

Redkey council keeps budget intact

Total for 2026 is up by about 3.6% from this year

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review REDKEY — The town's budget for 2026 hasn't changed since last week. Redkey Town Council members learned more about budgets during a two-hour meeting Thursday. Redkey's budget adoption is set for Tuesday's meeting. Janet Alexander of consulting agency Local Government Services shared a spending plan comparison with council, which mapped Redkey's proposed budget for next year at \$646,173, a \$22,687 increase from the current year.

Earlier this month, council reviewed the budget estimated at \$753,217 for 2026. That included \$173,044 in home-ruled funds not reviewed by Indiana Department of Local Government and Finance.

Alexander walked through the budget with council on Thursday, explaining various state regulations. She mentioned Senate Enrolled Act 1, a largely tax-focused bill. She projected that Indiana will begin to feel the impact of its changes in the next five to six years but pointed out state lawmakers have another two sessions and could adjust the law before Senate Enrolled Act 1 is fully implemented.

Council members last week questioned whether they should create a new park fund and incorporate it into the budget. The existing park fund is used to pay for utilities. See Budget page 2



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Gourd glow

Skye Ingram, 9, of Portland dots purple and blue paint around her pumpkin Thursday at Jay County Public Library. The library offered various pumpkin-themed activities for families.

Plans for The Venue fall through

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review Plans for a downtown Portland music venue will not move forward. Portland Redevelopment Commission learned Friday that Dave Smuts, one of the music promoters involved in the project, indicated that his group will not pursue development of The Venue at 105 W. Main St. and that they are open to selling the building.

Redevelopment commission president Rusty Inman said Smuts had emailed to share the news.

Treaver Schmit, Jamie Smith, Travis Smith and Smuts visited the redevelopment commission in January 2024 to share

Main Street building was targeted for performance facility

plans to rehabilitate the building as a concert venue to feature local, regional and national performers. Smuts said he was planning a lineup of rock and country musicians as well as comedians.

The Smiths owned the building via Coppersmith Property Management, with Smuts and Schmit

planning to rent it initially with the possibility of buying it later. According to Jay County Assessor's Office documents, Smut-stock Entertainment purchased the building from Coppersmith Property Management for \$40,000 in June.

In February 2024, the redevelopment commission agreed to contribute

\$35,000 toward concrete and plumbing work in the building. At that time, Jamie Smith said the key steps toward getting the project going were plumbing, electrical and installation of a concrete floor. Travis Smith estimated it would take a year from the start of construction to completion.

Inman said he believes no work has been done to the building since then because there have been no requests for reimbursement from the \$35,000 that was committed. (When the redevelopment commission provides funding, it is paid out as reimbursement after work is complete.) He noted that the building has a new roof, which was

put on by former owner Barry Hudson.

Redevelopment commission members Joe Johnston, Reda Theurer-Miller, Mike Simons and Inman, with Dave Teeter absent, voted to get two appraisals on the structure. That step is required before the redevelopment commission could make an offer on the building.

Consultant Ed Curtin of CWC Latitudes also suggested that the redevelopment commission request access to the building in order to be able to evaluate its current status.

The Venue is the second planned business at 105 W. Main St. in the last decade that has not come to fruition.

See Venue page 2

Retrospect

Smith was finalist for state award



The Commercial Review/Laurie Chen

East Elementary School Judy Smith was a finalist for the Enrique Camarena Award in October 2000.

Twenty-five years ago this week, a local teacher was recognized for her anti-drug leadership.

A story in the Oct. 28, 2000, edition of The Commercial Review featured Judy Smith, an East Elementary School teacher, as a finalist for the Indiana Enrique Camarena Award.

Smith was honored along with four other finalists and the co-winners of the award at a Red Ribbon Rally at the Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis that week.

Nominees for the award were volunteers or professionals in the field of prevention, enforcement or treatment of drug-related problems who demonstrate Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Enrique Camarena's belief that one person could make a difference. Camarena

was killed in the line of duty by drug traffickers. His life and death served as the inspiration for the anti-drug Red Ribbon Week that began in 1985.

"I feel it was very special recognition because drug and alcohol education is a passion in my life," Smith said. "If it saves one child from alcohol or drug abuse, then it makes some of my efforts worthwhile."

"It's rare that you get awards for doing what you love," she added.

Candidates for the award were nominated from schools, law enforcement, mental health organizations and other anti-drug associations.

For nine years, Smith had been educating students about the dan-

gers of drugs and alcohol through East Elementary's Just Say No Club for fifth and sixth graders and Beginning Alcohol and Addiction Basic Education Studies.

"Someone close to me had a problem with drugs or alcohol, and it caused me a lot of heartache," said Smith. "That's why I took up this cause ..."

East Elementary principal Lee Newman nominated her for the honor.

"When I saw the (award nomination form) come in, I thought she was the perfect candidate for all she's done at the school," Newman said.

"She speaks from the heart, and that's what makes it meaningful," he added.

Deaths

Bernard Timmerman, 75, Honolulu, Hawaii Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature was 55 degrees Friday in Jay County. The low was 33. Today's high will be in the upper 50s under partly cloudy skies. Sunday's high will also be in the upper 50s. Lows will be in the 30s with a chance of showers Sunday night. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Halloween activities in Fort Recovery are scheduled for Sunday. The annual parade will begin at 3:15 p.m. at Fort Recovery High School. Costume contest judging will be at 3:30 p.m. at Hein Amphitheater in Van Trees Park. Trick-or-treating will follow from 4 to 6 p.m.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting. Wednesday — Details from Monday's Jay School Board meeting. Thursday — Coverage of next week's Redkey Town Council meeting.

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Obituaries

Bernard Timmerman
Dec. 27, 1949-Aug. 1, 2025

Bernard “Ben” Timmerman, age 75 of Honolulu, Hawaii, passed away on Friday, Aug. 1, 2025.

He was born on Dec. 27, 1949, in Fort Recovery, to the late Thomas and Cecilia (Suhy) Timmerman.

Ben was preceded in death by his siblings Terry “Lee” Timmerman, Jack Timmerman, Judy Timmerman, Jane Breitenstein and Ted Timmerman.

Ben is survived by his siblings



Timmerman

James (Susann) Timmerman of Edmonds, Washington, Bev Rath of Tullahoma, Tennessee, Julie Montgomery of Dale City, Virginia, Eileen (Thomas) Sass of Willoughby, Ohio, Jerry (Jenny) Timmerman of Florence, Kentucky, Phil Timmerman of Kirkland, Washington, Phyllis (Dave) Sutter of St. Henry, Ohio, and Peter (Jean) Timmerman of Lincoln, Nebraska; his brother-in-law Joe Breitenstein of Kettering, Ohio; and 42 nieces and nephews.

Ben was a 1968 graduate of Fort Recovery High School, where he stood out not only for his character but also for his athleticism, earning a state title in cross country. Following high school, he attended Miami Uni-

versity before enlisting in the United States Navy. Ben served his country honorably and with pride.

After his military service, Ben made Hawaii his home. Over the years, he embraced a variety of occupations that reflected his versatility and spirit, from carpentry to work in the hospitality industry, as well as spending several years as a cab driver in Honolulu.

A lifelong athlete, Ben completed the Hawaiian triathlon and remained active as an avid hiker. His love for sports extended into service as well, as a respected local high school sports referee.

Ben had a deep appreciation and recognized talent for music. He shared this talent as a musi-

cian and vocalist in a local church choir, where his spiritual contributions were heartfelt.

Ben’s life was one of dedication, whether to his country, his community, his faith or his passions. He will be remembered for his commanding presence, diverse talents and enduring spirit. His energy and enthusiasm in any gathering were contagious.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31, 2025, at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Fort Recovery, with Father Joseph Pasala celebrating. Burial will follow in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Guests may greet Ben’s family prior to the Mass on Friday from 10 to 10:30 a.m. in the entryway of the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, WEB P.O. Box 7410354, Chicago, IL 60674-0354.

Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery is serving Ben’s family.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockmanboeckmanfh.com.

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 10/26	Monday 10/27	Tuesday 10/28	Wednesday 10/29	Thursday 10/30
62/37	60/38	57/39	54/39	56/36
Sunday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a high around 62 degrees.	Monday looks to be mostly sunny, with the low dipping into the upper 30s late.	Tuesday's weather looks like another day of mostly sunny skies with lows in the upper 30s.	There's a 40% chance of showers on Wednesday with the low dipping to 39.	Thursday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with the high around 56 degrees.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 1-3-8 Daily Four: 7-7-0-2 Quick Draw: 2-11-13-17-23-29-31-38-41-42-49-51-55-57-59-68-72-74-78-79	Pick 3: 4-1-0 Pick 4: 8-7-5-7 Pick 5: 2-4-4-6-7
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$344 million	
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$680 million	
Ohio Midday	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.18 Nov. corn4.20	Wheat4.68
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Today in history

In 1415, King Henry V led the English army to victory over French forces at the Battle of Agincourt during the Hundred Years’ War.

In 1741, Georg Wilhelm Steller was aboard the ship that discovered Kiska Island in the Aleutian Islands chain of Alaska.

In 1764, Abigail Smith married lawyer John Adams. They were married for 54 years, with Abigail Adams serving as the second First Lady of the United States. She and her husband were the first presidential couple to live in the White House and their son John Quincy Adams would also be elected president.

In 1940, basketball coach Bob Knight was born in Massillon, Ohio. He coached Indiana University to national championships in 1976, 1981 and 1987 and was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1991.

In 1975, Ridgeville’s annual Halloween Festival featured races and rides following a parade. William Bellis, commander of the Ridgeville American Legion, served as the festival’s chairman.

In 2021, Dunkirk City Council approved the use of \$84,647.30 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase and install a new liner, lifeguard stations and grates for the city pool.

—The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, district office, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board special meeting, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.	7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. Tuesday 5 p.m. — Redkey Town Council executive session, park cabin, 50 Mooney St. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 Mooney St. Wednesday 9 a.m. — Portland Historic Preservation Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
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State fair director to retire

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Cindy Hoye, who has led the Indiana State Fair Commission since 2004, will step down in 2026 after a nearly 40-year career with the organization.

In a Thursday announcement, the commission praised Hoye’s “visionary service” and credited her with re-shaping the fairgrounds and state fair “into what (they) are today.”

“(Hoye’s) remarkable tenure leaves behind a legacy of excellence, innovation and unwavering dedication,” the commission said in a social media release. “Thank you,

Cindy, for 40 incredible years of leadership and impact!”

Hoye, who became executive director in 2004 after serving 16 years as the commission’s marketing director, said serving as executive director was “an absolute honor and incredible privilege.”

“With the State Fair’s roots deeply planted in its mission, this place will always hold a special significance for me and most importantly for Hoosiers across the state,” she said in a statement. “I am immensely proud to have worked alongside one of the greatest teams of people you’ll ever encounter. Their sense of pride, purpose, and relentless pur-

suit of excellence is truly remarkable.”

Hoye added that the State Fairgrounds are “in capable hands, guided by a clear and strategic roadmap for continued success.”

Her tenure is marked by a number of major initiatives and projects.

Hoye oversaw renovation of the Corteva Coliseum and construction of the Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion, as well as expansions of 4-H programming. She additionally helped attract high-profile track-and-field events — including the NCAA Division II National Championships, Big Ten Championships and the Hoosier State

Relays — to Indianapolis and the fairgrounds campus.

Gov. Mike Braun described Hoye’s tenure as “remarkable” and said she “elevated” the commission.

“Her unwavering commitment to the State of Indiana, to her staff, and to leaving the Fair and Fairgrounds better than she found it, has set a standard of excellence that will continue to guide us for years to come,” the governor said in a statement.

The commission has initiated a search for Hoye’s successor, and she will assist in the transition ahead of her official retirement in March, agency officials said.

Venue ...

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Previously, Ryan and Kelly Johnson had plans for HoosierBoy Smokehouse and Brew at the site before later opening Glass Capital Grill in Dunkirk.

Curtin updated the redevelopment commission on the county’s efforts to install utilities as the first step for a proposed housing development on 68 acres on the north side of Votaw Street on the west side of the city. He noted that Portland City Council recently committed \$400,000 to the project, contingent on Jay County Redevelopment Commission providing the remaining funds needed to move forward.

The county has committed \$1.28 million in federal coronavirus relief funds through the American Rescue Plan Act toward the project and is hoping for an additional \$1.21 million through the state’s Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0. (The county has received an initial letter from Indiana Economic Development Corporation regarding funding for the project, but final approvals have not yet been announced.)

The first phase of the project would include installation of water and sewer lines and construction of approaches for a new street off of Votaw Street (Indiana 26/67).

Johnston asked about interest in the project, noting that there was a meeting held for prospective developers. Curtin responded that not as many developers showed up as had been hoped, but that there were several consultants that represent developers.

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Miller regarding Portland Main Street Connect activities:

- Planters have been placed in the downtown area with mums for the fall. Winter plantings are planned for after Veterans Day in preparation for Winterfest.
- Work continues on a historical trail. She said plans are to work with local historian Jane Spencer regarding markers that could be placed to note historic sites in the city.
- Efforts toward implementing a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area in the city are continuing. (Portland City Council approved such an area, which allows bar/restaurant patrons to purchase alcohol, leave the establishment and walk with their drink in a designated open container.) She said the focus currently is on what signs need to be put in place to make the rules for the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area clear to the public.
- Reviewed its planned meeting schedule for 2026. The commission regularly meets on the fourth Friday of January, April, July and October.
- Approved its 2026 spending plan, which must be submitted to Indiana Department of Local Government Finance by Dec. 1.

Budget ...

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Hopes are to begin making renovations to Redkey Morgan Park in the near future, with council member Jenny Staver leading the effort.

Alexander explained Thursday that the town can utilize other funds, such as the economic development income tax

(EDIT), cumulative capital improvement or general funds to help pay for park projects.

Council members “Watermellon” Jim Phillips, Jenny Staver, Brenda Beaty, Floyd Life and Byron Daugherty voted to introduce the budget.

Plans are to adopt it at their meeting Tuesday.

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Timmerman, Bernard: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.

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Felony arrests

Methamphetamine

A Portland woman was arrested Thursday for possession of methamphetamine.

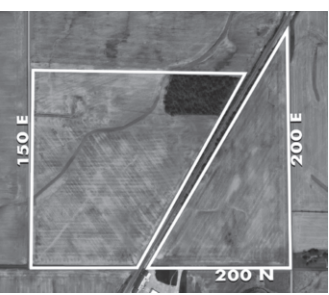
Megan M. Graham, 27, 920 W. High St., Portland, was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

She was being held on a \$17,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

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25th anniversary



Heather and Gary Binegar - 2025

Heather and Gary Binegar

The Binegars are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary today. Gary and Heather Binegar wed Oct. 25, 2000, in Portland. Heather Binegar retired from Coffel’s Family Market in Montpelier, and Gary Binegar works at Super-Pufft (formerly Utz) in Bluffton. They have two children, Zachary Wolford and Cameron (Wolford) Allen of Dayton, Ohio. They also have one grandson. Plans are to celebrate with family later this year.

Re-enactors will visit FR library

Friends of the Fort Recovery Library will host some historical re-enactors next month. Karen and John Burkett will visit the library at 6 p.m. Nov. 11 in celebration of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States. They’ll share letters from John and Abigail Adams highlighting their role as founders of the United States of America as a couple and their individual achievements. The program is free to attend.

Drives scheduled
The American Red Cross has several blood drives scheduled for November. Those who donated between Oct. 27 and Nov. 16 will get a \$20 e-gift card and be entered to win a \$5,000 prize. To schedule an appointment, visit red-crossblood.org. Drives are scheduled for: •11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Multicultural Center, 1120 N. McKinley Ave., Muncie •11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednes-

Taking Note
day, Nov. 5, at College Wesleyan Church, 200 E. 38th St., Marion •11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at First Presbyterian Church, 215 E. Dustman Road, Bluffton •1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at First Missionary Church, 950 U.S. 27, Berne •8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at St. Mary Catholic Church, 414 Madison St., Decatur •11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at Middletown Church of the Nazarene, 698 N. Fifth St., Middletown

Book sale
Fort Recovery Public Library is hosting a used book sale today. A free-will donation will be accepted for materials selected at the sale.

Daughter maintains control of partner’s life

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a man for 2 1/2 years. He’s divorced; I am a widow. We get along well and enjoy many activities together. The problem is his 31-year-old daughter. She is very rude and unkind to me. He tells me it is not me; she would treat any female companion of his this way. With the holidays approaching, I spoke to him about what our plans will be. During the past two years, his ex-wife and daughter have controlled most of the get-togethers, saying that I was not invited to join them for a Christmas Eve dinner. I don’t want to be controlling like his ex and daughter, but I would like us to be part of the plans as a couple.

Dear Abby



At this point, he’s unable to decide what we will do. He’s trying to mend the relationship with his daughter, but I’m pretty sure it won’t improve until she’s ready to accept her dad having another partner in his life. I want this relationship to work out. We are talking about living together and possibly getting married, but I’m not sure if we should consider this until his

situation with his daughter improves. Any advice? — SEEKING INCLUSION IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR SEEKING: Your gentleman friend’s daughter should not have been allowed to treat any woman he was seeing disrespectfully. His mistake has been ceding his power to someone who is emotionally immature and unwilling to see her father in a happy, healthy relationship. Give him a deadline to decide how he is going to spend the holidays. If it isn’t with you, take a vacation at that time. You are intelligent to put the brakes on living together until he resolves this issue, preferably with input

from a licensed mental health professional.
DEAR ABBY: While the saying goes “no man is an island,” I beg to differ, as I am married to one. My husband has little to no patience with anyone, family included. He has always been negative, and as he grows older, it has grown 10 times worse. Over the past 15 years, my husband has alienated most of his (our) friends to the point where he no longer has any contact with them. He literally walks away from them in public. While I know a lot of people are super narcissistic today, I feel you have to put up with some of today’s BS. I’m not super social myself, but his

rudeness has gotten out of hand. Our social life is nil. It may be a case of depression (he’s on a multitude of medications). It’s wearing me down, and I’m afraid I’m sinking down with him. Is there a solution? — GOING DOWN, TOO
DEAR GOING: Because your husband has mental health issues, this should be discussed with a doctor. A different medication and talk therapy might help him if he would consent to it. Please consider consulting someone for yourself to help you decide if you want to spend the rest of your life being this isolated. Nothing will change if you don’t become proactive.

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.
Sunday
A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early

for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.
Monday
PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant. PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center. EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk. TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome.

For more information, call (260) 726-5924.
THE LIFE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy, as well as help with the needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.
BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.
PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday
JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard’s Restaurant.
COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.
A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk.



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Friday’s Solution

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Thank you for dinner support

To the editor:
On behalf of the Jay County Bridge Dinner Committee, we would like to show appreciation for everyone that showed up “on the Whitaker Bridge” for the inaugural Jay County Bridge Dinner.

The event would not have been possible without the generous financial support from East Central Indiana Regional Planning District (Bill Walters, Michelle Badgers and Darlesia Lee) and to Elizabeth and Barry Hudson. In addition, a heartfelt thank you to Ronnie Reynolds from the Portland Park Department and Kody Mulenkamp from the Portland Street Department.

Kudos to Tayo's Taqueria, Ryzone's, and Two Momma's Food & Drink Trucks for taking a chance on us.

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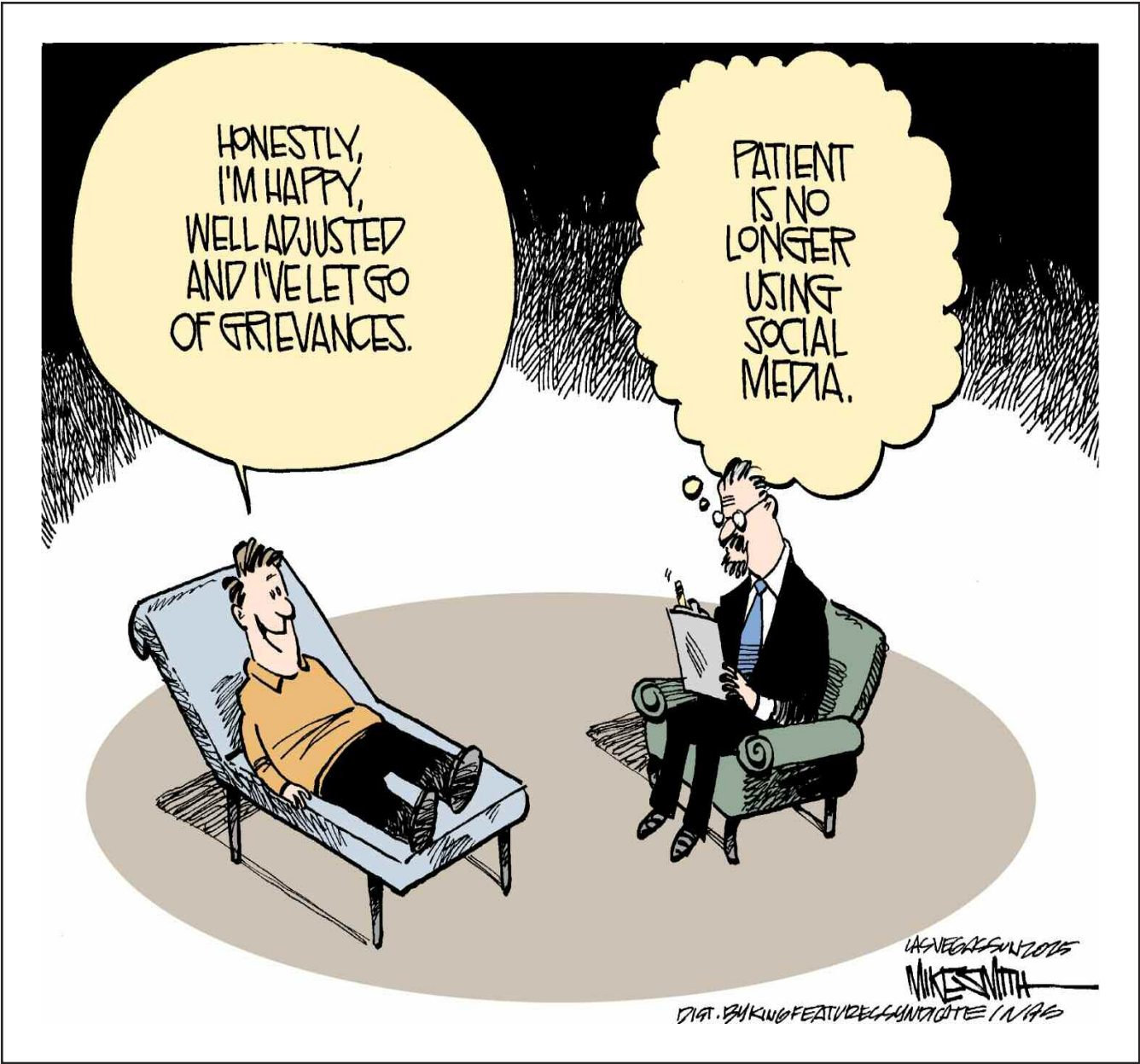
Letters to the Editor

and music for the evening. Also of note, we extend our gratitude to Three Chicks Farm (Ali Buckland) and Pennville Custom Cabinetry (Michele Goldman) for their donations for the raffle. Last but certainly not least, a big thanks to WPGW of Rob Weaver and The Commercial Review's Bailey Cline for sharing details of the event.

Hopefully the night sparked joy, connection and conversation leading to inspiration and action for our community. For those who couldn't join us this year, please be on the lookout for details for next year's event.

Sincerely,
Tisha Gierhart, Darlesia Lee, LeeAnn Miller, Jenny Bricker and Michele Goldman

The Jay County Bridge Dinner Committee



IU sends wrong message

By JOHN KRULL
TheStatehouseFile.com

Mark Cuban mentioned what should be the most important consideration in the imbroglia engulfing Indiana University and its student newspaper, The Indiana Daily Student.

For reasons that aren't yet clear, IU decided to fire the school's student media director and cancel publication of the IDS' seven print editions. IU canned the director and pulled the plug on the print editions because administrators didn't want the print editions to contain any news, only features celebrating important campus events.

These moves came following years of jostling at the university over the newspaper's finances and editorial direction.

To try to resolve that jostling, Cuban, the billionaire owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks and a 1981 IU graduate, made a \$250,000 gift to IU to erase the paper's deficits and cover other costs.

Cuban responded to his alma mater's heavy-handed moves regarding the IDS with displeasure.

“Not happy. Censorship isn't the way. I gave money to IU general fund for the IDS last year, so they could pay everyone and not run a deficit. I gave more than they asked for. I told them I'm happy to help because the IDS is important to kids at IU,” the disgruntled alum said in a social media post.

The last sentence of Cuban's post is the one that matters most.

Student newspapers exist and should exist because they're important to the “kids”—the students who work on them.

Bingo.

I serve as publisher of The Franklin, the student newspaper at Franklin College, which is also my alma mater. I'm also the publisher of TheStatehouseFile.com, a news website powered by Franklin College journalism students.

Both are costly enterprises. Both also report on issues and stories from time to time that college administrators and other members of the extended campus would prefer went uncovered.

But that's the nature of such things.

Years ago, a colleague button-

John Krull



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holed me to complain loudly and at length about the way a reporter for The Franklin had grilled him during an interview.

He concluded his diatribe by saying, “I mean, come on, it's not like these kids are working for The New York Times.”

I looked at him for a long moment.

“But we have to prepare them so that they can work at The Times. That's what this should all be about,” I said.

Teaching young journalists is and always will be a learn-by-doing process. Student journalists must develop and practice their skills in public, which means they risk making beginners' mistakes before an audience.

That takes courage.

But it also makes their work a flashpoint for insecure administrators and other forgetful members of college and university communities.

I've never ceased to be amazed at the way seasoned educators who never would dream of yelling at a kid who missed a question on a math test will ream out a student reporter who botched a quote.

When it comes to student journalists, many people can be remarkably quick to overlook the “student” part. They forget that learning is often a hard and painful experience.

The Indiana Daily Student has been one of the finest student newspapers—and therefore one of the finest teaching tools—in the country for generations. The alums who have worked on the IDS now populate not just newsrooms, but law firms, corporate board rooms and public policy think tanks, among other corners of power and influence.

In their zeal to contain costs and exert control over a publication that shines a light on parts of Indiana University some people would prefer left in the dark,

administrators and board members seem to have forgotten something important —something Mark Cuban realized.

The IDS and all student newspapers exist not to make their schools or those schools' leaders look good but to serve as learning laboratories for young people interested in news and public affairs.

The saddest thing about the controversy at IU is that the people charged with leading an institution dedicated to learning didn't stop to ask a fundamental question.

What are we teaching our students by doing this?

No reputable college or university exists to make a profit. A good school's mission is to serve its students well and finish each fiscal year with at least as much money as it started with.

The key is the mission. Teaching students.

Sadly, the lesson IU seems to want to deliver to its student journalists is that might makes right.

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Stand against domestic violence

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Guest Editorial

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, an average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States — more than 12 million women and men over the course of a single year. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, it's a month that marks a tragedy we cannot ignore.

DVAM is a national campaign dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence. Every October, organizations and individuals unite across the country for a national effort to uplift the needs, vices and experiences of survivors. Congress declared the month of October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989.

For 2025, the Domestic Violence Awareness Project is proud to introduce the theme “With Survivors, Always.” This theme allows for exploration of what it means to be in partnership with survivors toward safety, support, and solidarity. It is both a love letter and a call to action for those committed to advocating for survivors' needs and rights.

Survivors deserve safety. Survivors deserve support. Survivors deserve solidarity. For DVAM 2025 and beyond, commit to showing up for survivors, always.

According to the Domestic Violence Awareness Project, domestic violence is best understood as a pattern of abusive behaviors — including physical, sexual, and psychological attacks as well as economic coercion — used by one intimate partner against another (adult or adolescent) to gain, maintain, or regain power and control in the relationship. Batterers use a range of tactics to frighten, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, often injure,

and sometimes kill a current or former intimate partner.

Here are four ways you can help survivors:

—Educate Yourself and Others — Understanding domestic violence complexities is essential. Educate yourself about the different types of abuse and local resources, and share what you learn with your social circles to foster awareness and empathy.

—Listen Without Judgment — Leaving an abusive relationship is a highly personal decision but all survivors benefit from having trusted people during this time. One of the most powerful things you can offer a domestic violence survivor is support by creating a safe space for them to share their experiences without fear of judgement or blame, letting them express their feelings while validating their emotions and helping them create a safety plan.

—Encourage Professional Support — Domestic violence survivors are often left with emotional scars that outlast the physical effects. Counseling and support from family and friends can help survivors break the isolation of domestic violence.

—Raise Awareness and Advocate for Change — Participate in local events, hold a fundraiser in your community to support survivors, write to your local representatives and educate yourself and others on statistics and issues to better support survivors.

If you have been the victim of domestic violence and need support, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, available 24/7 at (800) 799-7233.

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10-25 CRYPTOQUIP

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EHXHWMBQPE? MOUV WOKRJZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN LARGE ORANGE GOURDS DEVELOP UNWELCOME HOLES, I LIKE TO REPAIR THEM USING PUMPKIN PATCHES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals X

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Capitals and courses

1) What two Maryland cities served as capitals of the U.S. in the 1780s?

2) What golfer was the PGA's money leader in 1998 with \$2.6 million in earnings?

1) Baltimore and Annapolis

2) David Duval

10-27 CRYPTOQUIP

EPYHX P V L R K I C Y E R I O P I K Q

LAU Z S B W W H W U M K E P I C A Q

1 P W C I Z 2 S C A P I B 3 Q I P I K

4 Q I W H A I K 5 Q W P W C I C A

Saturday's Cryptquip: WHEN AMERICAN SPACE FLIGHT ENTEREDLY LONG, I GOT AROUND TO SALAD INGREDIENTS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals Q

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to Halloween. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 15 = O)

A. 3 25 11 8 10 23

Clue: A scare

B. 21 15 22 23 17 16 14

Clue: Disguise

C. 21 9 20 26 7

Clue: Sweets

D. 26 15 15 25 1 14 6 6

Clue: House alert

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Halloween.

SWIETHC

Answer: Witches

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in Canada on October 23, 1976. I debuted in a Canadian-produced teen soap opera. I've appeared in many roles since then, including a green-clad superhero and a disfigured, foul-mouthed antihero. Today, I'm a married father of four and close friends with a wolverine.

Answer: Ryan Reynolds

kids' corner

World FACT:

This country is the largest auto manufacturer in the world.

Answer: China

What's the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.

A

B

Answers: Missing lug nuts 2. Tires stacked on right 3. Man on left 4. Missing clipboard/tobler

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

OCT 20

1803: The United States Senate ratifies the Louisiana Purchase.

1910: The British ocean liner RMS Olympic is launched.

1998: The Space Shuttle Columbia launches on STS-78.

NEW WORD

IDLE

an engine runs slowly but the vehicle isn't moving

FRIGHT NIGHT WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

BATS
BLACK CAT
CANDY
COBWEB
COSTUME
GHOST
GHOUL
HAUNTED
JACK-O'-LANTERN
MONSTER
MOON
OCTOBER
PUMPKIN
SCARY
SKELETON
SPIDER
SPOOKY
TRICK OR TREAT
VAMPIRE
WEREWOLF
WITCH
ZOMBIE

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

How they say that in...

English: Steer
Spanish: Conducir
Italian: Guidare
French: Conduire
German: Etwas lenken

Did You Know?

Every car comes with recommendations for proper tire pressure. The number (PSI) can be found on the inside of the driver's side door.

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Car battery

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

40 Mark Harmon

2 Shopping complex

21 Tie-toe

6 Narcotic TV series

3 City near Syracuse

23 Ordinal suffix

12 Delivers a keynote recording label

24 Scale abbr.

13 Come back

44 Outside (Pref.)

25 Pub serving

14 Of the abdominal cavity

46 Used car sites

26 Concise

15 Placed in the attic

50 Amazon e-reader

30 Mimic

16 Bath powder

52 Tidy up

31 Airport

17 Balm

54 Hosted

33 Greek

Ingredient

55 Insurance type

34 Roman

19 Curvy letter

56 Fixed charge

151

20 Gillette razor

57 Chorus section

39 Donnybrook

22 Speed (up)

DOWN

1 Geometric calculation

18 Designer Yves Saint

41 Incline

42 Squeezes (out)

43 Silent actor

45 Give up

47 Director

48 Afternoon affairs

49 NBC weekend show

51 Dict. info

53 Slithery fish

Solution time: 26 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 10-25

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

David versus Goliath

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

WEST

EAST

SOUTH

The bidding:

Opening lead — three of spades.

Bad contracts sometimes produce good drama, as seen in this deal where declarer wound up in six notrump missing the A-K of hearts. There is no way West could have known to lead a heart — which would have spoiled a good story — and he instead made the more prosaic lead of a spade.

It might seem that declarer should still have gone down one since the diamonds were divided 4-2 instead of 3-3, but South managed the play

exceptionally well and brought the slam home.

He won the spade lead with the ace, cashed the king of clubs, returned to his hand with a spade and played the A-Q-J-10 of clubs, discarding three hearts and a diamond from dummy to produce this position:

North

West

East

South

When he next led a spade to the king, West had no choice but to discard a heart, and when declarer then cashed the A-K of diamonds, felling East's jack, the crucial point of the play was reached.

Assessing the situation perfectly, South led the jack of hearts from dummy, sounding the death knell for the defense. East could not afford to rise with the ace, so he ducked. West won with the king and was forced to return a diamond from the 10-8 to dummy's Q-9, whereupon declarer finessed the nine to put the final touch on a very well-played hand.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

37 Step sign

57 Sports figure?

10 Mascot leader

11 12 total

17 5 dia-

18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

DOWN

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterday's answer 10-27

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

WEST

EAST

SOUTH

The bidding:

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

If you look at all four hands, you might wonder how declarer managed to go down one at four hearts. But the fact is that he did, and, furthermore, it's likely that most declarers playing the hand would have suffered the same fate.

The bidding was normal, and so was the opening lead of the king of diamonds. But something unusual occurred when East played the nine on the king at trick one, and then the deuce on the ace at trick two. When West next led the six of diamonds, declarer, having observed

East's high-low signal, presumably indicating a doubleton, naturally ruffed with dummy's ten to avoid the possibility of East overruffing dummy with a low trump.

But to everyone's surprise, including his partner's, East unexpectedly produced the four of diamonds at trick three. When declarer next led the heart deuce from dummy, East showed out, and South, to his chagrin, found that he had to lose two trump tricks and go down one.

East was Ira C. Corn, highly successful Dallas industrialist and financier who also distinguished himself in the world of bridge during the '60s and '70s. He certainly had no high cards to work with against four hearts, and yet there is no doubt that he single-handedly defeated the contract without taking a trick!

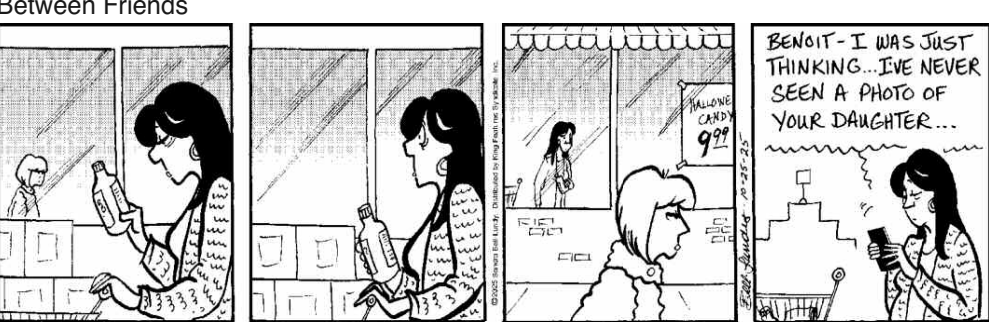
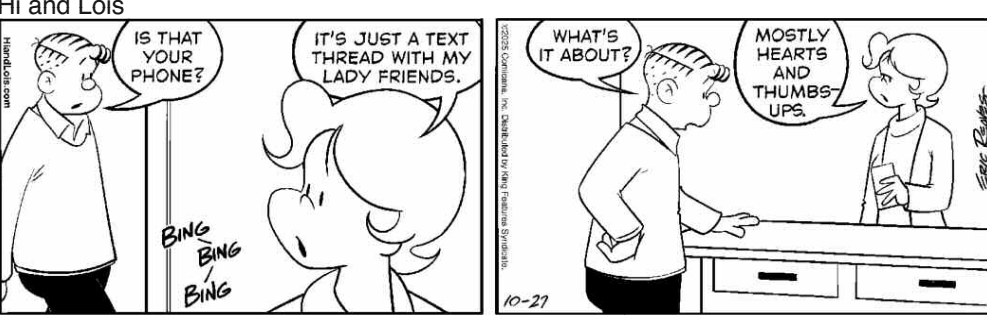
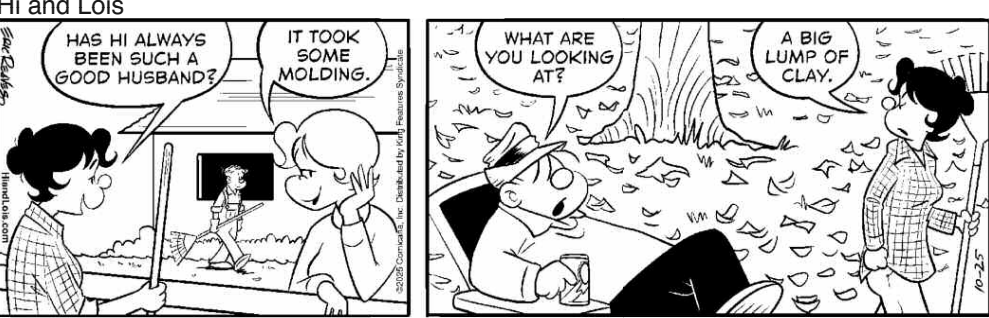
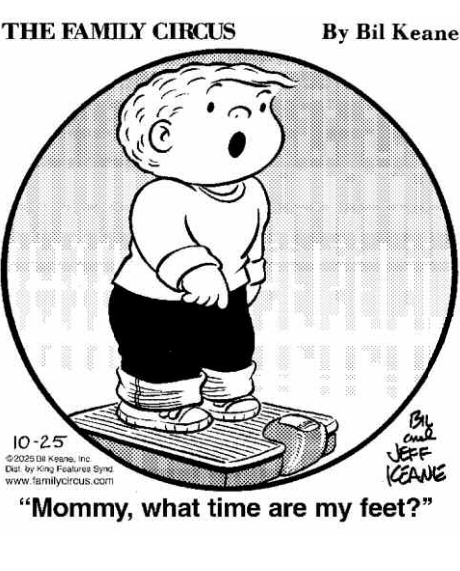
Without Corn's imaginative high-low play in diamonds, declarer would have lost only one trump trick and so would have made four hearts. Aside from the K-9-8-4 West actually had, there were several other trump holdings he might have had that would have brought about South's defeat if he could be induced to ruff high in dummy on the third diamond lead. The little white lie told by Corn thus had everything to gain and almost nothing to lose.

Tomorrow: The better way.

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Laughter

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COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
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Circuit COURT
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NAME CHANGE OF:
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Leah Tinsman Petitioner
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“It’s kind of where we’ve found our stride in our offense,” Brown said. “Our offense has found our identity in that set alone, running the ball out of the double tight and those short little quick passes out of our pro set. ... If we can find that deep pass, our offense is going to open up so much more and it’s going to be fun to watch.”

Brown had a 30-yard scamper to get JCHS into the red zone during the third drive, eventually setting up a 2-yard keeper by Laux to score. After finding a rhythm with the double wing, Jay County scored on five of its seven remaining drives. (The two times it didn’t score, the ball was turned over on a goal-line interception and a fumble.)

All five of the Patriots’ touchdowns came on the ground, including three from Brown. The junior ran the ball 24 times for 255 yards. He punched the ball in from the 1-yard line in the second quarter, had a 3-yard TD rush in the third and powered 17 yards through Belmont defenders for a score early in the fourth period.

“It’s a good game,” Brown said. “I feel like my performance has been on the up and up in recent weeks.

“I want to point out, the O-line’s improvement from last year to this year, it’s unbelievable.”

The final touchdown of the game came on a rush by Garrett Bennett 2 yards away from the end zone.

While the offense took care of business, the defense shut off the lights on BHS.

The Braves only got within 25 yards of the end zone twice. The first time came on their opening possession, but Jason Lykins fumbled the ball on the 27-yard line



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Garrett Dillon of the Jay County High School football team begins to tackle Belmont’s Jason Lykins before he can get back to the line of scrimmage on Friday. The JCHS defense tackled Braves for a loss on six plays in the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 28 opener that it won 35-0.

before making it back to the line of scrimmage and a pack of Patriots pounced on the pigskin.

Bellmont again tested the Jay County defense to start the second half. Lawton Bultemeier jumped on a squib kick from Brody Collins at the Patriots’ 45-yard line to start the ball with positive field position. The Braves worked their way to the 12-yard line before a holding penalty brought them back to the 22.

They kept pushing as a 6-yard reception by Lykins and a carry for another 9 by the sophomore had BHS on the 7-yard line.

However, the Patriots responded with a pair of big stops as Mason

White was brought down for a 7-yard loss and Grant Wendel kept a close cover on White the next possession for a turnover on downs.

“All week we practiced putting pressure on the football, because they had fumbled a lot all year,” Fields said. “We just prepared for putting pressure on the football, making physical tackles, running guys. The last three weeks our defensive guys have ran the ball much better and it’s showed.”

The JCHS defense also helped the offense out by forcing four Belmont turnovers on a pair of fumble recoveries and two interceptions.

Jay County will now set its

sights on the semifinal game, in which it will face one-loss Mississinewa.

“There’s a lot of things I’m going to talk about with the kids and just what’s feasible and ahead of us,” Fields said. “But it’s starting with our JV having a winning record; we just surpassed the win total from last year and one more win and you’re playing for a championship in year one.

“When you get beat by Southern Wells earlier in the year, nobody expects that. The community kinda got down, but it’s awesome for our kids to know there’s a bright future.”

Box score

Jay County Patriots (4-6)
at Belmont Braves (0-10)

IHSAA Class 3A
Sectional 28 Opener

Jay Co.	0	14	7	14	— 35
Belmont	0	0	0	0	— 0

First Quarter
No scoring

Second Quarter

JC — Nick Laux 2 run (Jacoby Penrod kick), 9:20.
JC — Leighton Brown 1 run (Penrod kick), 3:29.

Third Quarter

JC — Brown 3 run (Penrod kick), 3:52.

Fourth Quarter

JC — Brown 17 run (Penrod kick), 11:10.
JC — Garrett Bennett 2 run (Penrod kick), 1:41.

Team Statistics

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Rushes - yds	44-343	21-58
Comp-Att-Int	3-7-1	13-31-2
Passing yds	15	103
Total Plays	51	52
Total Offense	358	161
Punt ret - yds	0-0	1-5
Kickoff ret - yds	1-11	6-76
Sacks - yds lost	0-0	0-0
Ints - yds	2-11	1-0
Fumbles - lost	3-2	4-2
Penalties - yds	4-30	6-42

Individual Statistics

Rushing — Jay County — Lighton Brown 24-255, Carter Fuglett 5-32, Brady Jetmore 5-25, Garrett Bennett 3-16, Parker Moore 2-13, Bryan Fields 1-7, Hayden Ison 1-0, Nick Laux 3-(-5). Belmont — Jason Lykins 12-49, Corbynn Omlor 8-8, Charlie Faurote 1-1.

Passing — Jay County — Laux 3-7-1 15. Belmont — Faurote 13-31-2 103.

Receiving — Jay County — Fuglett 1-8, Brown 1-7, Jetmore 1-0. Belmont — Mason White 2-28, Lykins 2-25, Oliver Werling 2-23, Dylan Painter 2-18, Omlor 2-10, Lawton Bultemeier 1-1, Cole Barger 1-(-2)

USWNT falls to Portugal 2-1

By JONATHAN TANNENWALD

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Tribune News Service

CHESTER, Pa. — Before Thursday night, the last time the U.S. women played Portugal was the scoreless tie at the 2023 World Cup that started their downfall.

For the first 33 seconds this time, it looked like things had changed. But by the end of the night, Portugal had the Americans’ number again — this time a 2-1 win as the visitors at Subaru Park.

It was the U.S.’ first loss in a visit to the Philadelphia area since 2004, and the current team’s first loss in seven games dating back to February.

Those 33 seconds were how long it took for the U.S. to open the scoring through Rose Lavelle. Catarina Macario set the play up with a dazzling move, running and dancing amid Portugal’s defense before feeding the assist.

That was the seventh-fastest goal in U.S. women’s team history, and it will not be recorded that Lavelle was clearly offside. But with no video review in this friendly, the goal stood, and the crowd of 17,297 — including U.S. legend Alex Morgan and many ex-teammates honoring her retirement ceremony — cheered.

Lavelle nearly scored again on a

breakaway in the 9th, sprung beautifully by Alyssa Thompson. But Portugal goalkeeper Inês Pereira denied her with a charge off her line and a tip of the ball to just the right side of the post.

From there, Portugal turned the tide. In the 37th minute, Kika Nazareth spun around Lavelle, passed wide to Andreia Jacinto and she tried a chip attempt that landed on top of the crossbar. Two minutes later, a misplay by Tara McKeown let Tatiana Pinto get free on goal, and U.S. goalkeeper Phallon Tullis-Joyce had to come off her line for a sprawling stop.

Portugal scored on the ensuing corner kick, Diana Gomes beating Emily Sonnett on the jump.

The U.S. looked livelier early in the second half, but Thompson flubbed a chance and Macario got caught up to on a breakaway just in time to have the ball poked from behind.

Nor could the Americans capitalize on a close-in free kick from the right wing, served well by Sam Coffey but not finished by anyone in the crowded 18-yard box.

U.S. manager Emma Hayes took her time to make substitutions, but when she did, it was a quadruple move in the 69th minute. In came midfielders Claire Hutton and Lily

Yohannes, and forwards Yazmeen Ryan and Emma Sears; out went Coffey, Lindsey Heaps, Michelle Cooper and Macario.

Three minutes later, Portugal took the lead off another corner kick, Fatima Pinto trapping the service wonderfully and shooting low past Tullis-Joyce. There was a bit of a deflection, but Tullis-Joyce looked a little too frozen, and Hayes did not hide her frustration.

Jaedyn Shaw was next to enter for the U.S. in the 78th, replacing Lavelle.

The U.S. did not lack for scoring chances, but it couldn’t finish them. Injured forward Trinity Rodman was one of those stars in the stands as outside back Avery Patterson forced a sharp save from Pereira in the 81st, and Yohannes headed right at Pereira a few seconds later.

As the U.S. searched for an equalizer, Sears sent a well-placed pass through the 18-yard box in the 93rd that no teammate caught up to. And in the last seconds, Thompson shot when she could have passed — one of a few less-than-ideal decisions she made on the ball — and Yohannes lofted a cross that Pereira caught.

That felt like the night in a nutshell, right as the final whistle blew to end it.

Minnesota downed by LA Chargers

PA Media/dpa

Tribune News Service

London — Justin Herbert threw for three touchdowns as the Los Angeles Chargers eased past the Minnesota Vikings 37-10. Herbert threw for 227 yards as the Chargers responded from a run of three losses in four games to move to 5-3. The Vikings dropped to 3-4 as veteran Carson Wentz, nursing a shoulder injury as he continued to deputise for JJ McCarthy, was sacked five times. Herbert threw touchdown passes to Oronde Gadsden and Ladd McConkey, either side of a score on the ground from Kimani Vidal as the Chargers opened a 21-3 lead at half-time. Cameron Dicker stretched the lead with a 43-yard field goal despite a bad snap in the third

Los Angeles took big loss to Colts four days prior to beating Vikings

quarter before Wentz found Jordan Addison from four yards to cut the gap. But Herbert eased the Chargers away as he found Tre’ Harris from six yards early in the fourth quarter. Two more Dicker field goals stretched the advantage in the closing minutes.



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World Series matchup foreshadows future

By JASON MACKEY
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Tribune News Service

The noise inside Rogers Centre was deafening, an entire fan base — no, country — going bonkers after George Springer's three-run, go-ahead homer in Game 7 of the American League Championship Series on Monday, the volume knob somewhere past 11.

It was awesome.
And instructive.

For as much as there's a story here about Springer, about his redemptive year in Toronto and .930 regular-season OPS, about the Blue Jays returning to the World Series for the first time since 1993, about Seattle's Cinderella season falling painfully short, Mariners manager Dan Wilson's pitching decision or the countless ingredients that make baseball great ... it's not that simple.

That's because there are multiple related elephants in the room: the \$500 million Dodgers waiting around the corner, as well as Major League Baseball's widening competitive divide, where big spenders in big cities have a chance and everyone else ... well, better luck next year.

Think it's some sort of phony, small-market narrative? Look at the numbers:

- Over the past 20 World Series, 28 of the 40 entrants (70%) have been from the top half of MLB, per the sport's own revenue-sharing market score.
- Using that same system — cited in the current collective bargaining agreement — the average market score for a winner over the past decade is 9.3.
- Lastly, teams in the bottom third of revenue sharing market score have been to the World Series just six times in the past 20 years, with two ('15 Royals and '06 Cardinals) winning.

"I think it's undeniable that we have fans in markets who believe they don't have a fair opportunity to compete," MLB commissioner Rob Manfred said this summer on ESPN.



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George Springer of the Toronto Blue Jays celebrates after hitting a three-run home run against the Seattle Mariners during the seventh inning in Game 7 of the American League Championship Series at the Rogers Centre on Oct. 20, 2025, in Toronto.

"You can blame the owner. It's the system that produces that. "At the end of the day, what we sell is competition. Anything that undermines competition, sooner or later, we're going to have to come to grips with that issue, 100 percent."

There's no time like the present, huh? Or, let's rephrase that: after the current CBA expires in December 2026.

Anybody who watches baseball, who cares about baseball, knows there's a problem here.

The Dodgers, when you factor in luxury-tax penalties, will pay \$508.3 million for their 2025 roster. That's nearly as much as the bottom-six payrolls (Marlins, Athletics, Rays, White Sox, Pirates and Guardians) combined.

Furthermore, Los Angeles will pay more in penalties than 16 teams did for their entire roster, and it's erroneously allowed, the same for teams on the other end of the payroll

spectrum who should be forced to meet some sort of floor.

Speaking of that, it's not like the Blue Jays represent some sort of small-market success story; their opening day payroll has been fifth, sixth and seventh the past three seasons, including a \$240 million price tag this season.

It's laughable, honestly, although we can agree with Manfred on at least one thing: It's the system's fault.

There's an obvious correlation between market size and payroll, and it's often TV deals that make it all work. For the Dodgers, that means roughly \$334 million annually — or \$144 million more than the Yankees and \$300 million or above what the Pirates make.

The fact that MLB has been so top-heavy should surprise no one considering the lack of guardrails in place, the most obvious a cap-and-floor system that will almost assuredly cause a lockout next December.

The NFL gets it and divides TV revenue evenly among its 32 teams. The result — go figure — is better competitive balance or parity, heightened by the cost certainty available with a salary cap and resulting in the 180-degree opposite of what Manfred referenced this summer.

Fans in most NFL cities feel their team has a chance within about a two-year window.

It's markedly different in MLB, where things like the Brewers winning five NL Central titles in eight years feel more like lipstick on a pig, the result of big spenders de-emphasizing the regular season because 12 teams reach the playoffs.

The competitive disparity and predictable domination of the rich teams long ago knocked baseball from its perch atop the American sports landscape.

Need evidence? Just look at who will be watching the World

Series. Or, more appropriately, who won't be tuning in.

Examining a 21-year stretch from 1973-1993, the average rating was 2 1/2 times higher (20.4) than it has been since 2008, 17 years with an average rating of 8.3.

In terms of average viewership, the World Series audience has almost — and scarily — been sliced in half, starting at 27.8 million in the previous sample and falling to 14.5 million over the second one.

All of it seems to say a simple thing: The sport needs real parity, without the super-spenders and big markets controlling everything. In essence, recognizing how football has become our national past ... er, current time.

It's certainly not to diminish anything we saw on Monday.

Springer has an amazing story to tell, gutting it out after stopping a 96-mph fastball with his right knee Friday. We've seen Vladimir Guerrero Jr.'s dominance, Shane Bieber's return from Tommy John surgery and the Blue Jays echo the heartbeat of Canada.

Incredible, every ounce.

It's also hard to not be entertained by Shohei Ohtani's greatest game ever played or the splendid pitching the Dodgers have gotten from Blake Snell, Ohtani, Tyler Glasnow and Yoshinobu Yamamoto.

But if anyone here thinks a short-term entertainment hit will fix a long-term problem, they're either wrong, in a big market ... or probably both.

Last year, it became a story when Game 3 of the World Series outdrew Giants-Steelers on "Monday Night Football" by an average of 200,000 viewers. Some celebrated, but it sadly demonstrated how far baseball has fallen from the mainstream.

There will always be a current audience due to the excitement of good playoff baseball, another example coming Monday. But if you step back — and let's hope the sport does — there's a far higher ceiling available if it involves everyone.

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The Wildcats (6-4, 5-3 Midwest Athletic Conference) took possession with 6:45 left in the second quarter and used every second. They punched the ball into the end zone on a Dominick Meyer 1-yard run as time expired in the opening half to take a 21-14 lead into the intermission.

After stopping the Indians (5-5, 3-5 MAC) on their first drive of the second half, Minster promptly went on an eight-play, 80-yard drive capped with a 45-yard Carson Kaylor TD run for a two-score advantage. It was part of a big night for Kaylor, who went 9-of-13 for

134 yards and two TDs through the air while running 14 times for 124 yards.

Fort Recovery closed the gap on a 9-yard TD pass from Alex Gaerke to Breaker Jutte early in the fourth quarter and got the ball back on an interception. But their potential game-tying drive sputtered at the Wildcats' 11-yard line.

Reece Wendel again carried the Tribe offense, picking up 142 yards on 22 carries with scoring runs of 2 and 4 yards. Gaerke completed five passes for 60 yards.

Meyer followed Kaylor for Minster with 73 rushing yards on 19 attempts.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

- Jay County — Cross country regional at Huntington North — 10:30 a.m.
- Fort Recovery — Cross country regional at Troy — 10 a.m.; Volleyball district championship vs. Houston at Fairmount — 10 a.m.; JV football at Minster — 10 a.m.

TV schedule

Today

- 3 a.m. — MotoGP: Malaysia Grand Prix (FS1)
- 4 a.m. — Amateur golf: Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship (ESPN2)
- 10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Newcastle United at Fulham (USA)
- 12 p.m. — College football: Ole Miss at Oklahoma (ABC); Northwestern at Nebraska (FS1); Rutgers at Purdue (BTN); UCLA at Indiana (FOX); Syracuse at Georgia Tech (ESPN); Kansas State at Kansas (TNT); South Florida at Memphis (ESPN2)
- 12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Manchester United at Brighton & Hove Albion (NBC)
- 3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Brentford at Liverpool FC (USA)
- 3:30 p.m. — College football: Alabama at South Carolina (ABC); Missouri at Vanderbilt (ESPN); Illinois at Washington (BTN); Minnesota at Iowa (CBS); BYU at Iowa State (FOX); San Diego State at Fresno State (FS1)
- 4 p.m. — College football: Baylor at Cincinnati (ESPN2)
- 7 p.m. — College football: Wisconsin at Oregon (FS1); Stanford at Miami (ESPN)
- 7:30 p.m. — College football: Texas A&M at LSU (ABC); Michigan at Michigan State (NBC)
- 8 p.m. — MLB World Series: Los Angeles Dodgers at Toronto Blue Jays (FOX)
- 8 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Memphis Grizzlies (FDSN Indiana)
- 8 p.m. — College football: Houston at Arizona State (ESPN2)
- 10:15 p.m. — College football: Colorado at Utah (ESPN)

- 1 p.m. — Horse racing: America's Day at the Races (FS1)
- 3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Xfinity 500 (NBC)
- 4 p.m. — Formula 1: Mexico Grand Prix (ABC)
- 4 p.m. — International Friendly women soccer: United State at Portugal (TNT)
- 4:25 p.m. — NFL: Tennessee Titans at Indianapolis Colts (CBS)
- 5:30 p.m. — MLS: Philadelphia Union at Chicago Fire (FS1)
- 7 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Minnesota Timberwolves (FDSN Indiana)
- 8:20 p.m. — NFL: Green Bay Packers at Pittsburgh Steelers (NBC)

Monday

- 6:45 p.m. — MLS: FC Cincinnati at Columbus Crew (FS1)
- 7 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Pittsburgh Penguins (FDSN Indiana)
- 8 p.m. — MLB World Series: Toronto

- Blue Jays at Los Angeles Dodgers (FOX)
- 8:15 p.m. — NFL: Washington Commanders at Kansas City Chiefs (ABC)
- 9 p.m. — MLS: Minnesota United at Seattle Sounders (FS1)

Tuesday

- 6 p.m. — NHL: Pittsburgh Penguins at Philadelphia Flyers (ESPN)
- 6:45 p.m. — MLS: Charlotte FC at New York City (FS1)
- 8 p.m. — MLB World Series: Toronto Blue Jays at Los Angeles Dodgers (FOX)
- 8 p.m. — College football: James Madison at Texas State (ESPN2)
- 8:15 p.m. — NHL: Detroit Red Wings at St. Louis Blues (FDSN Indiana)
- 8:30 p.m. — NHL: Washington Capitals at Dallas Stars (ESPN)
- 11 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Clippers at Golden State Warriors (NBC)
- 11 p.m. — NHL: Los Angeles Kings at San Jose Sharks (ESPN)



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Jay puts 35-point beatdown on Braves in sectional opener

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

DECATUR — Last season, the Patriots carried a seven-year drought without a sectional victory. They snapped that streak with a 35-point win against the Braves.

In the rematch, the Braves bore a seven-year winless streak in the sectional. While the first two drives looked promising to keep the game close, the double-wing proved too much and the visitors handed the Braves another 35-point loss.

After changing its offensive approach, the Jay County High School football team ran smoothly against the Bellmont Braves for a 35-0 victory in the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 28 opener Friday.

The win sets a sectional semifinal date with No. 6 Mississinewa (9-1) on Oct. 31 at JCHS.

“I’m really happy for the kids,” said Jay County coach Eddie Fields. “Two in a row is awesome, but got some stuff to clean up though for sure.”

One of the things the Patriots (4-6) may want to look into cleaning up is how they start the game. Jay County opened against the Braves (0-10), who hold a 42-game losing streak dating back to 2021, with a pair of three-and-outs before finally finding a rhythm.

The improvement came on the third drive when the offense went to what the Patriots call a “double tight” with no receivers, two tight ends on either side of the line and a pair of wing backs out wide with a fullback behind Nick Laux under center. The formation often featured Leighton Brown as one of the wing backs with Brady Jetmore or Carter Fugiet, who just returned from an injury suffered against Bluffton in week No. 5, on the opposite side. One of the wings would be put into motion to run a few yards behind the fullback and receive a pitch from Laux after the ball was snapped. With the opportunity to get going downhill, Jay County’s run game carved up Bellmont for 343 yards on 44 attempts.

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Jay County High Schools’ Grant Wendel picks off a pass intended for Cole Barger of Bellmont on Friday during the 35-0 shutout in the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 28 opener. The Patriots defense forced four turnovers while holding Bellmont to just 161 total yards of offense.

Fort falls in finale

Tribe dropped last game of regular season to Minster by one score

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians came into the game with their playoff future wide open.

Even a win wouldn’t guarantee them a spot in the playoffs, but it would certainly improve their chances.

Now, their margin is razor thin.

The Division VII No. 9 Fort Recovery High School football team never led in its regular-season finale at home against the playoff-bound No. 8 Minster Wildcats as it fell 28-21 at Barrenbrugge Athletic Park.

The Indians will have to wait until Monday to officially learn if they crack the top 12 in Division VII Region 28 computer ratings to make the playoffs — they were 13th heading into the week — when the OHSAA officially announces qualifiers.

Stats were relatively even Friday — Minster had a 60-yard edge in total offense while Indians mostly made up for that deficit with a 50-yard interception return — but it was a timely touchdown that swung the game in the visitors’ direction.

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