

‘Hope’ seeks \$ for Roku show

Commissioners agree to contribute if funds are available

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

A local addiction recovery support group has made it onto the screen. It may receive funding from the county to help further the effort. Jay County Commissioners approved contributing \$25,000 in opioid settlement funds to A Better Life – Brianna’s Hope for its plans to begin a show on The Roku Channel. The nonprofit organization announced the news earlier this month.

“It’s an opportunity we didn’t see coming, but the privilege is there,” founder Randy Davis said. Brianna’s Hope will have one-hour time slots twice a week on the streaming service platform. “The Truth Behind Hope” will feature a series of stories about Brianna’s Hope, testimonies, devotionals, recovery maintenance and sobriety tips, information about recovery centers and naloxone and interviews with local organizations. Plans include offering sponsorships for the show. According to an email from the organization, the program “will be a family friendly, uplifting, faith-based and positive approach to all things.” Davis pointed to involvement from different recovery groups, including IU Health Jay’s addiction and recovery team. See **Show** page 2



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Recovery repeat

Fort Recovery High School’s Brynn Willmann spins Cameron Muhlenkamp around after the Tribe volleyball team took down Houston in the OHSAA Division VI Southwest 3 District championship on Saturday at Fairmont. Muhlenkamp led all hitters with 11 kills, while Willmann followed with eight kills and five aces. For the full story, see page 8.

Negotiators say they’ve reached terms

By DANIEL FLATLEY and JOSH XIAO
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Tribune News Service

Top trade negotiators for the U.S. and China said they came to terms on a range of contentious points, setting the table for leaders Donald Trump and Xi Jinping to finalize a deal and ease trade tensions that have rattled global markets. After two days of talks in Malaysia wrapped up Sunday, a Chinese official said the two sides reached a preliminary consensus on topics including export controls,entanyl and shipping levies. U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, speaking later in an interview with CBS News, said

Officials for U.S. and China say contentious points are worked out

ing rare earth controls. The U.S. wouldn’t change its export controls directed at China, he added. “So I would expect that the threat of the 100% has gone away, as has the threat of the immediate imposition of the Chinese initiating a worldwide export control regime,” Bessent said. He separately told ABC News he believed China would delay its rare-earth restrictions “for a year while they reexamine it.” See **Terms** page 2

Braun calls session

By CASEY SMITH
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Gov. Mike Braun on Monday called a special session to take up congressional redistricting, a politically charged move that follows months of mounting pressure from national Republicans to redraw Indiana’s map ahead of the 2026 midterm elections. Braun’s order says the session will begin Monday, Nov. 3, and will focus primarily on revising the state’s congressional boundaries — lines that were last redrawn in 2021 following the U.S. Census. Braun’s office said lawmakers will use the special session to “consider altering the boundaries of Indiana’s congressional districts,” but also to “consider resolving an important issue regarding federal and state tax compliance that must be addressed.” “I am calling a special

General assembly will convene on Monday to focus on redistricting

legislative session to protect Hoosiers from efforts in other states that seek to diminish their voice in Washington and ensure their representation in Congress is fair,” the governor said in a Monday morning statement. “I am also asking the legislature to conform Indiana’s tax code with new federal tax provisions to ensure stability and certainty for taxpayers and tax preparers for 2026 filings.” The news release from the governor’s office noted that Indiana uses federal tax law as the starting point for the Indiana tax return, and the recent changes to federal tax law in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act include provisions “that impact Indiana state tax filings.” Addressing that “discrepancy” through a special session “will provide taxpayers, accountants and businesses the confidence and clarity ahead of filing season, avoid amended returns and filing delays, and continue the Indiana Department of Revenue’s strong record of fiscal management,” according to Braun’s office. See **Session** page 2



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Spooky Champ

Six-year-old Quin Champ, dressed as Pennywise, looks out at those in attendance Sunday afternoon for the Fort Recovery Halloween costume contest at Hein Amphitheater in Van Trees Park. Champ won the award for spookiest costume.

Deaths

Twila Affolder, 64, Geneva
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature Sunday in Jay County was 62 degrees. The low was 40. Expect a low in the upper 30s tonight with a 40% chance of rain and winds gusting to 25 mph. There is a 50% chance of rain Wednesday with a high in the mid 50s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Commissioners have scheduled a special meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday to discuss insurance for 2026. An executive session is scheduled to follow at 4:15 p.m.

Coming up

Wednesday — Details from Monday’s Jay School Board meeting.
Thursday — Preview of Friday’s JCHS football sectional semifinal.
Friday — Coverage of Fort Recovery volleyball’s regional semifinal match.

Show ...

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“It’s bigger than who we are, not bigger than what we can handle,” said Davis, who served as a pastor for 35 years. “It’s an incredible privilege to be able to get the word of God out that way as well as the word for recovery, and all those goes with that.”

Davis founded nonprofit A Better Life – Brianna’s Hope in 2014. The organization started as a faith-based addiction support group and has grown in the last decade to encompass 44 chapters, with groups in 28 Indiana counties and three Ohio counties.

Approximately four years ago, Davis launched “Faith In Your Recovery,” a podcast focused on “all things recovery.” The show has totaled more than 200 episodes

since then and continues to produce a 45-minute show weekly.

“We have been able to interview individuals that I never dreamed of being a part of their life for just a matter of moments even, but authors, singers, therapists, Christian hip hop artists ... throughout Indiana, Mississippi, Florida and other places,” he said.

Davis noted the podcast has reached an international audience. As of Monday, he said, “Faith In Your Recovery” is fifth in the rankings for nonprofit organization podcasts in Macedonia. The show has also been ranked in the top 10 in Germany, Spain, Singapore and Australia, he added, and it’s made it as high as ranking second in Canada and Mexico. For the United States, it’s made the rankings 35

times in the last year, with its highest ranking coming in at 11th.

Davis explained the \$25,000 request to commissioners Monday would help in efforts with the new show. The overall cost is projected to be around \$57,900, with the non-profit filling in the remaining amount. Davis pointed to Jay County High School graduate Aric Hartvig, who has a longtime background in broadcasting. He noted Hartvig will work with the group to help film episodes.

Commissioners president Chad Aker voiced support for Brianna’s Hope efforts, pointing to its impact across the region.

Aker explained the county has already budgeted economic development income tax (EDIT) funds for local organizations in 2026. He

suggested using a portion of Jay County’s allocation of National Opioid Settlement dollars for the program instead.

Commissioner Duane Monroe questioned whether there are available funds. (Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition is in the midst of creating The Vision on Votaw recovery home. Plans are to draw from the fund for construction and other costs.)

County auditor Emily Franks said the settlement dollars are distributed in restricted and unrestricted amounts. She suggested touching base with Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition director Kimbra Reynolds on the matter.

Commissioners then agreed to allocate the funds subject to their availability.

Obituaries

Twila Ann Affolder, Geneva, Nov. 29, 1960-Oct. 25, 2025. Services will be at noon Thursday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

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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

Wednesday 10/29	Thursday 10/30	Friday 10/31	Saturday 11/1	Sunday 11/2
54/41 Wednesday's forecast shows a 74% chance of showers at night with winds at 15 to 25 mph.	52/38 There's an 80% chance of showers Thursday when the low will be around 38 degrees.	54/38 Mostly sunny skies are expected Friday when winds may reach 10 to 20 mph.	51/32 Mostly cloudy skies are expected Saturday, when the low may dip around freezing.	53/39 Partly sunny on Sunday when the high will be in the low to mid 50s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$358 million	17-22-23-34-35-36-38-41-46-47-53-54-56-58-66-67 Cash 5: 14-20-21-36-45 Estimated jackpot: \$80,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$714 million	
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 9-8-0 Daily Four: 7-8-9-3 Quick Draw: 4-9-10-13-16-17-21-22-39-41-42-43-46-53-57-60-70-73-75-77 Evening Daily Three: 0-2-9 Daily Four: 9-6-7-8 Quick Draw: 3-4-12-16-	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 9-9-1 Pick 4: 2-8-0-7 Pick 5: 8-6-3-5-0 Evening Pick 3: 5-6-0 Pick 4: 0-5-5-6 Pick 5: 3-5-2-4-6 Rolling Cash 5: 4-6-9-11-24 Estimated jackpot: \$174,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.26 Nov. corn4.28 Dec. corn4.36	Nov. beans10.63 Wheat4.85
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.26 Nov. corn4.31 Dec. corn4.41	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.18 Nov. corn4.21 Beans10.45 Nov. beans10.50 Wheat5.20
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.21 Nov. corn4.23 Beans10.53	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.16 Nov. corn4.16 Beans10.30 Nov. beans10.30 Wheat4.75

Today in history

In 1875, Gilbert H. Grosvenor was born in Istanbul. Grosvenor was editor of National Geographic and was credited with transforming it from a small, scholarly publication into a monthly magazine known worldwide.

In 1886, President Grover Cleveland officially dedicated the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe’s Island (now known as Liberty Island) in Upper New York Bay. The statue was a gift from the people of France.

In 1965, the Gateway Arch was completed in St. Louis. It was designed by Eero Saarinen, an American architect who was born in Finland, to commemorate the city’s role as the “Gateway to the West.”

In 1975, the Jay County High School volleyball team beat host Union City 15-9, 15- 5 in the opening round of the volleyball sectional tournament. Lee Hampson led the Patriots with six service points in the second game.

In 2007, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner became the first woman elected president of Argentina.

In 2020, the fourth-ranked Fort Recovery High School volleyball team knocked off the No. 7 Marion Local Flyers 25-17, 21-25, 25-22. 16-25, 15-7 in the Division IV District championship match at Fort Site Fieldhouse. It marked the Indians’ first district championship since 1991.

—The CR

Citizen’s calendar

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.

Local/World

Felony court news

Methamphetamine

A Dunkirk man was sentenced to prison for possession of methamphetamine.

Travis J. Myers, 48, 326 E. Ohio St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to 48 months in Indiana Department of Correction with all but 16 months suspended and given credit for time served. Myers was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse,

prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Resisting law

A Portland man was sentenced to prison for resisting police.

Andrew J. Bailey, 37, 40 Sesame St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to resisting law

enforcement, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Indiana Department of Correction and given 12 days credit for time served. Bailey was fined \$25 and assessed \$189 in court costs.

As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for domestic battery was dismissed.

Unlawful possession

A man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to unlawful possession of a syringe.

Justin F. Dibble, 33, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail and given 68 days credit for time served. Dibble was fined \$25 and assessed \$189 in court costs.

As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of a controlled substance were dismissed.

Terms ...

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Bessent telegraphed a wide-ranging agreement between Trump and Xi that would extend a tariff truce, resolve differences over the sale of TikTok and keep up the flow of rare earth magnets necessary for the production of advanced products from semiconductors to jet engines. The two leaders are also planning to dis-

cuss a global peace plan, he said, after Trump said publicly he hoped to enlist Xi’s help in resolving Russia’s war in Ukraine.

The encouraging signals from both sides of the negotiations were a marked contrast from recent weeks, when Beijing’s announcement of new export restrictions and Trump’s reciprocal threat of stag-

gering new tariffs threatened to plunge the world’s two largest economies back into an all-out trade war.

Signs of an impending deal lifted sentiment in markets. Risk-sensitive currencies like the Australian and New Zealand dollars climbed against the greenback in early trading, outperforming major peers.

Session ...

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The state’s most recent special session in 2022 — which lasted two weeks and centered on abortion-related legislation — cost taxpayers about \$240,000 in per-diem and travel expenses.

Legislative leaders don’t have to convene the exact day that Braun suggested. By law, the only rule is it can’t last for more than 30 session days or 40 calendar days. That clock will begin Nov. 3.

In 2022, then-Gov. Eric Holcomb’s order began the session on July 6 but lawmakers didn’t convene until July 25, and it ended Aug. 5.

The announcement comes after weeks of speculation in the Statehouse, fueled by a series of meetings between Hoosier GOP leaders and top figures in President Donald Trump’s orbit, including Vice President JD Vance. Trump spoke with Indiana Senate Republicans by phone on Oct. 17.

where they stand. On Monday, Huston said in a brief statement that House Republicans had “received the Governor’s call for a special session and will continue having conversations within our caucus and with our counterparts in the Senate on our next steps.”

But a spokesperson for Senate Republicans, Molly Swigart, said Monday morning that “all I have to share is the votes still aren’t there for redistricting.”

Indiana Republican Party Chairwoman Lana Keesling applauded Braun’s move, saying in a statement that “if Indiana is to have fair representation in Congress, redistricting is an absolute necessity.” She added that Democrat-controlled states have “spent years maintaining deeply partisan election maps” and argued that Indiana should not “allow sanctuary-state politics to dictate our voice in Washington.”

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Burbank’s radio show left an impact

By JAMES FULKS
The Commercial Review

For those of us who ran the roads in the dark ages BSR (before satellite radio), our companion was the 50,000-watt blowtorch of AM radio that covered several states late at night — 700 WLW out of Cincinnati.

It was my lone companion for many thousands — heck, probably my first million — miles in those old, rough-riding cabover trucks.

WLW had a bevy of talent around the clock.

Late nights, it was The Truckin’ Bozo.

But during the key “afternoon drive” slot, it

Fulksy Mayhem



was Gary Burbank. At one time, Gary was a huge local celebrity in and around Cincinnati.

He owned a chain of restaurants called Burbank’s Burbank’s Bar-B-Q, and his signature Burbank’s 911 Sauce was sold in local grocery stores. It even flavored a special edition bag of Grippio’s potato chips from the local brand.

Gary was also talented with voice-over work, creating characters for comedy skits and commercials for businesses across northern Kentucky and southwest Ohio.

One of his most memorable characters was his trademark Earl Pitts, Native American Redneck. Not to be confused with an Indigenous Native American — ole Earl was a “Murican long before ‘Murica” became a common slang term.

It was always an entertaining show, and I made it a point to tune in just to hear a classic Earl Pitts rant.

Gary also did a hilariously biting parody of “All My Children” titled “All My Bengals” during football season, poking fun at the Bengals during those years when wins were few and far between.

Gary has been off the air for several years now. I genuinely miss his wit and humor.

As I pass Evendale from time to time, I still glance over to the east side of Interstate 75 and remember his old Burbank’s Bar-B-Que restaurant. It was always crowded and lively. But it’s long gone now. The building has been razed, and an industrial

complex stands in its place.

In the days before satellite radio, Gary Burbank was what many of us on the road considered “destination radio.” You tuned in because you knew you’d get a laugh.

Sadly, the news has come that Gary has departed this mortal coil.

Perhaps somewhere up above, Gary Burbank, Wolfman Jack and Paul Harvey are forming a superstation. If so, I hope they save a channel on my satellite radio so I can tune in.

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Radio legend Gary Bur-

bank, best known as the longtime 700 WLW host and the voice behind the beloved character Earl Pitts, Uhmerikun, has passed away at age 84.

A master of “theater of the mind,” Burbank entertained listeners with a cast of unforgettable characters including Gilbert Gnarlley and Howlin’ Blind Muddy Slim, making him one of the most creative personalities in talk radio history. His impact was recognized with multiple Marconi Awards and his 2012 induction into the Radio Hall of Fame, cementing his legacy as one of broadcasting’s most influential voices.

Marriage licenses

- Alyssa M. Leonhard, 24, Portland, and Kevin T. Marcum, 23, Portland
- Eric A. Bradshaw, 30, Dunkirk, and Hannah J. Elliott, 31, Dunkirk
- Rochelle R. Scott, 35, Bryant, and Brandon A. Norris, 35, Bryant
- Elma B.M. Schwartz, 19, Bryant, and Paul C. Wickey, 19, Bryant
- David G. Graber, 23, Bryant, and Abigail M. Rumschlag, 22, Decatur
- Bradley S. Eldridge, 34, Portland, and Avery M. Moore, 25, Portland
- Luke A. Blacklaw, 22, Conway, Arkansas, and Brennan G. Miller, 24, Dunkirk
- Mary S. Gilbert, 41, Portland, and Joshua L. Harter, 30, Portland
- Nadia L. Hardman, 21, Portland, and Alex R. McFarland, 24, Portland
- Melissa S. Ausland, 37, Portland, and Austin L. Eckes, 28, Portland

Community Calendar

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

Today
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. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Wednesday
WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend.

Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday
SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and liv-

ing a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

Friday
PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. To learn more information, please call (260) 251-3259.

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

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. Walnut 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.

lowship 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. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

THE LIFE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy, as well as help with the needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

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



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Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday’s Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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We spend a lot of time talking about the problem of polarization in today's politics. If you get right down to it, however, most of that happens, well, at the fringes — either end of the pole, if you will.

What's more normal, in our experience, is for the average American to question whether either political party cares about regular people at all.

Recent polling bears that out, and is particularly unfavorable for Democrats.

The Searchlight Institute asked Americans which political party they believe wants them to have certain hallmarks

Guest Editorial

of a good life — things such as wealth, marriage and kids. On every measure but one — “feeling stable in your personal life” — more respondents chose Republicans. Yet on no issue did a majority of Americans believe either party genuinely wants those outcomes for them, reflecting broad and growing distrust in both sides. The poll also found that independent vot-

ers prioritize affordability above all else.

Searchlight is a new think tank that has Democrat ties. Its founder, Adam Jentleson, is a longtime Democratic Party strategist who founded Searchlight to push back toward issues Americans care about most. So stipulated, and with that in mind we take all of this with the proverbial grain of salt.

Still, we weren't surprised to see what people's responses showed. More poll respondents said that of the two parties, Republicans, not Democrats, want them to be able to build an adult life (own a home, own a vehicle, start a family).

These are the same priorities

respondents said they have for their own lives.

No matter how much people try to paint white picket fences and minivans as square, the reality is they're still — directionally — what most people want. If Jentleson's aim is to moderate an increasingly radical Team Blue, this certainly equips him with a solid rationale.

“Democrats are also clearly failing to articulate a vision that champions the personal achievements and prosperity that most Americans seek throughout their lives — and that's something that the party will have to grapple with,” Searchlight authors conclude.

Also interesting is to note how

respondents view each party's top issues. Republicans came out as the party of immigration issues, crime, foreign policy, taxes and the economy. Democrats? They were viewed as the party focused on gun control, racism, health care, housing and abortion.

People are searching for grown-ups willing to step up and lead on both sides, but especially on the left. They want a political ecosystem that yields an America in which people can afford to live.

We didn't need polling to understand that, but it doesn't hurt to see the numbers bear it out. We hope party leadership is listening.

Victims should not carry shame

By SYLVIA GHAZARIAN

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and many of you may remember this online viral question last year: “Would you rather be alone in the woods with a bear, or a man?”

For many women and gender-diverse people, the answer is instant: the bear.

That's not a joke; it's a reflection of survival instincts sharpened by a culture that too often excuses male violence, protects predators, and blames victims.

The truth is the bear will follow its nature. It's not trying to humiliate you, control you, or convince you it loves you before hurting you. It won't gaslight you into silence or tell the world you “wanted it.” But a man, especially in a society steeped in rape culture might.

Every day, survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and coercive control navigate the fallout of trauma, stigma, and disbelief. They're told to stay quiet, to protect reputations, to move on. Yet our headlines keep reminding us what survivors have always known: power protects power. The Epstein case revealed an entire network of wealthy, connected men exploiting young girls with institutions turning a blind eye. Even with the Sean “Diddy” Combs case, we see again how fame, money, and male entitlement form an impenetrable shield.

This isn't just about celebrities. It's about the systems that allow this violence to persist from courtrooms to workplaces to homes. Rape culture is not just in the act itself; it's in the jokes made at the office, the locker-room talk brushed off as “boys being boys,” the way a survivor's clothing looks or drinking habits become part of the defense strategy. It's the subtle ways men learn to objectify and dominate, and women learn to shrink and survive.

And for many survivors, the trauma extends to their reproductive autonomy. After an assault, survivors may face the agonizing decision of whether to take emergency contraception (EC) or continue a pregnancy resulting from rape. Access to EC is safe, effective, and time-sensitive and is a lifeline. This

Sylvia Ghazarian



is where the Women's Reproductive Rights Assistance Project (WRRAP) works to help fund survivors for abortion care or EC. But in some states, barriers, stigma, and misinformation make it harder for survivors to get it when they need it most. No one should have to face violence and have their choices stripped away afterward.

We cannot talk about intimate partner violence without talking about control over bodies, choices, and futures. Abortion bans, restrictions on EC, and attacks on reproductive health care are extensions of that same violence. They reinforce the message that pregnant people are not trusted to make their own decisions.

When survivors say they'd rather face a bear, they're not exaggerating. They're saying: I am more afraid of what men and the systems protecting them can do to me. That should terrify all of us.

We need to shift the conversation from asking why women are afraid of men to asking why men aren't afraid of the harm they cause. We need to teach empathy over dominance, accountability over silence, and consent as the baseline, not an exception.

For survivors, October isn't just a month of awareness, it's a reminder that they are not alone, that their fear is valid, and that healing begins when we stop asking them to carry shame for what was done to them.

Until that day comes, too many of us will still choose the bear.

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Ghazarian is executive director of the Women's Reproductive Rights Assistance Project (WRRAP), a nonprofit abortion fund that provides urgently needed financial assistance on a national level to those seeking abortion or emergency contraception. She is an active Council member on the California Future of Abortion Council and past Chair of The Commission on the Status of Women.



IU's decisions deserve criticism

By NIKI KELLY

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Writing and editing for The Post, the student newspaper at Ohio University, is what made me the journalist I am today. Watching what is happening to student journalism in Indiana is devastating.

Moves at the state's two flagships, Purdue University and Indiana University, show that college news media is in jeopardy.

Students learn the basics of the job in journalism courses. They learn the history of journalism, the ethics of being a reporter and how to use tools of the craft.

But writing for a daily or weekly publication gives you so much more. The Post is where I learned to connect with sources, build relationships, dig into data and records and put together stories that educate and connect with readers.

It gave me true experience — not like turning in a story to one professor for a grade.

At Purdue University, the administration halted on-campus distribution of The Exponent. The paper was told to remove the “Purdue” part of its name for all commercial uses. The Purdue Student Publishing Foundation currently has a trademark over the name. The Exponent's employees are no longer allowed to buy campus parking passes, either.

But it's way worse at Indiana University, which has a proud history of championing journalism and public transparency.

Leaders at IU's Media School pressured the Indiana Daily Student's adviser to remove non-homecoming stories from the special print edition set to be published on campus last week. The adviser resisted and was fired. The school then canceled all special print editions.

Look, many college papers are now digital and that's just a sad fact. Print is expensive.

But the student media plan that IU

Niki Kelly



agreed to includes special print editions. This kind of edition is especially important during homecoming, when alumni are on campus and can pick up the paper to see what's going on at their alma mater.

Administrators don't want alumni to see what's up, apparently. They only wanted fluff pieces about homecoming in the edition. And when student journalists pushed back, IU canceled the entire thing with no notice.

So, what was so offensive that it sparked this blowup? The entire edition was posted online. It includes 12 pages of homecoming coverage — and more.

A feature on a wrestling club. A story on the data center boom. Dogs in costumes at a parade. A photo story on the Great Glass Pumpkin Patch. A new Habitat for Humanity build.

The only slightly controversial piece is a story on a documentary about free speech on the IU campus.

“This is not about print. This is about a breach of editorial independence,” a letter from Co-Editors Mia Hilkowitz and Andrew Miller reads. “If IU decides certain types of content are ‘bad for business,’ what stops them from prohibiting stories that hold them to account on our other platforms?”

Many say this is “just” a special print edition, but that's how censorship starts. The next time, students could be told not to cover stories that might embarrass the administration in the online edition. And that's not a game to play.

There is a fair discussion to be had about money. The IDS had run up a

deficit of almost \$1 million over a decade, which the university cleared last year. The Media School issued a student media action plan that said print editions are still important.

“We will maintain plans for existing special editions regularly published during the academic year. Preserving these high-revenue issues will yield a net savings (print expense reduction will outweigh lost revenue from weekly editions) and will enable student media to continue to provide numerous and substantial opportunities for students to learn and practice essential design and other skills associated with the print operation,” it reads.

I have seen a lot of discussion about the deficit and how it came to exist, and I just want to note that many activities on a campus individually run a deficit. Public education isn't a business. It's about teaching students — and let me tell you, nothing works better than doing it for real.

The entire Indiana University athletics department ran a \$3.1 million deficit for the 2024 fiscal year, and I didn't hear anyone complaining. There are absolutely individual sports that lose money but are subsidized by more high-profile sports. And that's fine, because sports are a part of the educational experience. They teach teamwork, responsibility and commitment.

All three of those are also things that student journalists learn at the Indiana Daily Student.

The IU administration needs to review its actions, and these students deserve an apology. Gov. Mike Braun remade the board of trustees and this is a great opportunity for them to step in and reverse course.

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Ribbon cuttings

Jay County Chamber of Commerce held several ribbon-cutting ceremonies recently.

Pictured upper right is the event for Drew Houck’s new Edward Jones location at 905 N. Meridian St. in the former CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union site.

At lower right is the ceremony for Sip-N-Groove, a new smoothie and juice bar at 124 W. Walnut St., Portland.



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Food drive concludes this week

First Financial Bank’s food drive concludes this week. The bank will accept non-perishable canned and boxed food items at its Portland location, 112 N. Meridian St., Portland. The drive will continue through Friday, Oct. 31.

Ribbon-cutting set

Jay County Chamber of Commerce is holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony this week for IU Health Jay’s Rehab to Home Activity Room. The event will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at IU Health Jay, 500 W. Votaw St., Portland

The chamber is also preparing for its merchant trick-or-treat event. It will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. The chamber has also welcomed new members Jay County Conservation Club and Mix on Meridian. For more information, email amanda@jaycountychamber.co m or call (260) 726-4481.

Pork partnership

The Fort Wayne TinCaps and Indiana Pork are donating more than 2,000 ground pork meals to Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana. The donation comes after the team sold 2,000 tenderloin sandwiches at Parkview Field this season. For each sandwich sold, a pork meal is being donated. “We’re thrilled to have a partnership that results in so much

Business roundup

good for our community,” said TinCaps vice president of marketing and promotions Michael Limmer in a news release. “We’re proud that a fun name and idea like the Hoosier State Tenderloins has translated into the opportunity to provide more than 2,000 meals this season for local families in need.”

Hosting drive

Menards stores are serving as drop sites for food pantries this month. Customers are invited to donate non-perishable food items such as cereal, soup, peanut butter and other canned or boxed items. They will be accepted through Friday, Oct. 31. Stores in Muncie and Richmond in Indiana and Celina in Ohio are participating.

VP named

Ball State University recently named Michael G. Fowler as its next vice president for business affairs and treasurer. Fowler will come to BSU after spending more than a decade in financial roles at Indiana University where he is currently the assistant dean of finance

and administration in the College of Arts and Sciences. He will start his new role Jan. 5. “I am impressed with Mike’s passion for higher education,” said Ball State president Geoffrey S. Mearns in a news release. “He believes in the transformative power of a university to change the lives of students, faculty, staff, graduates, and our friends and neighbors. I am confident that his thoughtful and strategic approach to resource stewardship will serve our University well as we pursue our mission and our long-term strategic goals.”

Nearing completion

Indiana Michigan Power’s project to improve electrical infrastructure along Tillotson Avenue in Muncie is nearing completion. The company announced last week that work on transmission lines is entering its final phase, which includes underground line replacement in Halteman Village, impacting Twickingham Drive, Tillotson Avenue and Riffin Road. Overhead lines will also be replaced on Bethel and Tillotson avenues near Northside Middle School and Ball State University’s Scheumann Stadium. Road closures will be instituted on a block-by-block basis. “Our crews are working as quickly and safely as possible,” said Rob Keisling, I&M external affairs manager, in a news

release. “We appreciate the community’s ongoing patience and cooperation while we work to improve reliability.”

Opening local

Bowen Health is opening a new clinic in Kokomo. The organization that offers mental health care, psychiatric services, substance use counseling and Medication Assisted Treatment will hold a ribbon-cutting for its new site at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 10. The new site will host a psychiatric nurse practitioner, doctor, licensed clinical social worker, licensed mental health counselor and licensed clinical addiction counselor. Bowen Health serves northeast Indiana including Jay, Blackford, Delaware, Adams and Wells counties.

Professor chosen

NASA has selected Grethe Hystad, a Purdue University Northwest professor, to be part of its project to develop new ways to search for life in the solar system. Hystad will be part of “Advancing Multi-Messenger Biosignature Techniques with Machine Learning,” which will explore whether life exists elsewhere in the solar system. She will share in a \$5 million grant, with her work focusing on developing machine learning methods. “It’s very exciting to be a part of this team,” said Hystad in a

news release. “This project is a natural extension of my previous work. I’ve had the opportunity to collaborate with some of the scientists involved prior to this project and I’m looking forward to working with them again.”

Discussions planned

Registration is open for the annual conference of the American Society of Agricultural Consultants. The conference will be held Nov. 2 through 4 at Embassy Suites by Hilton Indianapolis North. It will feature speakers each day, with Margy Eckelkamp of Farm Journal’s Top Producer brand moderating a “What I wish I knew then/What I know now” panel discussion. For more information, or to register, visit agconsultants.org.

Awards set

Indiana Chamber of Commerce will host its annual awards dinner at 5 p.m. Nov. 5 at the JW Marriott Indianapolis. Daymond John, founder of FUBU and a longtime star of “Shark Tank,” will be the featured speaker. Individual tickets are \$195. For more information, visit indianachamber.com. ***** Does your business have news to share? Email us at news@thecr.com to be included in our weekly business roundup.

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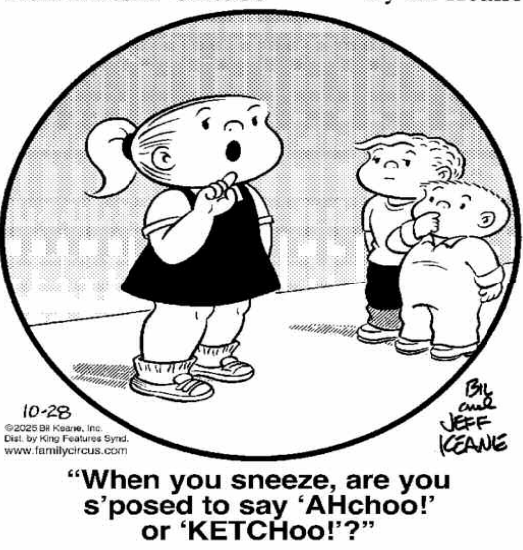
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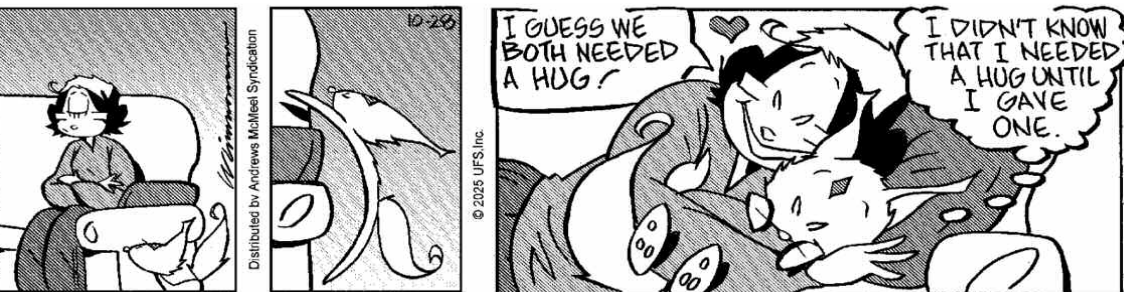
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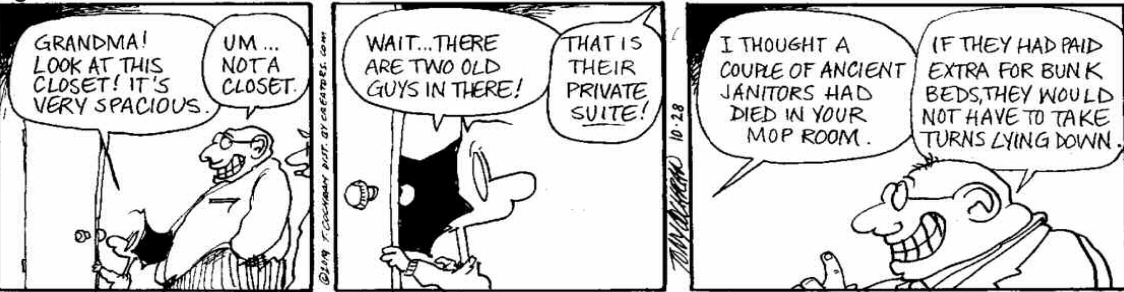
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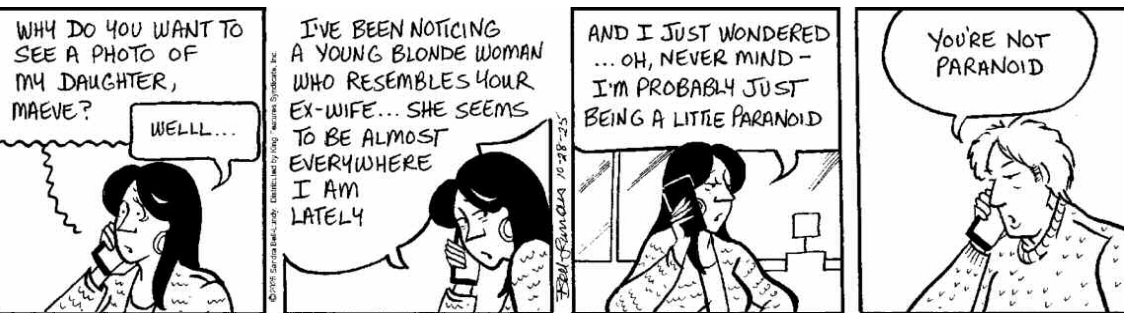
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By Steve Becker

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♥ A 4 2
♦ Q 10 4
♣ 19 7 5

WEST
♠ J
♥ K Q J 9 7
♦ 9 8 6 2
♣ K Q 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 3 2
♥ 10 6 5
♦ 7 3
♣ 10 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 8 5 4
♥ 8 3
♦ A K J 5
♣ A 8

The bidding:
South 1♠ West 2♥ North 2♠ East Pass

Opening lead king of hearts.

Safety plays come in all shapes and sizes, and are necessary in many deals. Sometimes, though, declarer must not get so carried away with guarding against an unfavorable division that he winds up more sorry than safe.

Take this case where South was in four spades and West led the king of hearts. Declarer won with dummy's ace and, intent on guarding against a 4-1 trump division — the only real threat to his contract, led the nine of spades and let it ride after East followed low. West won with the jack, cashed the heart queen and continued with the jack. Declarer ruffed and mullied over

how to handle the remaining trumps.

One possibility was to cross to dummy with a diamond, lead a trump and repeat the finesse. This would succeed if East had all the remaining spades but would lose if West had started with two or three spades including a second honor card. In that case, South would lose two spades, a heart and a club for down one.

South decided that the remaining spades were much more likely to be divided 2-1 than 3-0, so he cashed the ace. When West showed out, declarer had to lose a second trump trick, and he finished down one.

South had the right idea about protecting against a 4-1 trump break, but he went about it the wrong way. A superior approach is to cash the spade ace first and then lead a low spade to dummy's nine. In the actual deal, East wins with the ten, but declarer later picks up East's queen via a finesse.

The suggested play has more to recommend it than the obvious advantage of averting a guess on the second round of trump. It is also the correct play mathematically. Cashing the ace first guards against West's having started with the singleton ten, jack or queen, while the first-round finesse wins only when West started with the singleton two or three. The odds are therefore 3-to-2 in favor of playing the ace first.

Tomorrow: Resist that impulse.
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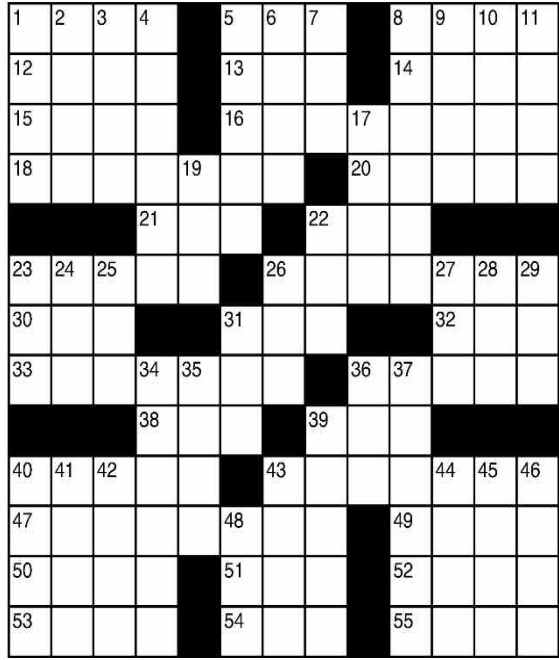
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39 "That's all — wrote"

DOWN
40 Big gas brand
43 Military outfit
47 One-wheeled transport
49 Concept
50 Hunt for
51 Actress
52 Neeson of "Taken"
53 Right angles
54 Bankroll
55 Spartan queen
1 Bath sponge
5 Vinegar bottle
6 Samples of word-play
7 Arles pal
8 Wild cat
9 Petty of "Tank Girl"
10 Super-model
11 Feeder filler
17 Caesar's "I saw"
19 Here (Fr.)
22 Some
23 Actress Joanne
24 Very long time
25 Island garland
26 Ornate vase
27 Black-bird
28 Fun and games
29 Anonymous Jane
31 Opposite of "post-"
34 Computer mouse sounds
35 Unctuous
36 Greek consonant
37 Second cup of coffee
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Ending ...

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Though running on the same regional course as a year ago at Huntington University, the path around the property was changed. Garringer felt the layout suited him better.

In the tightly packed field, the difference became clear by the end of the race. He beat eight of the 14 runners who had finished ahead of him at the sectional meet just a week earlier as he finished 49th in 17 minutes, 0.8 seconds.

“This new course at Huntington, I like it a lot better,” he said. “I could really see people and I could see my goals, where I needed to be ...

“There were a lot more straight-aways. Last year there were a lot of sharp turns and the finish was like a U-turn ... so it really slowed you down.”

Despite missing three weeks this season because of hip and knee issues, he finished less than 30 seconds away from a state berth as Central Noble’s Kyle Knafel claimed the final spot in 16:32.9.

“He ran really well,” said JCHS assistant coach Jared Owens, again standing in for coach Gabby Williams during her maternity leave. “He’s continuing to work hard and keep his head up and continues to strive to get better. He really has a passion to be great ...

“It’s awesome to see him continue to fight and grow. ... I thought he ran a really good race. It’s cool to see his improvement just over the last three weeks from ACAC to sectional.”

Sophomores Ava May and Brooklyn Byrum led the way for the Patriot girls. May was hanging around the 70th position at the mile mark before slipping back a few places at the two-thirds point of the race. But she climbed back up, passing several runners down the final stretch and nearly catching Leo’s Audri Bultemeier at the finish as she placed 68th in 20:37.4



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Ava May runs at the regional meet, in which she finished 68th with a time of 20:37.4.

seconds.

Her time was eight seconds faster than she ran at the 2024 regional. (West Noble freshman Karla Dominguez earned the last individual state-qualifying position with her 37th-place finish in 19:39.5.)

Saturday proved much better for Byrum than at the sectional meet, where she was the No. 5 runner for JCHS. In the regional race, she was trailing just a bit behind May at the mile but at a career-best pace.

She crossed the finish line more

than two minutes faster than the previous weekend, coming in 87th in 21:04.4.

Byrum, who was 45 seconds faster than in her freshman season, said she preferred the colder weather with a race time temperature of 41 degrees as compared to the 70s at the sectional meet.

“The one thing I never question about Brooklynn is her effort,” said Owens. “Her effort, no matter what the day is, is always going to be top-notch. She’s super competitive. ...

“She bounced back great and ran really well and finished with the PR to end the season. ... It’s great to see her success.”

Jessie Homan, a sophomore, turned in a time of 21:30.2 for 111th place. The Patriots’ final scoring runners — sophomore Abby Fifer and senior Paityn Wendel — finished side-by-side in 22:17.6 and 22:17.7 for 148th and 149th, respectively. Senior Alexis Sibray (161st – 22:28) and Alyvia Muhlenkamp (241st – 30:25) also competed for the Patriot girls.

Freshman Grant Glentzer got some valuable experience in a regional race as he came in 165th in 18:19.7, while senior Max Klopfenstein closed his career with a time of 19:19.3 for 220th place.

The race marked the end of the high school careers for Wendel, Sibray and Klopfenstein.

“It’s gonna be definitely difficult to lose them. A lot of it is their mindset, their attitude. Paityn and Alexis, they’ve really taken on a leadership role. I’ve seen them grow in that capacity ... They really focused on growing the team atmosphere and really care about not just them doing well but the entire team doing well. ...

“Max, he’s somebody we can always look at as a good role model for the younger boys. ... He’s showed them, ‘Hey, this is what you need to do to continue to improve.”

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Along with winning the race to 10, the Tribe dominated from behind the service line. It collected 17 points (22.7%) on aces. Ranly led the way by dropping six balls in, while Willmann followed with five.

“Coach always tells us to stay aggressive behind the line,” Ranly said. “We knew coming in, that’s one of the areas we can take them out in. So I just really focused back there to make sure everything goes well.”

Along with the strong serving, the Tribe hitters found their groove. Muhlenkamp led Fort Recovery with 11 kills, while Homan and Willmann followed with nine and eight, respectively.

The spikers fed off of each other as they strung together four consecutive kills during two of their runs.

“I was happy about that,” Guggenbiller said. “We did a drill the other day where you lose a point if you don’t win your free ball sent your way. ... They sent a

lot of free balls over today because we were really aggressive and I thought our girls were able to put it on the court.”

While Fort Recovery returned three starters and another rotation player from last season, it had to grow with freshmen stepping into the libero and setter roles this season.

Next up, they will have a regional semifinal match against Arcanum (20-5), a team the Tribe swept during the regular season. A victory would then pit the team against Fairfield Christian or No. 2 St. Henry, which beat FRHS in three sets.

“It feels great to go from not even being .500 to being district champions,” said Muhlenkamp. “The biggest thing has just been being patient with each other. Obviously, when you have your libero and your setter, the two people who touch the ball the most, are freshmen, there’s going to be some mistakes and a lot of growing and learning.”

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Wednesday
Fort Recovery — Volleyball regional semifinal vs. Arcanum at Northmont — 8 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
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 (FSDN Indiana)
8:30 p.m. — NHL: Washington Capitals at Dallas Stars (ESPN)
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8:30 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Dallas

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9:30 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Lakers at Minnesota Timberwolves (ESPN)

Local notes

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2025 TERM
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Kipp Bradley Horine
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Jessica L. Horine and Wesley A. Schemenaur was, on the 22nd day of October, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Kipp Bradley Horine deceased, who died on July 5th, 2019.
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Back-to-back

Tribe takes down Houston in three sets for second straight district title

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

KETTERING, Ohio — There's no clock in volleyball, so the victor is often decided by who makes the least mistakes and which team can control momentum.

Based on the start to the first set, things didn't look good for the Indians. But they reclaimed the lead and reached 10 points first in all three sets en route to a sweep of the Wildcats.

Fort Recovery High School's volleyball team rolled to a 25-11, 25-12, 25-14 victory over the No. 6 seed Houston Wildcats in the OHSAA Division VI Southwest 3 District championship hosted by Fairmont on Saturday morning.

"We did a great job controlling the game from start to finish, so I'm very proud of how our girls played," FRHS coach Travis Guggenbiller said. "No matter what path you have, you're going to face obstacles and you have to handle those obstacles that come your way. Our girls have really been focusing on how we get better each and every day."

With the win, No. 2 seed Fort Recovery (13-12) earned its fifth district title and second in a row and a date with top-seeded Arcanum in the regional semifinal at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Northmont.

It was not the prettiest start for the Tribe Saturday, as it gave up the first four points on a Kenna Dues service error, a Brynn Willmann hitting error and a pair of Olivia Burks aces. Fort Recovery stole a point on an Olivia Maier service error, but Houston (10-15)



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Fort Recovery High School's Kayden Ranly (11) blocks an attack by Olivia Burks of Houston on Saturday during the OHSAA Division VI Southwest 3 District championship at Fairmont. The Tribe took down the Wildcats in the minimum with a 25-11, 25-12, 25-14 victory to claim its second consecutive district title.

went up 5-1 on a double hit by Kayden Ranly.

FRHS finally woke up to go on a 9-1 run with three Bridget Homan kills, two put downs by Cameron Muhlenkamp, an Alexis Grisez kill, two Ranly aces and a Muhlenkamp ace.

"We've been putting a lot of emphasis on that in practice on how we want to start strong," Guggenbiller said. "You win 80% of your games if you get first to 10 and are able to finish strong when you get to 20. Over-

all, I believe we were able to achieve a majority of that today."

Fort Recovery went on early runs in the second and third sets. The Indians scored five points in a row in the second to

go up 5-1 before another spurt of six unanswered gave them an 11-3 advantage. The teams traded points back and forth to start the third before another six straight points gave FRHS a 10-5 lead.

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Ending at regional



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Garringer, May lead Patriots in finale

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

HUNTINGTON — Still trying to fight his way back into form after missing three weeks because of an injury, Caleb Garringer was frustrated with his sectional performance.

While his season came to an end Saturday, his spirits were much higher as he kept himself in contention for a state berth.

The Jay County High School junior improved

Caleb Garringer of Jay County High School makes a turn on the Huntington University cross country course during Saturday's regional meet. The junior finished 49th in 17 minutes, 0.8 seconds.

his time by more than 35 seconds over the previous week and was the top Patriot finisher in Saturday's regional meet hosted by New Haven at Huntington University.

"It was a good bounce back from the injury," said Garringer, who finished 49th overall in a field of 247 athletes. "I'm happy with it."

Ava May's 68th-place finish topped the list for the JCHS girls, who were

15th out of 25 teams with 444 points.

Concordia took the girls title with 49 points ahead of Homestead (62), Carroll (133), Warsaw (137) and Columbia City (147). The top five teams and top 15 individuals from non-qualifying teams advanced to Saturday's IHSAA Cross Country State Finals at LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute.

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FR's season ends at regional

The Tribe made the push to regional, but they couldn't advance any further.

The Fort Recovery High School cross country teams had their season end at the OHSAA Division III Regional 11 hosted by Troy on Saturday.

The Tribe girls competed as a team, earning 300 points to place 11th. West Liberty Salem claimed the top spot with a 64, while Fort Loramie (79), Versailles (96) and Cedarville (108) earned the other state berths. Cedarville won the boys race with an 86.

Makenna Huelskamp paced the girls with a time of 20 minutes, 44.38 seconds to claim 28th place. She was 31.58 seconds behind Claire Stull of Newton Local, who claimed the final of eight individual state berths.

Other scores for the Indian girls came

from Riley Heitkamp (43rd - 21:11.97), Madison Heitkamp (75th - 22:30.50), Kendall Ranly (118th - 24:38.26) and Yoselin Juarez-Gomes (133 - 26:31.21).

The top placement for the boys belonged to Alex Roessner, who's 17:34.027 had him crossing the finish line in 47th. Calvary Christian's John Gaertner claimed the last of 10 individual spots at state with a time of 16:58.04.

The Indians had five more boy runners and two girls compete at the regional. They were Reese Diller (84th - 18:23.05) Russell Hart (92nd - 18:32.85), Gavin Heitkamp (114th - 19:04.99), Andon Roessner (116th - 19:07.24), Andrew Rehmert (120th - 19:14.96), Addyson Heitkamp (134th - 26:38.72) and Claire Grube (144th - 27:57.25).

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