieterman screams at Elizabeth Barnett (2) after rallying in the fourth set of the ACAC clincher. Schwieterman led JCHS with 19 kills while Barnett added 12. At left, Gabe Overton of the boys tennis team hoists the IHSAA sectional trophy after the Patriots' 4-1 victory. Surrounding Overton are, from left, Alex Miller, Clark Wellman and Brock Wasson. For more, see sports pages 9, 10 and 11.

Commission recommends no data centers

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Data centers may not be allowed in or around Portland for the foreseeable future.

Portland Plan Commission on Thursday recommended the city not permit data centers within city limits or its 2-mile buffer zone. The recommendation moves next to Portland City Council, which meets Monday.

Portland City Council approved a one-year moratorium on data centers in July.

Issue will now move to Portland City Council

Since then, Jay/Portland Building and Planning Department has been drafting regulations for such facilities.

Building and planning director John Hemmelgarn and assistant director Pati McLaughlin presented a draft ordinance defining data centers as "a facility or portion of a facility housing networked computer systems and associat-

ed components such as telecommunications equipment and storage systems used for remote storage, processing and distribution of data."

The draft proposed allowing data centers in agricultural residential zones outside Portland city limits, with special exception use approval from Portland Board of Zoning Appeals.

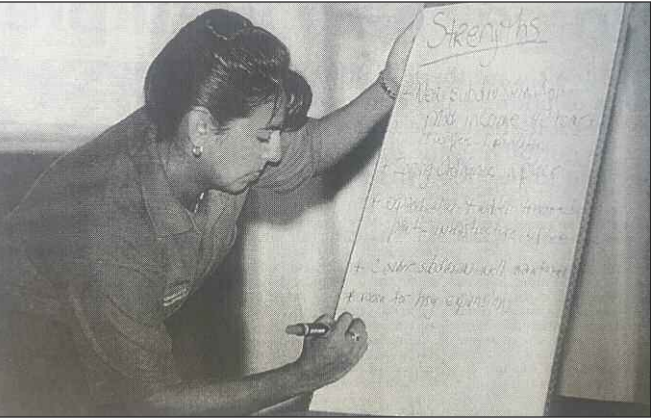
Other proposals in the draft included specifications for setbacks, height limits, water usage, generators, noise levels, buffers, equipment, lighting, battery storage enclosures, building permit requirements and calculations for permit fees.

According to Environmental and Energy Study Institute, data centers support cloud computing, video streaming, artificial intelligence, cryptocurrency mining and other digital functions. As of March, there were 5,426 data centers nationally, surpassing other countries by the thousands, according to data from Statista.

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Restrospect

Dunkirk did some dreaming



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Sonya Kimberlin of the Indiana Rural Development Council jots down a list of Dunkirk's strengths during a group discussion on Oct. 3, 2000. Dunkirk residents discussed the strengths and weaknesses of their community.

Twenty-five years ago this week, one of Jay County's municipalities was doing soul-searching and some dreaming.

With Indiana Rural Development Council and city officials leading the way, a group gathered in Dunkirk on Oct. 2 and 3, 2000, for a tour of the city and small-group discussions about housing, civic organization, city boards, downtown revitalization, social services, recreation and the business community.

Themes of the day

included that strengths were stable industries, a good school system, a new housing subdivisions, the work of Dunkirk Beautification Committee and the city's parks and pool.

Attendees identified vacant properties, a lack of community involvement from local industries, a heavy dependence on manufacturing, a lack of local shopping options and "brain drain" as challenges facing Dunkirk.

Scottsburg Mayor Bill

Graham, who was also president of the Indiana Rural Development Council, complimented those in attendance.

"You have an extremely friendly community," he said. "Everyone here tonight was looking out for the best interests of Dunkirk."

Indiana Rural Development Council was designed to provide resources to rural communities and in some cases bring in regional, state and federal officials to assist.

"It's very hard being a mayor of a small community," said Graham.

The development council's staff planned to return to Dunkirk about six weeks later with a written evaluation report. It was to include suggestions for solutions to some of the concerns raised and offer a list of agencies and resources to help.

Dunkirk Mayor Tom Johnson said he felt the event was a good experience "with a lot of good ideas brought out."

Deaths

Marilyn James-Beeler, 79, Portland
Emanuel Schwartz, 7, rural Bryant
Katie Schwartz, 22, Berne
Details on page 2.

Weather

Friday's high temperature was 85 degrees in Jay County. The low was 56.
Today's high will be in the mid 80s under sunny skies. Expect sunny skies Sunday and mostly sunny skies Monday. Highs will be in the mid 80s both days.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Blooms & Brews, an interactive event for those 21 and older, is set for 4 p.m. Saturday at the corn maze at Jay County Fairgrounds. Admission will be \$20, which will include sample tickets for beers and wines at various locations in the maze. Food trucks will also be available. There will also be a live band.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from the Jay County High School volleyball team's invitational.
Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Portland City Council meeting.
Thursday — Details from the JCHS boys soccer sectional opener versus Oak Hill.

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Obituaries

Marilyn James-Beeler

July 21, 1946-Oct. 2, 2025
Marilyn James-Beeler, age 79, a former resident of Portland, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, at her home in Decatur.

Marilyn was born July 21, 1946, in Portland, the daughter of Charles and Norma (Renner) Myers. She married Danny Lee Beeler on Oct. 27, 1979, and he passed away on May 10, 1996. She was a member of the Portland Moose Lodge Auxiliary and Portland Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include:
Her children — Kathleen Beeler (partner: Britt), Decatur, and Nickie Scott, Portland
Her stepchildren — Hassie



James-Beeler

Esparza, Indianapolis, Tressie Monroe (husband: Doug), Portland, Tonya Roser (husband: Chris), Portland, and Heidi McGinnis (husband: George), Portland

Her siblings — Robert Myers (wife: Blanche), Norwalk, Ohio, Vera Sue McBride (husband: Roger), Lakeland, Florida, Pam Wianans (husband: Dan), Decatur, and Cheryl Dunning, Portland

Fourteen grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by a brother, Michael Myers.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery, east of Geneva.

Memorials may be directed to the family of Marilyn James-

Beeler in care of Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Emanuel Schwartz

Aug. 30, 2018-Oct. 3, 2025
Emanuel D.M. Schwartz, age 7, of rural Bryant, passed away at 5:56 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 3, 2025 at his home.

He was born on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, in Decatur.

Emanuel was of the Old Order Amish Church. He loved playing with ponies and playing football.

Survivors include his parents, Daniel H.B. and Margaret D. (Graber) Schwartz, Bryant; siblings Henry D.M. (Elizabeth) Schwartz, Pennville, Daniel D.M. (Mary) Schwartz, Pleasureville, Kentucky, Millie D.M. (John) Wengerd, Montpelier,

David D.M. (Maryann) Schwartz, Berne, Katieann D.M. (special friend: Ervin) Schwartz, Bryant, Joe D.M. Schwartz, Bryant, Jonas D.M. Schwartz, Bryant, and Elmer D.M. Schwartz, Bryant; maternal grandmother, Millie Graber, Bryant; three nieces; and five nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Lydiann D.M. Schwartz; paternal grandparents Henry H. and Barbara Schwartz; and maternal grandfather David J. Graber.

Visitation will be held at the Schwartz residence located at 4043 W. 650 North, Bryant, on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025, from 1 to 8 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Schwartz residence on Sunday, Oct. 5.

A funeral service will be held at the Schwartz residence at 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, with Bishop Daniel S. Shetler officiating.

Interment will follow in the Pennville Amish Cemetery in Pennville.






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

Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneral-homes.com.

Katie G. Schwartz, Berne, the sister of a Geneva resident, Jan. 31, 2003-Sept. 30, 2025. Services will be at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Schwartz residence, 6188 S. Salem Road, Berne.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Sunday 10/5	Monday 10/6	Tuesday 10/7	Wednesday 10/8	Thursday 10/9
 87/60 Sunday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high around 87.	 83/63 Monday's weather looks like mostly sunny skies with highs around 83 degrees.	 72/47 There's a 60% chance of showers on Tuesday, when the high may reach 72.	 67/39 Mostly sunny skies are expected Wednesday when there's a low around 39.	 68/39 Thursday's forecast shows sunny skies with the high reaching 68 degrees.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 2-0-1 Daily Four: 1-0-9-8 Quick Draw: 7-14-15-18-19-21-23-24-28-29-41-42-57-59-60-62-63-68-69-77	Pick 3: 9-6-7 Pick 4: 5-7-4-8 Pick 5: 6-6-2-3-8
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$195 million	
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$520 million	
Ohio Midday	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.10 Dec. corn4.22	Wheat4.69
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.16 By Oct. 10 corn4.11 Oct./Nov. corn4.06	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.96 Nov. corn4.00 Beans9.78 Late Oct. beans9.87 Wheat5.04
The Andersons Richland Township Corn3.99 Dec. corn4.12 Beans9.67 Late Oct. beans9.87	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.17 Oct. corn4.02 Beans9.62 Oct. beans9.85 Wheat4.66

Today in history

In 1582, the Gregorian calendar was introduced. Slight inaccuracies in the Julian calendar had led to it being misaligned with the seasons. The Gregorian calendar, which was proclaimed by Pope Gregory XIII which is the one that is still widely used today, adjusted for the discrepancy.

In 1853, Ottoman Turks declared war on Russia, officially starting the Crimean War. The Turks would later be joined by England and France.

In 1970, singer Janis Joplin died of an accidental heroin overdose. She was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1995.

In 1972, Glen West said he planned to continue to pursue an effort for a new FM radio station in Portland a day after the Federal Communications Commission denied his application. At the time, West owned the AM radio station in Portland.

In 2019, the Fort Recovery High School football team denied a 2-point conversion try by Parkway to hold on for a 27-26 victory. Quarterback Clay Schmitz's 1-yard run with 3:08 remaining had put the Indians ahead after their 20-0 lead disappeared.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, living facility, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community	7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, School-house Community Center.

Data ...

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A 2023 report from technology, media and telecommunications group McKinsey & Company said U.S. data centers consumed 17 gigawatts of electricity the year prior.

“Do we even have the infrastructure here now that can support one of these?” asked plan commission and city council member Kent McClung.

Hemmelnarn noted recent upgrades to transmission lines. He recalled a conversation he shared with a solar farm representative, saying the representative had told him Portland is “prime for data centers.” He later suggested a possible location for a data center in Portland would be on the city’s northern edge or in a rural area near bigger transmission lines.

“(If) they’re taking that kind of power, they’re going to need probably a substation like we’ve never seen,” Hemmelnarn said.

Plan commission and city council member Matt Goldsworthy — he also teaches junior high computer science at Jay School Corporation — talked about school curriculum diving into artificial intelligence.

“Eighth graders have to take a class where we learn nothing but AI; that’s what I’m teaching all day long,” he said. “And it’s coming from the government — they’re wanting to start working that way.”

He later pointed out data centers can bring jobs, though others questioned how many jobs such facilities typically provide.

McClung asked whether the plan commission could prohibit data centers as a whole within its jurisdiction, with others confirming it could.

“I’m not a Luddite, I know these things happen, you know, you look at the history of the world,” said McClung. “You can’t stop the technology, but how do we do — this is moving so fast, it’s hard to get a handle on it right now.”

McLaughlin referenced a data center in Fort Wayne, which she said originally planned to have 36 diesel generators but has now upped that amount to more than 175. Another plan commission member noted data centers are often spread across multiple buildings.

“We are open to alternative energy, we’ve got solar panels, we’ve got wind

mills,” McClung said. “The proof is in our landscape, and, so, I think, you know, we might have data centers out in the country somewhere, but ... I don’t see a place for a data center of this size in Portland if it’s going to be that huge.”

Goldsworthy noted the city could revisit the issue in the future. Plan commission members also pointed out plan commission’s recommendation Thursday doesn’t impact how Jay County government approaches the topic.

Plan commission members Ashley Hilfiker, Bart Darby, Jerry Alexander, Goldsworthy and McClung, with Steve McIntosh, Kyle Cook, Randy Geesaman and Ron Laux absent, voted to recommend an ordinance prohibiting data centers within plan commission’s jurisdiction.

Also Thursday, plan commission reviewed a draft ordinance with proposed regulations for small-scale battery energy storage facilities.

McLaughlin explained the building and planning department distinguished the difference between small-scale and commercial-scale battery storage projects, with 10

megawatts as the dividing line.

The draft also clarifies battery storage systems for personal use are allowed as long as they comply with manufacturer’s requirements and regulations.

McLaughlin pointed to Jay County REMC’s plans to implement battery storage units, saying their eight-megawatt sites would qualify as small scale.

The draft outlines regulations for zoning — they would be permitted in agricultural residential and industrial zones by special exception use approved by Portland Board of Zoning Appeals — as well as substation permit requirements, which are not regulated by plan commission or building and planning department. The draft suggests a \$200 per megawatt permit fee for each small-scale battery storage site.

Commercial-scale projects, per the ordinance draft, would not be allowed within Portland city limits and its surrounding 2-mile buffer.

“I think it’s just something we have to deal with in the future, and we just want to be as safe as we possibly can with them,” said Hemmelnarn.

Capsule Reports

Lost control

A Portland teen lost control of the car he was driving, causing him to drive off Indiana 67 and roll several times about 9:30 p.m. Thursday.

Skyler M. Esparza, 16, was driving his 2020 Honda Civic north on the highway near county road 200 West when his vehicle went across the southbound lane and off the road. It continued into the ditch west of the road, and his car rolled several times before stopping just north of a school speed zone flashing light.

Esparza told police he thought his vehicle had locked up.

Esparza complained of upper arm pain. He refused treatment at the scene but told police he planned to go to the hospital following the accident.

The vehicle he was driving was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Combine accident

A Portland man damaged his combine when it pulled down power

lines along county roads 700 West and 400 South about 3:20 p.m. Thursday.

Scot E. Binegar, 60, was driving his 2000 New Holland CR970 west on county road 700 West and turning onto county road 400 South when his farm vehicle caught the power lines above him. The combine knocked a utility pole and the power lines onto the ground, causing damage to the exterior of his hopper and combine.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Access ...

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The board took no action on Phillips’ request for access to the cameras.

Cameras in city hall are the subject of a lawsuit and a tort claim that are active against the city.

Phillips is suing the city, Mock and investigator Jeff Hopkins, saying she has been the focus of “tort, harassment and defamation.” Part of her suit alleges that Mock and Hopkins reviewed and distributed video footage of her exercising in the city’s exercise room and that those recordings included her private telephone conversations.

In a tort claim, a step required to file suit against a government entity, former wastewater department employee Brad Clayton alleges that Phillips, while on government property, made a phone call to her mother during which she disclosed Clayton’s leave status and his diagnosis. (It says the call was recorded.)

Phillips also said police officer Jaylen Riddle

resigned from the department Wednesday. Westlake confirmed Riddle’s departure, noting that he had not passed Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Westlake and Leonhard also approved a pay request from James Jackson Company of Bluffton for its August work on the ongoing upgrades to the city’s wastewater treatment plant. The request was for \$538,000, with \$475,200 to be paid out and the remaining \$52,800 held as retainage. The project is expected to be complete in fall 2026.

Board members Leonhard and Westlake, with

member Steve McIntosh absent, also approved the following:

- A contract not to exceed \$10,000 with financial consulting firm Baker Tilly for a study of fees for trash removal and recycling services. The city currently charges \$5.50 per month. Phillips said most municipalities charge higher rates, ranging from \$15 to \$20, and that Portland’s rates will likely need to increase.
- The hiring of part-time firefighters Brian Jellison, Ben Walter and Braden McIntire.
- A new sewer tap at 1609 N. Meridian St.

TOWN OF REDKEY

Accepting applications for Deputy Marshall

Experiencepreferred but not mandatory.
Apply at the Redkey Town Hall.

Applications accepted from September 29-October 13.

SERVICES

Today
Derrickson, Berna: 10 a.m., Gravel Hill Cemetery, Bryant.
Carlson, David: 1 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Sunday
Schwartz, Katie: 9 a.m., Schwartz residence, 6188 S. Salem Road, Berne.

Monday
Schwartz, Emanuel: 9 a.m., Schwartz residence, 4043 W. 650 North, Bryant.
Timmerman, Raymond: 10:30 a.m., Precious Blood Church, 35 Maple St., Maria Stein, Ohio.
Smith, June: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
James-Beeler, Marilyn: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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120 N. Meridian St.
Portland, Indiana 47371
(260) 726-9201
progressiveofficeproducts.com

Friend hates coarse words

DEAR ABBY: When my lifelong friend “Cheryl” and I would talk once a week to catch up with each other’s lives, she’d describe her other friends’ woes in a really animated way, including a loud voice and extremely vulgar words about those friends. She even talked about her recently departed mother this way. Her mother had not been part of her life for more than 50 years, but when she reentered the scene, she had developed dementia. Her mom’s habit of vulgar talk was probably where Cheryl picked it up.

The funny thing is, when we talk in person, Cheryl doesn’t do it. It’s only on the phone. I recently had a falling-out with an elderly friend, “Louise,” over a similar situation, but it was politically fueled. Louise would call me, inebriated, shouting nasty stuff about my political stance. I finally hung up and blocked her on the phone. Louise is 78 and an admitted alcoholic. Cheryl and I are not; we are in our mid-60s.

I decided to text Cheryl, asking her not to use such vulgar language when we talk because it upsets me. I grew up with a father who cursed and yelled a lot, and I vowed not to talk that way. I’m not a prude. Talking with these two women triggered memories of younger years. Cheryl has now ghosted me. My text wasn’t mean or brutal. Is there anything I can say to her to get my friend back, or am I blocked forever? — OVER AND OUT IN OHIO

DEAR OVER: Because you couldn’t handle Cheryl’s language, you were right to tell her how it made you feel and why. As long as she’s blocking you, there is nothing you can

Dear Abby



say that will get through. Perhaps it is just as well. In my view, folks who ridicule others are really not very nice at all.

DEAR ABBY: I have a neighbor I will call “Sheila.” Every year, Sheila throws an over-the-top New Year’s Eve party. It is not even Halloween yet, and she has already sent the save-the-date invitations. My problem is, I feel like I am boxed in to attending the party as I don’t have my plans yet for New Year’s Eve. I’d like to have the flexibility to be with my family or possibly attend a different type of event.

The party starts at 7 p.m., and by midnight I’m exhausted from standing and trying to make small talk at the large party. I prefer a smaller group where we can chat and socialize easily. Sheila has been known to keep track of people’s comings and goings in and out of the neighborhood, so I can’t hide on New Year’s Eve. I wouldn’t mind going for an hour or two, but more than that is just torture. Any advice? — BOXED-IN IN FLORIDA

DEAR BOXED-IN: You are not trapped into doing anything you don’t want to do. A “save-the-date” card isn’t a command performance. Talk with Sheila and tell her your plans for New Year’s Eve are

up in the air, and that you haven’t decided whether you will spend it with your family but will let her know after you receive her formal invitation.

DEAR ABBY: I remarried several years after my first wife passed away. I thought they were different people, but they share one maddening trait. They refuse to use the phone! Of course they talk to the children, relatives and friends, but to no one who must be contacted for a business reason.

For example, my wife is unwilling to phone the vet, carpet cleaning service or insurance agency. All such matters are dumped on me. In addition, when I do call for her, she insists on standing next to me giving orders on what I should say or how or who to talk to. Please let me know how to get my wife to use the phone. — TIRED OF IT IN THE EAST

DEAR TIRED OF IT: Your wife may feel that you have more knowledge about these things than she does but would still like to get her 2 cents in during those business calls. I have also found that sometimes men “hear” things better from another man than they do from a woman. Because this vexes you, the next time one of those calls must be made, stand next to her and coach her through it if she needs it. The term for this is “teamwork.”

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

‘Mammography Night’ slated for later this month

There’s a special event dedicated to women’s health coming up.

Adams Memorial Hospital will host Mammography Night, an initiative organized by the radiology department to encourage women to prioritize their health, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28. The event allows individuals to undergo 3-D screening mammograms. Eligible individuals who are in financial need may qualify for a free screening mammogram, with the funding covered by an Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust grant.

All mammograms will be interpreted by board-certified radiologists from Summit Radiology in Fort Wayne, utilizing the latest digital technology for accurate results.

To schedule a mammogram for this special event and to inquire about financial eligibility, please call the AMH Central Scheduling office at (260) 724-2145 (ext. 11047) or (260) 589-3913 (ext. 11047).

Paint out

Alcove Artists’ Collective will hold a paint-out event from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Topsy Glass Winery, 8685 N. 400 East, Bryant. Folks are invited to attend to watch local artists.

Taking Note

Health screenings

Health screenings will be available next month in Portland.

Local residents can learn about their risks for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic conditions with health screenings Monday at Lions Club Civic Center, 307 E. 100 North, Portland.

Screenings check for plaque buildup in arteries, cholesterol levels, kidney and thyroid functions and more. Call (877) 237-1287 or visit lifelinescreening.com to set up an appointment. Pre-registration is required.

Scooby-Doo bingo

Grab some Scooby snacks and a Bingo card.

Jay County Public Library is hosting a “Scooby-Doo” themed bingo night. Families are invited to the library’s community room Thursday to join for bingo and try for a variety of prizes. Sessions are from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m. To register, call (260) 726-7890 or visit the library.

Marriage licenses

Jasmin Brown, 25, Dunkirk, and Hunter Oswalt, 25, Dunkirk
Riley J. Devoss, 22, Portland, and Paige N. Howell, 23, Portland
Jevalyn S. McCullough, 32, Fort Recovery, and Thomas M. Welling, 35, Fort Recovery
Jennifer Betz, 39, Portland, and Brent W. Gall, 38, Hartford City
Selah D. Habib, 27, Portland, and Chelsea R. Ward, 31, Portland
Daniel D. Schwartz, 21, Bryant, and Laura Eicher, 20, Berne

Alexandra R. Bader, 25, Portland, and Gabriel J. Faulkner, 25, Dunkirk
Giselle C.B. Abreu, 25, Bryant, and Cole R. Brotherton, 25, Bryant
Lacy L. Chowning, 28, Portland, and Dekota L. Newland, 25, Portland
James A. Elliott, 34, Portland, and Rochelle M. Laurence, 36, Portland
Madison E. Curtis, 24, Redkey, and Chad A. Lykins Jr., 28, Redkey
Wesley K. Bachtel, 23, Dunkirk,

and Marissa J. Malott, 27, Dunkirk
Owen E. Champ, 46, Redkey, and Teresa L. Pinkston, 47, Redkey
Nathan A. Hunt, 37, Portland and Gina C. Laurens, 33, Portland
Gabriela B.P. Booher, 23, Redkey, and Mark A. Deavers, 46, Redkey
Amanda S. Coleman, 39, Berne, and Derious D. Clark Jr., 43, Portland
Rachel P. Neuenschwander, 23, Bryant, and Mahlon L. Wickey, 22, Decatur

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Wal-

nut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — 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. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30

p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

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

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

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

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S.

Meridian St., Portland. 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.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday’s Solution

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

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Chicagoans are not ‘enemy within’

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

We’ve heard the president of the United States denigrate and demean Chicago before. What we haven’t seen until now is Donald Trump appearing before a gathering of the nation’s military commanders — summoned to Quantico, Virginia, from all over the globe for what turned out to be a bizarre made-for-TV rally of sorts — and describing our fellow citizens as “the enemy within” and adding our city to his list of potential “training grounds” for troops who enlist to defend America from foreign adversaries.

Trump speaks illiberally as a matter of habit. It’s sad to say that many Americans, whether

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supporters or opponents, at this point are inured to the schoolyard taunts and cartoonish bravado from our nation’s commander in chief.

But context in this case makes all the difference. It made these words — as Chicago braces for an incursion of federal troops over the objections of Gov. JB Pritzker — disturbing.

“Last month I signed an executive order to provide training for a quick reaction force that can

help quell civil disturbances,” Trump told the top brass, who sat quietly for the hour and 15 minutes of the president’s rambling, divisive and highly partisan remarks. “This is going to be a big thing for the people in this room because it’s the enemy from within. We have to handle it before it gets out of control.”

“We should use some of these cities as training grounds for some of our military,” Trump said. “National Guard, but military. Because we’re going into Chicago very soon.”

There are many things wrong — and honestly un-American — about Trump’s framing of Chicago and this city’s issues. Let’s start with this one.

People gathering and peacefully protesting this administra-

tion’s actions do not constitute “civil disturbances” needing to be “quelled.”

Pritzker on Monday warned the public that the Trump administration intends to dispatch 100 troops in response to protests outside the federal facility in Broadview that has been used to detain suspected undocumented immigrants as federal Border Patrol agents and others have surged into the area in recent weeks. It wasn’t clear from what the governor said — and he likely doesn’t know much more than we do at this point — whether the troops would be used exclusively at Broadview to enable the agents to do their jobs without interference or whether they’d patrol other parts of the city.

We will hope for a limited and

well-defined mission if they come.

This much we can say: Trump’s bellicose words before an audience of generals who must follow his orders don’t give us comfort. Chicagoans have the constitutional right peacefully to protest their government and should feel safe when doing so without worrying about use of force by a National Guard member or any other member of the Armed Forces in need of “training.”

Which brings us to the second major issue with Trump’s remarks. Our city — or any other American city — should not be a “training ground” for troops ultimately enlisted to fight foreign adversaries. President Trump, Chicagoans are your fellow Americans.

Policies hurting struggling farmers

By ANTHONY PAHNKE
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Tribune News Service

When I was growing up, my grandfather often told me: “The best thing about being a farmer is that you are your own boss.” When I asked what’s the worst thing, he would chuckle and say, “Well, that you are your own boss.”

Joking aside, my grandfather’s comments reflect a certain pride in his independence. Farmers know this feeling well, as they are ultimately responsible for their operations, from when to plant crops and how to care for animals, to dealing with periodic floods or a broken fence.

But the path our country is on with respect to farm policy robs farmers of whatever independence they have had, with our politicians allowing food imports to flood markets and drive out producers. While President Donald Trump did not push our nation’s farm economy to the precipice — that process was already well underway — he appears willing to push it off.

Still, there is time to change course by investing in and strengthening markets to help those on the land retain their viability and independence.

Consider our widening agricultural trade deficit — that is, how import values rise as export values fall. To give one example, imported cucumbers made up 90% of the market in 2020, up from about 25% in the 1970s. Americans are also consuming more tomatoes and grapes from abroad. Overall, about 60% of the fruit and up to 35% of the vegetables that we consume originate from outside the United States.

The beef we eat is also increasingly coming from other countries. U.S. beef imports from Brazil hit a record 197 million pounds in January 2025, up from 7 million in January 2020.

Making matters worse is Trump’s trade war. Corn and soy farmers are seeing their prices crater as China’s retaliatory tariffs make their markets disappear. Cotton prices are dropping for the same reason, as about 85% of this crop is destined for export, on which China has slapped a 15% retaliatory tariff.

Most farmers still support the president, polls show, with some hoping that tariffs will pay off in the long run. This is not surprising, given that rural people have steadily trend-

Anthony Pahnke



ed Republican since the 1980s.

Instead of assuming that farmers will suffer in silence, Trump could dedicate resources to strengthen domestic markets. Instead, his “One Big Beautiful Bill” sets aside just \$59 billion for bailouts to struggling farmers. Meanwhile, the bill cut \$187 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Our government is dismantling local markets rather than investing in them, while canceling programs are intended to strengthen food supply chains and provide support to low-income people.

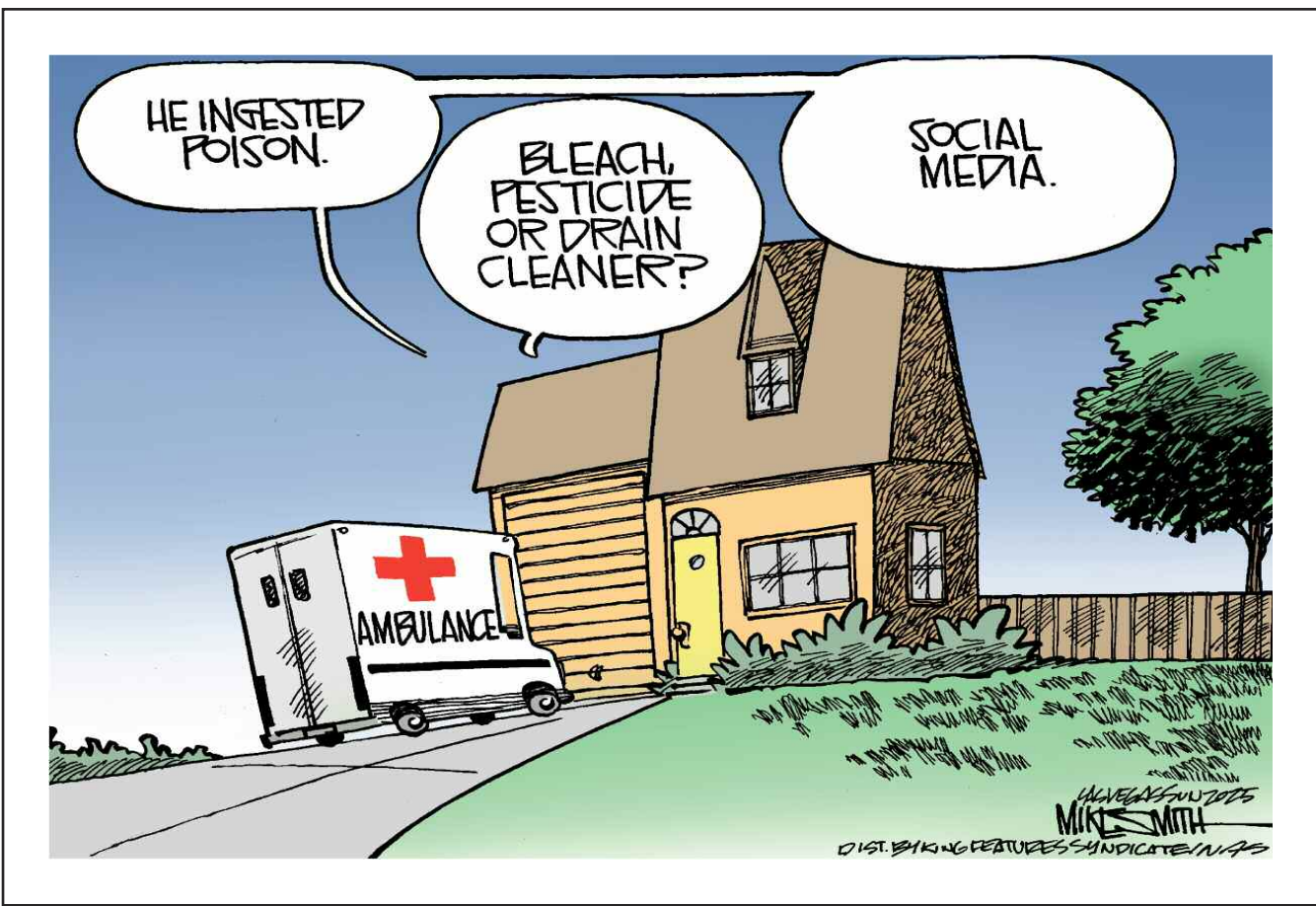
Some hope remains with the so-called Skinny Farm Bill, which is in development. This legislation gives Congress another chance to help ailing farmers.

Among the programs that could be saved is the Livestock Owned by Communities to Advance Local (LOCAL) Foods Act, which gives farmers more flexibility in choosing where to process their animals. Another move in the right direction would be reinstating Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling, which would make retailers disclose the origins of milk, dairy, meat, fish, fruits and vegetables. With this information, consumers could choose domestic products instead of unknowingly buying items from abroad.

Or perhaps we should return to the policy drawing board when it comes to agriculture as some farmer and ally groups propose, calling for restoring nutrition assistance funding, strengthening competition policy and rethinking the cancellation of programs that help farmers survive.

My grandfather joked about the challenges his independence gave him. But what our government is doing isn’t funny. Instead of making America, or our farmers, “great,” Trump is taking their independence and, in the process, their dignity.

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In shutdown, the people lose

By JOHN KRULL
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No one is going to win this fight. Including — actually, especially — the American people.

The political showdown that led to the shutdown of the U.S. government has been building for a long time. Its origins come from the same place and the same forces that account for most of our national ailments.

An unwillingness — one bordering on fanaticism — to acknowledge reality and face facts.

An entrenched retreat into the partisan, ideological and cultural silos that divide us.

And an avowed determination to dehumanize and even demonize anyone who has a point of view different than ours.

Not all that long ago in American history, our political battles were about claiming the center. At times, we were a slightly left-of-center nation. At other times, we were a slightly right-of-center country.

Most of our fights were about how we did important things, such as providing for the nation’s defense or the health of our citizens.

Not whether we should do those things.

But that has changed. Increasingly, it has become clear that our leaders often say things they do not mean.

Consider what is at the heart of the shutdown — a battle over whether Medicare should be funded and millions of Americans should receive health care coverage.

When the fights over what became the Affordable Care Act — otherwise known as “Obamacare” — first began a little more than 15 years ago, Republicans and Democrats both said they wanted to provide health insurance to millions of old and poor Americans who lacked coverage.

The dispute — at least on the surface — was about how to pay for that coverage.

Republicans wanted a market-based solution that created incentives

John Krull



for containing costs. Democrats wanted a government-protected system that provided coverage for as many people as possible.

Both sides agreed — again, at least on the surface — that the existing system, which left close to 40 million Americans without health coverage, was inadequate.

“Obamacare” was the resulting compromise.

Its premise was born in a conservative think tank, but Democrats and progressives jumped on board for two reasons.

The first was that they could not gather the votes necessary to pass their preferred option, a single-payer, universal system. And the second was that this compromise offered coverage to tens of millions of Americans who hadn’t had it before.

In a sane world, both sides would have claimed responsibility for creating a program that helped more than 10% of the U.S. population.

But this is not a sane world.

Republicans and conservatives have fought to dispense with Obamacare ever since it became law. They’ve focused their fire on the parts of it — the managed-care pieces — that aimed to achieve their original stated goal of cost containment.

And Democrats have continued to hold out hopes for a more comprehensive and expensive solution.

Thus, both sides have decided to make the perfect the enemy of the good, turning a workable compromise into an excuse for continued turmoil.

Flash forward to now. Republicans say that Medicare is on its way to insolvency.

That’s true. Sort of. Close analysis says the system will go belly up in 2033.

But those deficits are in part a product of a massive tax cut President Donald Trump and his fellow Republicans pushed through for corporations and the wealthiest tier of Americans in 2017. That tax cut alone accounts for nearly \$8 trillion of America’s slightly more than \$37 trillion in debt.

Eliminate that tax cut — or just scale it back — and we can afford many things more easily.

Including health coverage for millions of needy Americans.

That tax cut was supposed to be a form of economic stimulus, a means to create jobs.

But it hasn’t worked.

Job growth slowed during Trump’s first term in office, ticked up a bit when President Joe Biden was in the White House and then slowed again.

Now, more than six months into Trump’s second administration, job growth has stalled. A country and economy of 340 million people created only 22,000 jobs in August.

A government shutdown won’t help that, particularly if Trump carries through on his threat to fire government employees and gut agencies willy-nilly.

That carnage will hurt most the Americans Democrats tend to represent.

Democrats and Republicans both are vying to determine who will win this fight that calls out for negotiation and compromise.

Who comes out on top politically should matter less than who loses.

That would be the American people.

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Arts Place to host open mic again

Another opportunity to perform is set for next week. Arts Place will hold an open mic night at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at its Jay County Campus. Open mic nights are an opportunity for artists to perform in a low-pressure, welcoming environment. Sign-ups for 10-minute slots begin at 6:30 p.m., with performances to follow at 7 p.m. The event will be held in the green room at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. The Jay County Campus is also hosting an exhibit of metal work by Ron Lingo in its Weaver Community Gallery. In the Hugh N. Ronald Gallery, there is an exhibit featuring cartoon art. The displays will be up through Oct. 9 and 10, respectively. At Blackford County Arts

Entertainment roundup

Center in Hartford City, Arts Place has the exhibit “A Journey in Wood and Steel.” It features 11 guitars handmade by Hartford City residents Doug and Carol Hunt. Registration is also open for the MusicWorks Handbell Ensemble and Eastern Breeze Flute Ensemble. The flute group will rehearse from 6 to 7 p.m. on Mondays, and the handbell ensemble will practice from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

For more details about Arts Place and its Hartford City and Portland locations, visit myartspplace.org. **Exhibits on display** Ball State University’s David Owsley Museum of Art is hosting special exhibitions “Cercle et Carré and the International Spirit of Abstract Art” and “Indiana Pastoral: The Photography of Lamar Richcreek.” Cercle et Carré examines a short-lived modernist movement formed in Paris. Indiana Pastoral showcases the work of BSU graduate Lamar Richcreek, whose photographs document the postwar transformation of rural Indiana. Both exhibits are free and open to the public. They will run through Dec. 19.

For more information, visit bsu.edu/web/museumofart. **Programs planned** Charles W. Brown Planetarium at Ball State University will host a series of programs. The events this month include: Halloween: Celestial Origins — Discover the holiday’s astronomical roots as a “cross-quarter day” and find out what stars and planets will light up the Halloween sky at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Fridays, Oct. 17 and 24, and Saturdays, Oct. 18 and 25. Kitz the Cat’s SuperMoon Adventure — Develop an understanding of the danger of space junk and humanity’s Moon exploration while following adventurous cat astronauts at 3:30 p.m. Saturdays, Oct. 18 and 25.

For more information, visit bsu.edu/planetarium. **Emens series set** Ball State University recently announced its Emens Auditorium 2025-26 series, including opening ticket sales for those who subscribe to the entire series. The series lineup is as follows: •Mrs. Doubtfire on Oct. 30 •The Tina Turner Musical on Nov. 19 •Chicago on Jan. 22 •The Barricade Boys on Feb. 24 All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Those interested in subscribing can call the Emens box office at (765) 285-1539. For more information, visit emens.bsu.edu/events.

‘Life of a showgirl’ With movie, Swift pulls off a unique business model

By SALEAH BLANCAFLOR
Fast Company
Tribune News Service
Taylor Swift’s highly anticipated 12th studio album, *The Life of a Showgirl*, is here. And this might be Swift’s biggest release yet, given that along with an album, she’s also premiering a film on the same day. Taylor Swift: The Official Release Party of a Showgirl features a new music video for the album’s single “The Fate of Ophelia,” lyric videos, and exclusive behind-the-scenes footage and commentary. It’s being hosted as a companion event by AMC, Cinemark Theatres, and Regal Cinemas. The catch? It’s showing in theaters for just three days: October 3 to 5.

The brief theatrical window follows the same pattern Swift has used to release limited-edition versions of her past albums and merch that are often available only on her site for a short amount of time — creating a sense of urgency for fans. According to some analysts, replicating the strategy of generating fast ticket sales in a limited timeframe is beneficial not only for Swift but also for the major movie theater chains. “Who wouldn’t want to cut out the middleman these days?” Brandon Katz, director of insights and content strategy at Greenlight Analytics, posited to Fast Company. “AMC’s unique distribution deal with Taylor Swift allows them to bypass film studios and create more tailored deal terms. It represents a



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Valerie Terranova

Fans shop Taylor Swift’s new album “The Life of a Showgirl” at Target on Friday in New York City. Swift’s 12th studio album was released Friday along with a music video for “The Fate of Ophelia,” lyric videos and behind-the-scenes footage and commentary.

unique new business model for theaters, though one that isn’t easily repeatable. Exhibitors will also receive a new theatrical product headlined by the most famous entertainer on the planet at a time when wide-release volume is still lagging behind pre-pandemic levels. That’s helpful. Even without a traditional marketing runway, *Showgirl* will attract attention.”

Taylor effect
The *Life of a Showgirl* is an appropriately named album for

arguably one of the world’s biggest pop stars, who has built an empire from her music since she was 16 years old, creating a devoted fandom of “Swifties.” In the past few years, Swift seems to have been busier than ever. She rerecorded her first six albums, reclaiming her music after the original masters were sold by her first record label. She performed around the world on her 21-month-long Eras tour. And in August, she got engaged to Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis

Kelce after a whirlwind two-year romance that saw her become a fixture at NFL games, including Super Bowl LVIII. She also teased the new album in her appearance on Jason and Travis Kelce’s *New Heights* podcast). Her impact on any business she’s involved with has been so significant that it’s been given a name — “the Taylor Swift effect,” which experts say reflects the singer-songwriter’s strong economic force. Companies have been keen to take advantage of that Swift effect whenever they can. For instance, when *The Life of a Showgirl* was announced, many immediately adopted the album’s orange aesthetic and font style in their own social media posts. Spotify launched a pop-up merch shop in New York, while other brands, including Uber Eats, are hosting special deals and pop-up events to celebrate the release. This isn’t the first time Swift has released a theatrical film. Following the end of the Eras tour in 2023, she released *Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour* film, bypassing traditional studios and instead signing a deal directly with AMC Theatres. The film went on to earn roughly \$261 million at the global box office, making it the highest-grossing concert film ever. Later, Swift struck a deal with Disney for the film’s streaming rights. This is the first time, however, that Swift is premiering a movie to coincide with a new album on

the same day. Again, she’s skipping studios and releasing the film through AMC, Cinemark, and Regal Cinemas. Last month *Deadline* reported that the film had already raked in \$15 million in first-day presales and that sources were projecting it to make between \$30 million and \$50 million over the October 3 weekend. **Business model** According to data from Greenlight Analytics, the concert films *Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour* (with willingness to pay, or WTP, at 53%) and *Renaissance: A Film by Beyoncé* (with WTP at 52%) generated fan enthusiasm on par with *Elvis* (with WTP at 63%), suggesting that live-music experiences for big-name artists can generate long tails of monetization opportunity. Katz said that while releasing the film is a good idea for Swift, exhibitors, and the domestic box office, he emphasized that this isn’t going to usher in a new genre of film, since only stars at Swift’s level will be able to generate respectable box office revenue or streaming interest. “For the majority of artists thinking about chasing a similar goal, the juice would not be worth the squeeze,” Katz said. However, Swift is clearly continuing to move into the movie industry: In addition to the Eras Tour and *Party of a Showgirl* films, she’s reportedly developing a feature project for Searchlight Pictures.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals G

Trivial Review
(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Land and languages

1) What northern European country has two forms of its official language — Bokmal and Nynorsk?

2) What is the largest African country by land area?

2) Algeria
1) Norway

10-6 CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHAT DO YOU CALL A BIG WINTER PARTY HELD ALFRESCO WHILE PRECIPITATION IS FALLING? A SNOW BALL.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals G

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to pizza. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 13 = E)

A. 5 18 13 13 7 13
Clue: Dairy product

B. 2 13 2 2 13 4 12 20 8
Clue: Pizza topping

C. 7 25 14 5 13
Clue: Thick liquid

D. 15 12 14 9 18
Clue: Pizza base

Answers: A. cheese B. pepperoni C. sauce D. dough

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to pizza.

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Answer: Slice

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Answer: Dakota Johnson



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	6	11	19
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19	31	22	

Solution

6	5	10
8	20	7
11	9	2

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OCT 4

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1944: German troops end the Warsaw Uprising.

1996: The Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments are signed by President Bill Clinton.

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FALL DAYS WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

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THANKSGIVING

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Range of motion

Did You Know?

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Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Person stretching

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Train with a boxer

5 Anti-fur org.

9 "So frustrating!"

12 Actress Singer

13 Nabisco cookie

14 Swiss canton

15 "Nothing — it seems"

16 Nexus

17 Cambridge sch.

18 Mazar of "Younger"

19 Barbie's guy

20 Relaxing refuges

21 Intel-ligence org.

23 Follower (Suff.)

25 Ruling periods

28 Hindu teachers

32 Analyze grammatically

33 On — (winning)

34 Bring together

36 Montana moniker

37 "Right you —!"

38 Food Net-work star

39 Teri of "Tootsie"

42 TV guide abbr.

44 Author — Neale Hurston

48 Mensa stats

49 "Hud" actress

50 Nest egg choices

51 Minivan alter-native

52 Friend

53 Really pesters

54 Spigot

55 Yale students

56 Over-supply

DOWN

1 Lost traction

2 Sit for a photo

3 United — Emirates

4 Holly-wood

5 Lively dances

6 Canal of song

7 Iga Swiatek's sport

8 Fine, to NASA

9 "Forrest —" (Hanks film)

10 La Scala solo

11 Chart toppers

20 Summer camp activity

22 Look of disdain

24 Suitor

25 LP speed

26 Water (Fr.)

27 1040 org.

29 Yr. parts

30 Sort

31 Devious

35 Narrate anew

36 Oniony rolls

39 Essence

40 Water color?

41 Wedding invitation letters

43 Java neighbor

45 Spoken

46 Prego rival

47 CEO's aide

49 Highland refusal

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 10-4

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The one and only chance

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ A

♥ 6 5 2

♦ A K Q 9 8 3

♣ K Q 10

WEST

♦ K 10 5 2

♥ Q J 10 8 3

♦ 4

♣ 7 6 3

EAST

♦ 8 7 6 3

♥ 9 7

♦ 7 6 2

♣ 9 5 4 2

SOUTH

♦ Q J 9 4

♦ A K 4

♥ J 10 5

♣ A J 8

The bidding:

South 1 NT

West Pass

North 4 ♣

East Pass

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

A crisscross squeeze occurs only once in a blue moon, but it can be a devastating weapon when the setting is right.

Consider this deal where North bid a grand slam after South opened one notrump. Four clubs was Gerber, asking for aces, and the four-spade response showed two. North thereupon bid seven notrump, though he should have stopped along the way to ask for kings. Had he done that, he might have decided against bidding seven after South showed only one king.

West led a heart, and declarer could count only 12 tricks. His only chance for a 13th was the possibility of a squeeze.

For the squeeze to succeed, South had to find one opponent with five or six hearts as well as the king of spades. This was not a promising prospect, but since there was no other hope, South proceeded on that basis.

After winning the first heart with the ace, declarer cashed dummy's six diamond tricks, discarding two spades and a heart. He then played the A-K of clubs, producing this position:

North

♦ A

♥ 6 5

♦ Q

West

♦ K 10

♥ J 10

East

Immaterial

South

♦ Q J

♥ K

♦ J

When dummy's queen of clubs was now played, West was in trouble. If he discarded a heart, South would cash the king, and dummy would score the last two tricks with the ace of spades and six of hearts. And if West discarded a spade instead, South would cash dummy's ace and score the last two tricks in his hand. Either way, West could not prevail.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ A 10 9 8 5 2

♥ 3

♦ 7 6 4

♣ A J 3

WEST

♦ K 7 4

♥ 10 9

♦ Q 10 2

♣ Q 9 8 6 5

EAST

♦ Q J 3

♥ 7 5 4 2

♦ A K J 9 8 5

♣ —

SOUTH

♦ 6

♦ A K Q J 8 6

♥ 3

♣ K 10 7 4 2

The bidding:

North 2 ♠

East Pass

South 4 ♥

West Pass

Opening lead — six of clubs.

This deal occurred during the 1972 World Bridge Olympiad in the match between Poland and Taiwan. The play presented points of interest at both tables, with the Poles getting the best of the battle against their more experienced opponents.

When Patrick Huang and M.F. Tai were North-South for Taiwan, the bidding went as shown, and Andrzej Wilkosz, West for Poland, led a club. Declarer played low from dummy, and East (Lukasz Lebioda) ruffed. East thereupon made the sparkling return of a low diamond! West won with the ten and led another club, ruffed by East for the defense's third trick.

East now attempted to take the ace of diamonds for the setting trick, but Tai ruffed. He then decided that if he drew the missing trumps at this point, he would eventually lose a club trick to West and go down one. So, hoping East had no more trumps, he next led a club to dummy's ace, but East ruffed, and Tai later lost another club to West's queen to finish down two.

At the second table, the Polish North-South pair wound up in five clubs, and West, trying to stop a potential crossruff, made the peculiar lead of a low trump. South won the club with the seven, finessed dummy's jack, cashed the ace, led a heart to the ace, cashed the king of trump and then played winning hearts until West ruffed. He thus lost only a trump and a diamond and so made five clubs.

One of the more unusual aspects of the deal was the fact that at the first table, East-West scored four club tricks (three of them ruffs) to defeat the contract, while at the second table, North-South scored four club tricks to make the contract.

Tomorrow: A little rope ...

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45 Stitch

46 — Diego

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 10-6

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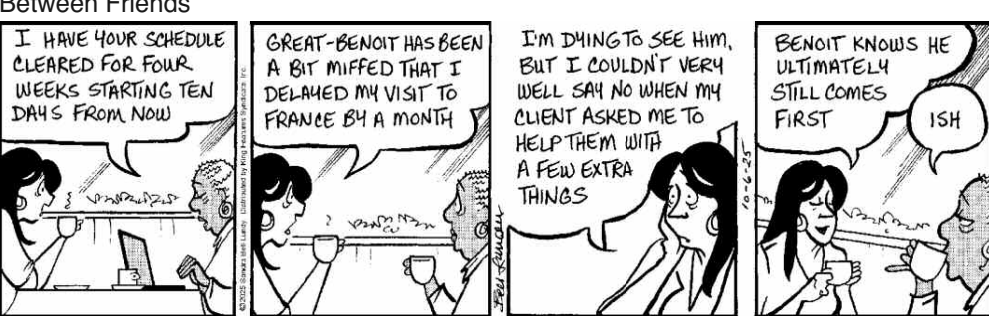
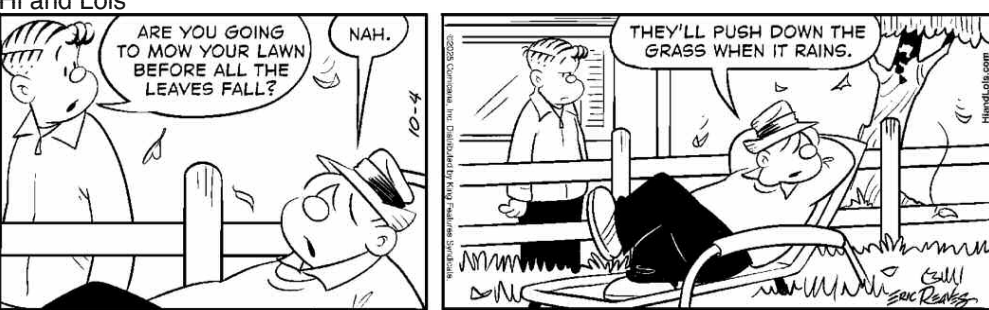
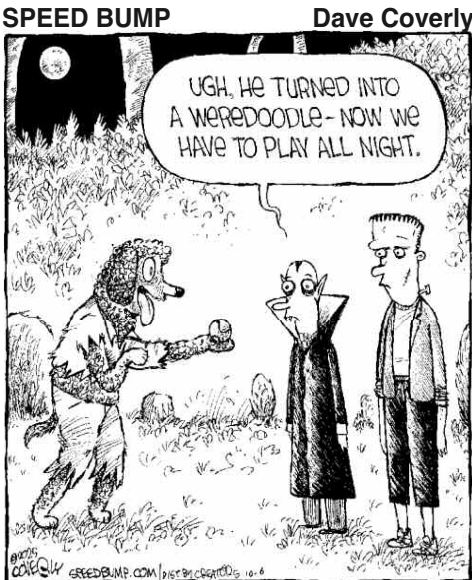
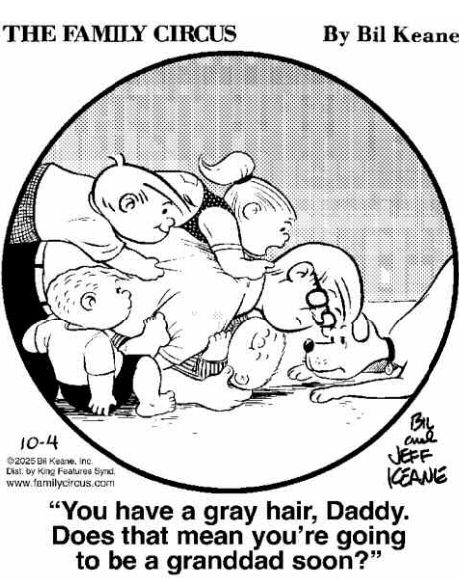
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Laughter

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TIME 5:00 P.M.
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PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: 224 W 500 N
Bryant, IN
Saturday Morning
OCTOBER 11, 2025
10:00 A.M.
REAL ESTATE
PARCEL #1: This parcel
consists of a 2 story
home, barn, pond, and
approximately 6 acres.
PARCEL #2: 20 Acres
of tillable land that is in
the set aside program. It
is in this program until
September 2032. The
owner receives
\$4,603.00 per year. If
this parcel sells sepa-

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#1.
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#1 and #2. House, barn,
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250 PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located in the Women's Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds,
Portland Indiana on Friday Afternoon

OCTOBER 10, 2025
5:00 P.M.

MODERN HOUSEHOLD GOODS – OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS

Walnut full size bed; 9 drawer dresser; 5 drawer chest; marble top plant stand;
cedar chest; Berne 3 cushion sofa; Maple full size bed; Oak lamp stand; Oak
wash stand; Berne sofa; twin size bed; Panasonic flatscreen TV; 2 pc. hutch;
lighted corner cabinet; chest; dresser; TV stand; VCR; hall tree; quilt rack; lamp
stands; marble top coffee table; 3 drawer chest; 2 drawer night stand; French
Provincial dresser; desk with chair; LG flatscreen TV; Tiffany style lamp; marble
top stands; recliner; occasional table; kitchen table with 2 chairs; wicker sofa, 2
side chairs and matching round coffee table, NICE SET; plant stand; rocker;
hall table; drophead desk; wing back chairs; rocker; FENTON: GTWT “Poppy”
lamp, basket, vase, perfume bottle, shoe, lamp, eggs, compote and fairy lamp;
Hobnail lamp; desk lamps; pictures; Lefton tea set; Eureka sweeper; white
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assorted silver coins, steel & wheat pennies, and foreign coins; Cranberry lamp;
oval frame with vintage print; Rayo lamp; Howard Miller mantel clock; lamp
stands; crystal lamps; brass items; glass baskets; crackle pitchers; JEWELRY:
10k men's ring, 14K ladies ring, 10K men's ring; 14K ladies ring, 10K men's
ring; 14K ladies ring, 10K men's ring, 10K necklace with heart pendant, Sterling
bracelet, and Sterling necklace; Milk White; prisms; microwave; Eureka
sweeper; dresser; Char Broil grill; binoculars; walker; pair of parlor lamps;
Hoover sweeper; Hamilton Beach microwave; Mr. Coffee; canister set; spice set
with rack; Enoch Woods England set of dishes; electric Wok; copper pan;
flatware; baking dishes; utensils; knives; Pyrex bowl; WROUGHT IRON: 2
settees, 4 chairs, and 2 tables; cement angel; (2) park benches; picnic table;
umbrellas; cast iron urn; cement bird bath the figurine top; cement angel and
bench; metal cabinets; Coleman portable stove; kerosene heater; toaster;
plasticware; mixer; crock pot; bedspread set; towels; bedding; fan; linens;
books; hats; decorations; coolers; totes; lawn chairs; card table; and other items
not listed.

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2002 Ford F150 Truck with 135,846 miles, VIN # 1FTRF1722NC01617; 2000
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automatic transmission, V8 and 149,000 miles, VIN # 1FAHP60A13Y114160.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Located at 224 W 500 N Bryant, IN Portland Indiana on Saturday Morning

OCTOBER 11, 2025
10:00 A.M.
REAL ESTATE

PARCEL #1:
This parcel consists of a 2story home, barn, pond, and approximately 6 acres.
The 2story home has 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom and 1932 square feet of living
area. Home has gas forced air with central air and an attached 3 car garage. The
barn is 28’ x 40’ with a loft. There is a generator that will be sold separately.
PARCEL #2
20 Acres of tillable land that is in the set aside program. It is in this program until
September 2032. The owner receives \$4,603.00 per year. If this parcel sells
separately from parcel #1 there will be a deeded 60’ easement given on the east
side of parcel #1.
PARCEL #3
Combination of Parcel #1 and #2. House, barn, pond, and 26 acres.
10% nonrefundable deposit day of sale with balance due at closing. Owner will
provide Owners Title Insurance and General Warranty Deed. Buyer will assume
taxes due and payable in May 2026 and thereafter. Any inspections are at
potential buyer's expense and must be done prior to sale day. Any statements
made day of sale take precedence over previously written or oral matter. Owner
confirmation day of sale.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD ITEMS – TRAILER - TOOLS

Cedar chest; dressers; park bench; pressure cooker; granite roaster; cook books;
lamps; gas grill; quilt rack; Western Flyer bicycle; Concord bicycle; wood glider;
Reddy heater; Christmas decorations; canning jars; flat irons; pottery; old books;
6' X 8' trailer; Ariens 11 hp tiller; 4' lawn roller; yard dump cart; 3 pt. slip scoop;
6' ladder; 3T floor jack; Homak 2 pc. tool cabinet; Lincoln AC225S arc welder;
Parker Cable circular saw; Craftsman table saw; Craftsman wrenches; air tools;
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boxes; shovels; rakes; hoes; funnels; levels; oil can collection; Die Hard battery
charger & engine starter; vacuum pump; gas cans; nail guns; drill bits; hydraulic
stand; electrical supplies; step ladders; indexes; saw blade kits; chisels; pliers;
vise grips; impact wrenches; tap & die sets; ramps; fishing reels; extension
ladder; furniture clamps; grease guns; log chain; trouble lights; paint
supplies;Jenn-Air gas cookstove, GE French Door Refrigerator, and Maytag
washer & dryer; and other items not listed.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

LOCATED: 2782 S. 700 W. Portland, IN

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 18th, 2025
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Four in a row

No. 1 doubles comeback lifts Jay County to another sectional title

By **ETHAN OSKROBA**
The Commercial Review

It's a good thing the IHSAA gives out a trophy instead of rings to the sectional champions, because the Patriots might be starting to run out of fingers. The Jay County High School boys tennis team defended its home court in Thursday's final, upending the Randolph Southern Rebels 4-1 on Thursday to claim its fourth straight sectional crown.

"It feels amazing," said Patriot No. 1 doubles player Alex Miller. "Honestly, we worked really hard for this ... I'm just so proud of my guys for pushing through and eventually ending up with the win."

Jay County advances to play Alexandria, which beat Frankton 4-1 in its sectional championship match, in Tuesday's regional semifinal at Noblesville. The Patriots lost 4-1 to Alexandria when they met on Aug. 19.

No. 13 Delta will take on No. 11 Westfield in the other semifinal. Miller and doubles partner Nick Snow may have had more to push through than anyone, rallying from down a set to claim the 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 victory over Grady Coyle and Diego Soria that sealed the title. The duo's mental tenacity was vital in the comeback.

"My teammate and I, we talked a lot about composure today — stay level," Miller said. "And it all worked out in the end."

Making the triumph even more notable was the fact that it was just Miller and Snow's third match together at the No. 1 doubles spot, with Miller's typical partner Kadyn Carpenter out with an injury. Despite being thrust into the spotlight, the sophomore Snow continued to fuse effectively with Miller and finished off the match with a pair of thunderous overheads.

See **Four** page 11



The Commercial Review/Ethan Oskroba

Alex Miller of the Jay County High School No. 1 doubles team hits a forehand during the sectional championship against Randolph Southern on Thursday. Miller and Nick Snow came back to beat Grady Coyle and Diego Soria 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 to beat the Rebels 3-2.

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Jay County Fairgrounds Women's Building Monday evening
OCTOBER 6, 2025
at 6:00 P.M.
REAL ESTATE
Parcel is located on 50 E just south of 200 S. Property consists of 8.48 acres of woods and has a driveway that runs from 50E back to the woods. This would be a good recreational site. 20% nonrefundable deposit day of sale with balance due at closing. Owner will provide Owners Title Insurance and General Warranty Deed. Buyer will assume taxes due and payable in May 2026 and thereafter. Any statements made day of sale take precedence over previously written or oral matter. Owner confirmation day of sale.
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PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Women's Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E Votaw St., Portland, IN
Friday Afternoon
OCTOBER 10, 2025
5:00 P.M.
MODERN HOUSEHOLD GOODS-OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS
Walnut full size bed; marble top plant stand; cedar chest; Berne 3 cushion sofa; marble top coffee table; Tiffany style lamp; , 2 side chairs and matching round coffee table, **NICE SET**; **COINS:** Eisenhower dollars, Kennedy half dollars, assorted silver coins, steel & wheat pennies, and foreign coins; ; Howard Miller mantel clock; ; **JEWELRY:** 10k men's ring, 14K ladies ring, **WROUGHT IRON:** 2 settees, 4 chairs, and 2 tables; ; and other items not listed.
TRUCKS-CONVERTIBLE-MOWER-TOOLS
2002 Ford F150 Truck with 135,846 miles, 2003 Ford Thunderbird Convertible Car with automatic transmission, V8 and 149,000 miles, Snapper riding lawn mower with 42" cut, very clean; Kennedy 2 pc. tool cabinet;gas cans; and other items not listed.
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PUBLIC AUCTION
SATURDAY OCTOBER 11th, 2025
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 3430 W SR 67. Portland, IN
VEHICLES-TRAILERS-MOTORCYCLE
2008 Buick Lacrosse CX 99,200 miles. 2003 Chevrolet Impala 120,000 miles. (2) 45' Semi Van Storage Trailers. (2) 40' Semi Van Storage Trailers. Kawasaki KZ 200 Motorcycle.
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Barn(ett) burner

Jay senior secures ACAC title with five key kills in fourth, fifth sets

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

The host Patriots wanted to lock up the top spot in the conference for themselves.

The visitors wanted to force the Allen County Athletic Conference title to be shared between the two Patriot squads and Woodlan.

The visiting Patriots were knocking on the door in the fourth set and had match point twice in the fifth. In all three scenarios, Mya Kunkler got the ball back to set up Elizabeth Barnett as the heroine.

Barnett scored the final points in the fourth and fifth sets Thursday evening to lift the Jay County High School volleyball team over the Class 3A No. 7 Heritage Patriots 24-26, 25-23, 15-25, 25-23, 18-16 to finish undefeated in the ACAC and outright claim the conference title.

“We were all working as a team and connecting and putting it down when we needed to,” said Barnett, who had seven of her 13 kills in the final two sets. “We were lifting up each other and anytime someone made an error, we made sure to go to that person to make sure they didn’t dwell on it but kept them excited.

“We kept our energy and had lots of ups and downs, but we finally pulled it together.”

If Jay County (16-8, 6-0 ACAC) lost to Heritage (21-6, 4-2 ACAC) there would have been a three-way tie between the two Patriots squads and the Woodlan Warriors for the conference title. The win earned Jay County sole possession of first place, the first ACAC title in a decade and the first under JCHS coach Amy Dillon. It also acted as revenge for Saturday’s ACAC tournament, in which Jay County won the first set before dropping the next two to HHS.

“It feels great,” Dillon said. “I knew we could do it and I’ve told them all season that I think they could beat anybody on our schedule. So it’s just getting them to believe in themselves. ...

“We got to see Heritage and we took a set off of them so we knew that we could beat them. ... I knew blocking and defense would win us this game.”

Early on in the fourth set, JCHS went on a 6-0 run to go up 8-5, but then gave up an 11-3 run to give Heritage control. Heritage drew closer to victory with a 22-19 advantage, but a block by Kunkler and a ball-handling error by Alexa Walter provided some late life.

Walter made up for the error



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Elizabeth Barnett of the Jay County High School volleyball team puts down a ball during the 24-26, 25-23, 15-25, 25-23, 18-16 win over Heritage to clinch the Allen County Athletic Conference Championship on Thursday. Barnett provided the final three kills of the fourth set and the two kill shots in the fifth to clinch the victory.

with a kill to give Heritage a 23-21 advantage.

Cue the duo of Kunkler and Barnett.

Kunkler again made it a one-point set with a tip kill before Barnett rattled off three straight kills, two to the back right corner and one tipped over the block, to take the set and force a fifth.

Kunkler and Barnett again played the heroines in the fifth set. When HHS had match point at 15-14, Kunkler blocked Alana Gutshall, who had a match-high 19 kills.

Heritage pulled ahead again as Hallie Schwieterman’s serve went into the net.

Kunkler then tied it up again

at 16-16 with a kill off the block of Audra Bickel.

Barnett then gave Jay County the lead with a flat-footed kill that sailed over the blockers and fell in before the backline. The senior then sealed the match and conference title with a big swing into the block of Kendall Roy and Ava Johnson.

“I was really just trying to go where they weren’t and using the block to get kills,” Barnett said. “I had my setter and she was using me a lot and telling me, ‘Come on, Liz you’ve got this,’ and told me where to go. My back row was telling me where to go as well and you just have to listen to them.”

Through the first three sets,

Dillon ran out a lineup that focused on having two bigs — the middle blockers and Schwieterman — on the floor at all times to counter Heritage’s height and versatility.

Jay County gave up four runs of three or more points as it dropped the opening set. In the second, the ACAC champs took advantage of five late errors before finishing the set with a Kunkler kill, a block from Maira Hemmelgarn — one of 10 for JCHS — and one of Schwieterman’s 17 kills.

Jay County felt some fatigue in the third set and it showed with 10 attack errors and two service errors, making up 48% of Heritage’s points in the set.

Despite the ugly set, the Patriots were able to pull out the win. One key to that was switching back to the Patriots’ regular lineup to give them more natural breaks, while also subbing in Ella Rigby to give setter Paisley Fugiett a breather.

“I probably shouldn’t say this as a coach, but after that fourth set I looked at them and was like, ‘I didn’t know that you could do that, and I didn’t think that we could do that,’” Dillon said. “We didn’t come to this fifth set to lose this on our home court. ... I know a couple of our players were getting tired again and I think taking the chance to put someone in and give them a break really helped us.”

Report of Jay leaving ACAC was false

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Jay County High School will not be part of a new athletic conference first reported Thursday.

Around the NorthEast Corner reported on social media that the Patriots would be part of a new Eastern Crossroads Conference. It said the rest of the conference would include Delta, New Castle, Lapel, Shenandoah, Northeastern, Centerville and Eastern Hancock.

JCHS athletics director Alex Griffin referred to the report as “a lie.”

He said Jay County was invited to a meeting regarding the possible creation of a new conference but that it declined repeatedly.

The report stemmed from Rob Hunt, who writes for The Herald Bulletin in Anderson, who initially said the new conference would include founding members New Castle, Lapel, Shenandoah and Eastern Hancock. Hunt, a Jay County graduate, later responded to a reply about

Jay County, Centerville, Delta and Northeastern being the other schools to join with, “Those are the next 4 I’m hearing as well.”

Around the NorthEast Corner quickly backtracked after Jay Schools denied involvement. Hunt then referred to Jay County’s involvement as a “rumor.” Around the NorthEast Corner also walked back its assertion that Delta, Centerville and Northeastern would be part of the conference, saying instead that they “have received invites but no official membership yet.”

A press release circulating later Thursday evening from the Eastern Crossroads Conference announced commitments from Eastern Hancock, Lapel, New Castle and Shenandoah. It said the conference would begin writing its bylaws in November.

Jay County has been a member of the Allen County Athletic Conference since the 2014-15 school year. It

had been independent for several years before that following the dissolution of the Olympic Athletic Conference at the end of the 2009-10 school year. At that point the OAC had slipped to just three remaining members following the closure of Anderson Highland. (The others were Muncie Southside, which then closed in 2014, and Connersville.)

Griffin noted Thursday evening that, as was the case when Jay County joined the ACAC, such a decision would require school board approval.

The Patriots were members of the Classic Athletic Conference along with Delta, Yorktown, Pendleton Heights and Anderson Highland from 1977 through the mid-1980s. (Mississinewa was also briefly a member.) They then joined the Olympic Athletic Conference, which had as many as 10 schools at one point, before dwindling to four for its final six seasons.

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Running wild

Lehman, Starfires come crashing down on Jay County

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
BERNE — Whatcha gonna do ...?

Hulk Hogan's "Real American" theme song blared from the speakers during a break in the first quarter.

The Patriots never found an answer to the Hulkster's classic question.

The South Adams offense ran (and threw) wild on the Jay County High School football team Friday night, needing just 11 seconds for its first touchdown and racking up more than 350 yards of offense in the first half as the Starfires handed their visitors a 42-16 defeat Friday.

"That's a good football team that came out of the gate fast," said JCHS coach Eddie Fields. "We gave up some early, so that kind of put us behind the chains ...

"But I thought our kids played better in the second half."

Tytus Lehman set the tone for SAHS (4-3, 2-2 Allen County Athletic Conference) on the opening play. He zipped around the right corner on a designed run, slicing through the Patriots' defense untouched for a 62-yard touchdown.

"The funny part about that is, he gets so nervous for games, I wanted to run him the first play to get him tackled and get him less nervous," said SAHS coach Grant Moser, "but he didn't get tackled."

After forcing a three-and-out, the Starfires quickly moved 69 yards in seven plays. The bulk of the yardage came on the opening and closing plays, as Will Patterson ran 22 yards on a toss around the left end and Lehman hit Derek McKean on a 35-yard fly route up the right hash.

Wes Summersett scored on a 2-yard run that sparked the playing of "Real American," written by Fort Recovery native Rick Derringer (born Zehringer), and then hauled in a 33-yard scoring pass from Lehman for



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School junior Benson Barnett tries to pull away from a pair of South Adams tacklers during the Patriots' 42-16 loss Friday night in Berne. The host Starfires scored quickly, needing just 11 seconds for Tytus Lehman's opening 65-yard touchdown run, and JCHS trailed 28-0 at the end of the first quarter as it slipped to 2-5 overall and 1-4 in the Allen County Athletic Conference.

a 28-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

"I was really proud of our offense," Moser said, referencing his team's five turnovers in the previous week's 35-7 loss to the top-ranked team in Class 2A. "Our offense was kind of embarrassed last week against Adam Central. ... To come out and play near perfect game with our ones offense ... Tytus played a phenomenal game ... passed the ball really well."

The Patriots (2-5, 1-4 ACAC) got on the board

with a 28-yard Jacoby Penrod field goal, but Lehman — he finished 11-of-14 passing for 183 yards and added 138 yards on the ground — connected with McKean again for a 6-yard score and a 35-0 lead.

SAHS went 67 yards in just 21 seconds to set up a Manny Juarez field-goal attempt at the end of the first half, but it missed wide left. Still, those yards pushed the home team to 362 — 179 on the ground and 183 through the air — at the intermission.

Patterson (94 yards

rushing) got into the scoring act with an 8-yard score in the third quarter to push the game to a running clock.

"They do a thousand things formationally, so it's hard to get ready for them," said Fields.

"They've got a bunch of weapons; they've got good players," he added. "It's a semi-state football team that returned basically everybody. I mean, that is a good, good football team. And their record didn't show how good they were."

In addition to the loss to Adams Central, the Starfires dropped their opener to Ohio Division VII No. 1 Marion Local, which beat Fort Recovery on Friday night for its 71st consecutive victory, and undefeated Class 2A No. 8 Bluffton.

The bright spot of the game for the Patriots was senior running back Leighton Brown, who ran for 146 yards and both of their touchdowns. He had six runs of 10 yards or more, including his 15-yard score halfway

Box score

Jay County Patriots (2-5, 1-4 at South Adams)
Starfires (4-3, 2-2 ACAC)

Jay Co. 0 3 7 7 —16
S. Adams 28 7 7 0 —42

First Quarter

SA — Tytus Lehman 65 run (pass failed), 11:49.
SA — Derek McKean 35 pass from Lehman (Lehman run), 8:08.
SA — Wes Summersett 2 run (kick failed), 3:21.
SA — Summersett 33 pass from Lehman (Gavin Herring pass from Summersett), 1:13.

Second Quarter

JC — Jacoby Penrod 28 field goal, 9:22.
SA — McKean 6 pass from Lehman (Manny Juarez kick), 7:23.

Third Quarter

SA — Will Patterson 8 run (Juarez kick), 8:54.
JC — Leighton Brown 1 run (Penrod kick), :30.

Fourth Quarter

JC — Brown 15 run (kick failed), 5:28.

Team Statistics

	JC	SA
Rushes - yds	34-183	25-262
Comp-Att-Int	10-17-2	11-15-0
Passing yds	81	183
Total Plays	51	40
Total Offense	164	445
Punt ret - yds	0-0	2-13
Kickoff ret - yds	4-55	2-22
Sacks - yds lost	0-0	0-0
Punts - yds	3-96	1-53
Ints - yds	0-0	2-0
Fumbles - lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties - yds	4-45	5-65

Individual Statistics

Rushing — Jay County — Leighton Brown 24-146, Nick Laux 8-35, Brady Jetmore 1-6, Garrett Bennett 1-(-4). South Adams — Tytus Lehman 7-138, Will Patterson 8-94, Derek McKean 2-16, Estalyn Pyle 1-15, Wes Summersett 2-5, Gabe Steiner 2-4, Zaden Baumer 3-(-10)
Passing — Jay County — Nick Laux 10-17-2 81. South Adams — Tytus Lehman 11-14-0 183, Zaden Baumer 0-1-0 0.
Receiving — Jay County — Benson Barnett 3-20, Aiden Phillips 3-11, Brady Jetmore 2-12, Leighton Brown 1-28, Garrett Bennett 1-9. South Adams — Jax Wanner 4-69, Derek McKean 4-65, Wes Summersett 3-39.

Four ...

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"As long as I can do anything that helps the team, I'm there," Snow said. "I'll step in whenever and wherever they need me. Singles, doubles, triples, I'm there."

Before the piecemeal pairing at No. 1 doubles finished off the Patriot victory, the Rebels seemed poised to earn their first sectional crown and terminate Jay County's season. Henry Dirksen was trailing throughout to Braden Austin in a match he'd eventually lose, 6-2, 6-1 at the same time the top doubles pair was reeling.

"Well, I really didn't think, for a long time, we were going to pull it off," said Jay County assistant coach Andrea Garringer, who was the acting head coach with Donald Gillespie sidelined by an illness.

"And I never thought Randolph Southern was that competitive, so they've really improved since we played at their place a couple weeks ago."

A dominant Jay County performance at No. 2 doubles went a long way in assuaging those concerns. Brock Wasson and Gabe Overton steamrolled Randolph Southern's Jacob Flaugh and Kohwen Pegg, 6-0, 6-0.

"We've improved a lot over the season, and I felt like today, we definitely showed that," Overton said.

While the pair of doubles victories and a forfeit win for Clark Wellman at No. 3 singles ultimately rendered the No. 1 singles match irrelevant to the outcome, Paul Dirksen

tacked on the extra point with a flourish. The freshman took down senior Noah Allen, 6-4, 6-4.

"Paul played amazingly," said Gillespie, who arrived toward the end of the contest to celebrate with his team. "I know he wasn't the determining win, but that's the best I've ever seen Paul Dirksen play."

It's no coincidence that Paul Dirksen and the No. 2 doubles tandem were among the Patriots showcasing their growth late in the season. Continued improvement has been a point of emphasis.

"I knew they could do it ... They just had to put their mind to it," Garringer said. "They got better toward the end of the year. I thought they kept getting better each match."

That improvement was vital for a Patriot team that had a brand-new look from last season's squad. Only six total players returned from Jay County's 2024 roster, with only two of those playing at the varsity level.

"I was really concerned with our lineup this year, but we pulled it off," Garringer said.

While Jay County might not have had as much experience as in years past, the result was the same. Now, the Patriots will set their sights on the regional, but not before taking a moment to celebrate their achievement.

"Four in a row," Gillespie said. "That's something to be proud of, and these kids know it, and we don't want to stop now."

Flyers beat Tribe

FORT RECOVERY — The Tribe managed to beat fifth-ranked New Bremen, but couldn't top the defending champs.

The Division VII No. 6 Fort Recovery High School football team fell to the No. 1 Marion Local Flyers 41-7 on Friday night.

The Flyers (7-0, 4-0 Midwest Athletic Conference) has now won 71 consecutive games, including four state championships.

The lone score for the Tribe (4-3, 2-3 MAC) came in the third quarter on a 22-yard rush by Reece Wendel, who led the team with 86 yards.

MLHS scored twice in the first quarter and three times in the second to secure the win. Four of its scores came on the ground, including three rushes by Kamden Eifert, and two came in the air.

The Flyers had 314 yards of offense on 41 plays, while the Indians only had 164 on the same amount.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Cross country at Ed Lease Classic — 9 a.m.; Boys soccer at Huntington North — 10 a.m.; JV boys soccer at Huntington North — 12 p.m.; JV volleyball in Patriot Invite — 9:30 a.m.; Junior high cross country at Winchester Invitational — 9 a.m.; Junior high volleyball in Patriot Invitational — 9:30 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country at Lions Meet at Coldwater — 9 a.m.; Volleyball at Ansonia — 10 a.m.; JV football at Marion Local — 10 a.m.; Middle school cross country at Lions Meet at Coldwater — 9 a.m.
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Jay County — Volleyball at Daleville — 6 p.m.; JV football vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.; Junior high at Monroe Central — 6

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Fort Recovery — Volleyball at Mississinawa Valley — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. St. Henry — 5 p.m.
Tuesday
Jay County — Boys soccer sectional opener vs. Oak Hill at Mississinawa — 5 p.m.; Girls soccer sectional opener vs. Yorktown at Yorktown — 6 p.m.; Junior high football vs. Woodlan — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Volleyball vs. St. John's — 5:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
3 a.m. — MotoGP: Grand Prix of Indonesia (FS1)
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7:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Leeds United at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)
9 a.m. — Extreme E: Desert X-Prix (FS1)

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12 p.m. — College football: Kentucky at Georgia (ABC); Wisconsin at Michigan (FOX); Illinois at Purdue (BTN); Clemson at North Carolina (ESPN); Iowa State at Cincinnati (ESPN2); Air Force at Navy (CBS)
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2:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers (TBS)
3 p.m. — College football: Oklahoma State at Arizona (TNT)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Vanderbilt at Alabama (ABC); Texas at Florida (ESPN); Penn State at UCLA (CBS); Washington at Maryland (BTN); Virginia at Louisville (ESPN2); Boise State at Notre Dame (NBC)
4 p.m. — College football: Michigan

State at Nebraska (FS1)
4:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: New York Yankees at Toronto Blue Jays (FOX)
7 p.m. — College football: Texas Tech at Houston (ESPN)
6:38 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia Phillies (TBS)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Miami at Florida State (ABC); Colorado at TCU (FOX); Kansas at UCF (ESPN2)
8:38 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Detroit Tigers at Seattle Mariners (FS1)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Duke at Cal (ESPN)

Sunday
3 a.m. — MotoGP: Grand Prix of Indonesia (FS1)
8 a.m. — Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix (ESPN)
9 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Newcastle United at Nottingham Forest (USA)

11:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Brentford at Manchester City (USA)
1 p.m. — NFL: Las Vegas Raiders at Indianapolis Colts (FOX); Denver Broncos at Philadelphia Eagles (CBS)
1 p.m. — Horse racing: America's Day at the Races (FS1)
1 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Washington Spirit at San Diego Wave (ESPN)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Bank of America Roval 400 (USA)
3 p.m. — WNBA: Phoenix Mercury at Las Vegas Aces (ABC)
4:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: New York Yankees at Toronto Blue Jays (FS1)
4:25 p.m. — NFL: Detroit Lions at Cincinnati Bengals (FOX)
5 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Rhode Island at Las Vegas Lights (ESPN2)
8:03 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Detroit Tigers at Seattle Mariners (FS1)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: New England Patri-

ots at Buffalo Bills (NBC)
8:30 p.m. — NBA Preseason: Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)
Monday
8:03 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia Phillies (TBS)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: Kansas City Chiefs at Jacksonville Jaguars (ABC)
9:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers (TBS)
Tuesday
5 p.m. — NHL: Chicago Blackhawks at Florida Panthers (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NHL: Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NBA Preseason: Indiana Pacers at Minnesota Timberwolves (FDSN Indiana)
10:30 p.m. — NHL: Colorado Avalanche at Los Angeles Kings (ESPN)

Halloween Coloring Contest

Enter If You Dare!



Pictures will be on display at The Commercial Review.
The CR staff will judge the contest.
There will be 3 age categories: 1-4, 5-7 and 8-10. The winner's pictures will be displayed in the newspaper on October 31, 2025.

If you would like a chance to have your colored picture in the newspaper, fill out the entry form and bring/send in your picture to the address listed on the form. Don't forget to read the SAFETY TIPS, and have a safe and happy Halloween!



LOOK both ways before you cross the street.

Loys Real Estate



BRUSH Always brush your teeth after eating candy.

Barnett's "231/2 hrs" Towing and Auto Parts

ONLY eat candy in sealed wrappers, and have your parents inspect all of your candy.

Portland Vet Clinic

WEAR proper footwear.

Graphic Printing Co.

CUT costumes reasonably so tripping does not occur.

Arnold Lumber

HELP children choose costumes that will be safe.

Williams-Spencer & Penrod Funeral Home

NEVER wander off alone – stay in the group.

Portland True Value

TRY downtown trick or treating, it's well lit & safe.

Grube Auctioneering

LIGHT your jack-o'-lantern with a battery-powered light instead of a candle.

West Jay Community Center

JACKETS provide warmth. Take one with you on a cool Halloween night.

Bollenbacher and Associates

KEEP a first aid kit fully stocked & nearby in case of emergency.

Fort Recovery Insurance

MAKE sure you wear shoes that fit well and are tied tightly.

Stu's Garage

PIN a slip of paper with child's name, address and phone # on child's costume.

Jack Houck Real estate

HALLOWEEN COLORING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Mail completed picture and your entry form to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

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GO slow, drivers. Look out for trick-or-treaters while you are driving.

Shawver Auction & Real Estate

NEVER enter a stranger's house or car under any circumstances.

Portlands Best One Tire

HAND OUT healthy alternatives to candy, like sealed trail mix or raisins.

Baird Freeman

SET curfews.

Hopkins Auto Repair

IF there is no sidewalk, then walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

Wings and Rings

WEAR a watch that lights up, so you can read it in the dark easily.

May Financial LLC.

ALWAYS carry a flashlight with you when trick-or-treating at night.

Hometown Hardware

PROPS like a toy sword or wand should be flexible, without sharp edges or points.

Vores Welding

REMEMBER to walk, not run, from house to house while trick-or-treating.

Jay County REMC

VISIT only those houses that are well-lit, and never approach a house alone.

Classique Beauty

BE CAUTIOUS of animals and strangers.

The Tire Center