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One away from state

Brynn Willmann (9) of the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team lets out a scream while her teammates rush to celebrate after blocking an attack by Arcanum during the OHSAA Division VI Regional 24 semifinal hosted by Northmont on Wednesday. Willmann led the Tribe with 13 kills and five blocks as it clinched its third regional final berth with a 25-20, 21-25, 25-21, 26-24 victory over the top-seeded Trojans. For the full story, see page 7.

Upp set to leave role as recorder

Resignation is effective for Dec. 31; caucus set for Nov. 20

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review
Jay County Recorder Melanie Upp is resigning. Upp recently alerted officials to her plans to leave office, with her last day set for Dec. 31. Her term isn't set to expire until the end of 2026. She cited ongoing health issues as her reason for resigning from the role. She talked positively about working with the public over the last three years, saying she's enjoyed it immensely. "I appreciate the support of all the voters, and I just thank them for helping me to be able to enjoy my job," she said. She also spoke highly of her first deputy Angie Byrum and part-time clerk Laura Ferguson, saying she's been blessed to have them. Jay County Republican Party Chair Jenae Blasdel emailed notice of a caucus to fill the vacancy Tuesday morning. Plans are to host a Republican caucus at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at John Jay Center for Learning to elect a new recorder. Upp recommended Republicans elect Byrum to fill the role, saying she knows every step of the job. She and Byrum have worked together at Jay County Courthouse since Upp took office. "She's more than qualified to do it," said Upp. "When we came in here, we had an agreement that I would know everything she did, and she would know everything I did so we could work well together. And that's what we've done." Upp's term has been highlighted by a partnership with Doxpop for its Property Alert service, which began in early 2024. See Leave page 2

Insurance contribution increased

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review
Jay County will contribute more toward employees' health insurance plans in 2026. Jay County Commissioners agreed during a special session Wednesday to contribute additional dollars toward employees' Health Savings Accounts and pay for employees' premiums in November and December next year. They also approved the county's insurance plan for 2026. Plans are to pay an additional \$25 per quarter toward Health Savings Accounts for individual plans and \$50 per quarter toward Health Savings Accounts for plans with spouses or dependents. The county's premium through Physicians Health Plan for 2026 increased by 5%, about \$77,000. Next year's annual contribution for the county — that includes

County will give more toward employee accounts, premiums

portions allocated for Health Savings Accounts, Health Reimbursement Arrangements and other fees — came in at just under \$1.7 million. County auditor Emily Franks pointed out that the county has an \$80,000 credit with next year's plan, which offsets the increase. It also received an \$80,000 credit last year. Using that extra money, she suggested putting more funds toward employees' Health Savings Accounts next year, reducing premiums or doing both options.

She pointed to \$100 and \$200 increases in Health Reimbursement Arrangements next year. To cover that increase, she continued, the county could pay an estimated \$22,700 toward Health Savings Accounts. (Those figures are based on the number of employees on the plan currently.) Commissioners president Chad Aker noted there are currently 100 employees with Health Savings Accounts and 20 employees without them. He spoke in favor of the decision. Commissioner Doug Horn noted the

employees without Health Savings Accounts wouldn't see a benefit from an increased contribution. If the county were to reduce employees' premiums by about 5%, Franks explained, that would cost about \$6,000. She suggested offering the increased contributions to Health Savings Accounts and slightly reducing premiums. Commissioner Duane Monroe pointed to conversations he's had with county employees and other individuals. If the county doesn't receive an \$80,000 credit for 2027, he added, it may not be able to continue offering a 5% decrease in premiums. "Then, all of a sudden, it's going to from nothing to a whole bunch if it's not there, and honestly, I feel like if your insurance (doesn't) go up, in my opinion, (it) is a win," he said. See Increased page 2

Rehab expands

Hospital's activity room provides additional opportunity to prepare patients to return home

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
Patients are anxious to get home after a major medical event. The transition, though, is not always easy to make. IU Health Jay has added a feature in hopes of making the process a bit smoother. The hospital held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Rehab-to-Home Activity Room. There was also an open house for its new wound healing center last week. "We're really excited to have this opportunity to have an activity of daily living space for our rehab to home, swing bed program,"

said Christina Schemenaur, chief operating officer of IU Health Jay. "It is an opportunity for our patients to get outside of the four walls of their room, have a more community, multidisciplinary feel to help with their healing. We can simulate how to make sure they're independent and confident in the way they can bathe, cook, dress, just take care of themselves at home, either independently or with family." The activity room is equipped to allow patients to practice everyday tasks, in order to ensure that they are ready to leave the hospital and return home.

Located on the second floor of the hospital, it features a washer, dryer, range, microwave and refrigerator. There are also two shower set-ups, one with a standard bathtub and the other without. A bed and chair simulate a bedroom environment. Another piece of equipment allows patients to gauge whether they are able to effectively get into and out of a car. "Our goal is to be able to return patients to their homes where they're safe and for them to be able to continue to heal," said physical therapist Brian Ison. See Rehab page 2



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The new Rehab-to-Home Activity Room on the second floor of IU Health Jay in Portland features a bed, washer, dryer, range, microwave, refrigerator and showers. The facility is used to help gauge whether patients are ready to go home and capable performing everyday activities.

Deaths

Ann Murphy, 82, Greenville
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature was 55 degrees Wednesday in Jay County. The low was 39.
Tonight's low will be in the mid 30s. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with a high in the mid 50s. The high will be in the 50s again Sunday.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Fall property taxes are due Monday, Nov. 10. Payments can be made from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the treasurer's office in Jay County Courthouse, via the dropbox on the south side of the courthouse or at jaycountynet. For more information, call the treasurer's office at (260) 726-7007.

Coming up

Saturday — Photos from Friday night's Halloween-related activities.
Tuesday — Coverage of the FRHS volleyball team's regional title match.
Wednesday — Details from next week's Portland City Council meeting.

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Rehab ...

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“So we can simulate if they need to be able to be in their kitchen ...

“So if they had a recent stroke and they’ve lost use of their arm or their leg or have balance issues, we can try to be able to simulate for us to be able to work with some of that activity.”

Before the Rehab-to-Home Activity Room was added this summer, the hospital staff was limited to what was available to them in the patient rooms.

It is also used as a place for patients to get out of their typical hospital rooms. They can go there to spend time with family and play games — Yahtzee and

Farkle have been popular, nurse Julie Teeter said — in a space that feels more homey and less clinical.

“It’s brighter in here,” said Schemenaur. “You feel like you’re more in a home environment than a medical environment.”

“And you’re not stuck in that room staring at the four walls,” added Ison, noting that the average hospital stay is 10 to 14 days.

The wound clinic is a returning service to the hospital after the previous iteration closed in 2020 because of a change with the doctor who was providing those services.

Dr. Jerry Whetzel of Jay Fam-

ily Medicine expressed an interest in wound care, which has allowed the hospital to offer the clinic again. It is currently open on Tuesdays and Thursdays inside Family First Healthcare in the hospital, with Whetzel as the provider and medical director.

“We continued to have a need for wound care in our community,” said Schemenaur. “There’s a backlog of wound care opportunities in Muncie and in the other clinics it is extremely busy. And so the backlog was causing problems for our community and our patients.”

She said the clinic predominantly works with diabetic

patients who get ulcers and can have a difficult time healing. Patients can also include those who are post-surgical or have poor circulation.

The hospital’s therapy department is also now able to provide care for lymphedema — swelling caused by an abnormal accumulation of lymph — which is a common side effect of some cancer treatments. Assistance with bandages, exercises and massage can help with the swelling.

Schemenaur added that IU Health Jay is working with IU Health Ball and hopes to be able to provide perfusion testing — medical imaging that measures blood flow — in Portland as well.

Obituaries

Ann Rita (Heidegger) Murphy, Greenville, Ohio, a Portland native, May 6, 1943-Oct. 25, 2025. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Zechar Bailey Funeral Home, Greenville, Ohio.

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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				
Saturday 11/1	Sunday 11/2	Monday 11/3	Tuesday 11/4	Wednesday 11/5
 55/34 Saturday's weather looks like mostly cloudy skies, when the low may dip around freezing.	 55/37 Partly sunny on Sunday when the high will be in the low to mid 50s.	 60/33 Monday's weather looks like mostly sunny skies with the high reaching 60 degrees.	 64/45 Sunny skies are in the forecast for Tuesday when the low will be around 45.	 62/36 Partly cloudy skies are expected Wednesday when the low may hit 36.

Lotteries	
Powerball 4-24-49-60-65 Power Ball: 1 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$400 million	Daily Four: 1-6-7-5 Quick Draw: 7-9-10-11-16-17-20-22-23-29-30-32-37-50-54-62-63-64-70-72 Cash 5: 2-17-19-21-22 Estimated jackpot: \$95,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$754 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 7-9-9 Pick 4: 0-3-0-4 Pick 5: 6-1-6-9-3 Evening Pick 3: 1-5-3 Pick 4: 0-9-6-9 Pick 5: 3-5-0-1-7 Rolling Cash: 7-14-29-35-38 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 2-1-9 Daily Four: 0-3-8-0 Quick Draw: 4-12-15-16-17-18-20-21-23-25-26-28-30-39-50-51-52-58-64-74 Evening Daily Three: 6-1-3	

Markets	
Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.31 Dec. corn.....4.41	Wheat 4.79
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.28 Nov. corn.....4.33 Dec. corn.....4.43	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.20 Nov. corn.....4.23 Beans10.68 Nov. beans10.68 Wheat5.14
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Today in history	
In 1517, Martin Luther posted his “Ninety-five Theses,” a manifesto that prompted the Protestant Reformation.	In 1926, Harry Houdini died from peritonitis. The renowned magician and escape artist had suffered a stomach injury.
In 1918, the Spanish Flu killed 21,000 United States residents in one week.	In 1941, Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The project sculpting presidents’ heads into the mountain took nearly 15 years.
In 1922, Benito Mussolini took over as prime minister of Italy, becoming the first fascist dictator in Europe of his time. (Four years later, 15-year-old Anteo Zamboni made an assassination attempt on Mussolini. Zamboni was lynched for the act.)	In 2014, Fort Recovery High School football team ended its regular season with a shutout defeat, 20-0, to the Versailles Tigers. — The CR

Citizen’s calendar	
Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	house, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
Tuesday 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, court-	7 p.m. — Salamonias Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.

Leave ...

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The service alerts property owners any time a document is recorded that references their name or parcels they own.

She talked at that time about a problem with fraudulent deeds being created and recorded, causing property owners to lose their land without notice.

Doxpop’s Property Alert service allows users to sign up for notifications — options include a text message or email, as well as providing information to their county recorder — when their name or property is officially recorded. The alert system serves to quickly alert a property owner so they can take

legal action against property fraud. Simultaneously, it also allows property owners to know when other legitimate documents have been filed in relation to their property. (Those interested may visit watch.doxpop.com to sign up or call the recorder’s office for more information.)

Upp’s term was also

dampened by a major water leak in the courthouse — it stemmed from deteriorated pipes on the third floor — in September 2024. The resulting water damage forced her office to relocate to Jay County Commissioners’ room on the second floor for several months while repairs were made.

Capsule Reports

Lost control

A Ridgeville woman swerved off Mount Pleasant Road to avoid hitting a deer, causing her to lose control and crash the car she was driving about 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Ashley R. Garringer, 41, was driving a 2013 Ford Fiesta north on the road when a deer ran across it. She swerved to miss the animal, causing

the car to go off the west side of the road and back to the east side of the road. Garringer lost control of the vehicle and went off the west side of the road and rolled the car.

She sustained a minor injury to her head and was treated at the scene by emergency personnel. The vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Recycling available

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Redkey Post Office and the parking lot south of Salamonias Fire Station.

Increased ...

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Aker suggested paying for employees’ premiums over the holidays, a move commissioners have done in the past.

For the two months, that would cost an estimated \$22,260 based on the current number of employees on the plan.

Commissioners turned to a few county officials in the audience for their thoughts. County clerk Missy Elliott and county assessor Robin Alberson voiced support for keeping premiums the same, with Elliott saying she was shocked they hadn’t increased for 2026.

Commissioners then agreed to pay employees’

premiums in November and December 2026 and contribute an additional \$25 or \$50 per quarter toward Health Savings Accounts depending on the plan.

Employees begin open enrollment for health insurance Nov. 18.



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Couple’s anniversary plans now include in-laws

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I discussed our 25th anniversary and mentioned Hawaii as a possibility. He reached out to his brother and sister-in-law for suggestions, since they have visited Hawaii twice and we never have.

My husband mentioned to my sister-in-law (without consulting me) that maybe the four of us should travel together to Hawaii. Now my in-laws want to travel with us! My husband is enthusiastic because it will lower the cost. I am very hurt that I wasn’t even consulted. I didn’t know until I overheard them talking about splitting costs on the Hawaii trip.

Abby, I was not planning a 25th anniversary as a foursome. My husband is calling me a “sourpuess” for not jumping on board with the plan. In my mind, it’s supposed to be an anniversary, not a couples retreat. Am I wrong? — CROWDED IN THE SOUTH

Dear Abby



DEAR CROWDED: You are not in the wrong. That your husband and in-laws would alter the plans for your 25th anniversary without consulting you is disrespectful. You should have been consulted. That he has now resorted to name-calling because you are upset is out of line.

If you feel you won’t be happy celebrating this milestone with them, tell your sister-in-law this was sprung on you with no preparation, which you feel was wrong, and you are not happy about it. Then decide which YOU would prefer — to travel to

Hawaii as a group anyway or to just stay home.

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DEAR ABBY: My father is an antiques collector. He spends every weekend at estate auctions and much of the rest of his time buying for shops. He is experienced and prides himself in knowing the value of things.

For my birthday, Dad gave me an old copy of a favorite book. He said it was a first edition and worth a lot despite its poor condition. The title page, where the publishing date and run would appear, was missing. The issue is that it ISN’T a first (or even a second) edition. It has the wrong cover and is actually a later run that just had a rough life. I know Dad knew this. The information is easy to find, and I’m pretty sure he cut out the title page so he could pass it off as what he said it was.

I don’t know why he did this

— there could be any number of reasons — but he keeps bragging about what a great gift it was. Should I say something the next time he brings it up? Having the lie hanging out there feels uncomfortable. — WONDERING IN THE EAST

DEAR WONDERING: Be kind. Just thank your father again and resist the urge to tell him you know he is fibbing. If you suspected he had been taken advantage of by a bookseller, I might have answered differently and suggest you warn him about doing business with someone who is unscrupulous. However, because you stated that he’s experienced, I hesitate to advise you to put him on the spot.

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DEAR READERS: It’s Halloween, a time for fun and fantasy! I hope that any celebrating you do tonight will be creative, fun AND SAFE

for everyone involved. Happy Halloweeeee! — LOVE, ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I had plastic surgery several years ago. I don’t feel I am required to divulge this information to anyone. When I’m asked my age, I don’t lie, yet I do get “the look” from people who know how old I am. I find it embarrassing. What do I say or do when asked (because, believe it or not, some people do ask)? — LOOKING YOUNGER IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR LOOKING YOUNGER: Respond as follows: “Thank you for the compliment! Each night I wash my face with soap and water and, when the weather is cold and dry, I apply a little moisturizer. YOU should try it.” (Remember that you don’t have to give a direct answer to every question that’s asked.)

Hospital to serve veterans meal

Adams Memorial Hospital offers a free meal to veterans on Veteran’s Day.

This year’s meal for veterans is slated for Nov. 11. Veterans may stop by the hospital at 1100 Mercer Ave., Decatur, for lunch between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. or for dinner from 4 to 6 p.m.

Veterans from each branch of the military are invited to attend. They’re also welcome to bring one guest.

Taking Note

For more information about the hospital event, call (260) 223-4059.

Reservations are not required.

Alcove artists

Alcove Artists' Collective will be hosting a pop-up gallery next weekend.

Artists will gather in small groups around downtown Portland to create art.

In the event of poor weather, they’ll work from John Jay Center for Learning.

Alcove Artists' Collective pieces are also on display at Arts Place now through Dec. 4.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

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

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who’s lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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.

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Thursday's Solution

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State needs to invest in its people

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Frequent readers of this column know Indiana's economic development is a major concern. Recently, I asked five regular luncheon mates, "Where should Indiana put its money for economic development?"

I expected the usual three answers to that question:

- a) Where the market is currently growing,
- b) Where the market has a good chance of restoring economic prosperity, or
- c) Where the market has abandoned communities we call "rural" and where significant public and private infrastructure is decaying.

Objections to and justifications for each alternative are readily available. For instance,

Morton J. Marcus



the market has favored Indianapolis and its hostile suburbs with an abundance of opportunity over the past several decades. This has led to persistent envy from other Indiana cities and counties, which then conspire to deny that struggling metropolitan area relief from its diseconomies of scale.

Through both neglect and active disdain, the General Assembly has made Indianapo-

lis and its suburbs congested, increasingly polluted, inefficient and disrespectful competitors for whatever goodies are available near the bottom of the development barrel.

However, the laissez-faire, do-what-ye-will policies of our state government have failed other metro areas and smaller cities as well. Almost all development dollars come from the federal government, and they have often been administered by state legislators and bureaucrats ignorant of the capabilities and limitations of our diverse localities.

If you doubt this assessment, look at the decades of "progress" in Terre Haute and the Three Sisters of U.S. 24 — Logansport, Peru and Wabash. All four of those cities, like oth-

ers in Indiana, have had major highways built around their downtowns, leading to decay of the central city and delayed modernization.

Finally, consider our "rural" areas. They subsist by happenstance, at the will of foreign companies that grace us with their investments. Subsidized extensively by a fawning state development agency, these firms benefit from local governments cajoled into giving away tax money that supports education, protective services, health care and numerous other functions.

Then we proclaim, "Nobody wants to live in a place as dull as Knox, Linton or Crothersville." But none of these towns would be decaying or dull if counties would join forces and develop

activities, institutions and interactions that take advantage of modern transit and technologies — ones that can liberate the mind and spirit.

At that lunch, I was surprised by the first response to my question: "Invest in the people." Forget subsidies to business. Help our citizens understand that what lies beyond our self-imposed boundaries is attainable. Watch TV that is meaningful and read books. This will stimulate imagination and independent action. Ultimately, people will yield the best return on our investments.

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'State capitalism' is destined to fail

Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

Call it industrial policy, state capitalism, old-fashioned socialism: It's a bad idea. Across several recent administrations, the U.S. government's role in the economy has grown increasingly intrusive. The current White House has taken things to an extreme. It's a tried-and-failed experiment that should be scrapped before it does any more harm.

Citing a variety of goals — protecting national security, bolstering supply chains, boosting domestic manufacturing — the administration has been giving itself "a piece of the action" in company after company.

So far, it has taken a 10% stake in Trilogy Metals Inc.; a \$400 million chunk of MP Materials Corp.; a possible 5% share of Lithium Americas Corp., along with a cut of its Thacker Pass project; a "golden share" in United States Steel Corp.; and a 10% piece of Intel Corp. It has also offered export-control exemptions to Nvidia Corp. and Advanced Micro Devices Inc. in exchange for 15% of the resulting revenue. The president has mused about more such deals to come.

Decades of hard experience show the perils of such intervention. Outside of genuine emergencies, it is likely to lead to misallocated resources, slower growth, less dynamism and more rent-seeking. Far from strengthening domestic industry, it will favor incumbents over startups, delay needed reforms and restructurings, and invariably prioritize politics over productivity. It's a formula for stifling innovation and enfeebling the competitive spirit.

Unfortunately, "state capitalism" is fast becoming formal policy in numerous respects. One recent analysis found that the U.S. now doles out nearly \$200 billion in direct subsidies for favored businesses each year, thanks partly to splurges from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Chips and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act.

This largesse may support faltering companies or satisfy political constituencies but over time it will likely invite corruption, waste tax dollars and sap ambition.

Guest Opinion

In the same spirit, the president has imposed an expansive tariff regime, affecting trillions of dollars in trade, in hopes of reshaping the economy according to his priorities. At nearly 19%, by one estimate, the U.S. average effective tariff rate is now higher than at any time since the 1930s. Such duties will not just raise prices, slash output and erode real wages, they'll also shield domestic companies from the effects of global competition.

To say the White House is picking winners and losers, then, would be an understatement. It offers ad hoc tariff exemptions for the politically pliable. It props up favored factories with make-work jobs. It provides a "concierge approach" to fossil-fuel permitting while all but outlawing wind projects. Its more distinctive ideas — a sovereign wealth fund, a strategic Bitcoin reserve, a manufacturing "investment vehicle" — all reflect the same thinking: Where capital is concerned, the government knows best.

Time was, Republicans opposed such intrusions, and rightly so. They're antithetical to American capitalism. If the U.S. continues down this path, expect ever-changing rules, unbridled lobbying, exemptions and exceptions for the well-connected, and perpetual uncertainty for any company hoping to make an honest investment. Rather than competing on the merits, business leaders will need to get wise to the ways of Washington.

If it wants to boost the economy, the administration should stop helping itself to equity stakes and instead focus on basics: prudent regulation, sound infrastructure, top-notch research, pro-growth tax reforms and perhaps a modicum of stability in Washington. It should remember that the U.S. economy became the wonder of the world thanks to free markets and vigorous enterprise, not central planning.



Early detection saves lives

By WENORA JOHNSON
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After surviving three types of cancer and having to face the harsh realities of colorectal and endometrial cancer and basal cell carcinoma, I know just how crucial early detection can be in saving lives.

My cancer journey has been an extensive and painful one, but it has also strengthened my resolve. It has inspired me to become an advocate for cancer patients, to educate others about the risks of hereditary cancers and to promote tools such as genetic testing that enable individuals to take control of their health before it's too late.

When I was first diagnosed with colorectal cancer, I started to understand my family history and how genetics influenced my health. But it wasn't until I tested positive for Lynch syndrome, a hereditary condition that greatly increases the risk of colorectal, endometrial and ovarian cancers, that I realized the extent of my predisposed risk. That diagnosis completely transformed my life, and I was forced to equip myself with the tools I needed to stay ahead of the disease. Now, I hope to do the same for others who might not be aware of their own risk.

While Lynch syndrome doesn't guarantee a cancer diagnosis, it certainly increases the risk of one (or multiple, in my case). What it does guarantee is the need to stay proactive and vigilant about your health, something I think everyone, Lynch syndrome or not, should practice. We must take charge of our own health, empowering ourselves with information, discussing our health risks with our doctors, and staying up to date on recommended check-ups and tests, including routine cancer screenings.

Wenora Johnson



The deadliest cancers in Illinois are those of the lung, colon/rectum and prostate. These three cancers account for over half of all cancer deaths across our Prairie State. The good news is that these cancers also all have preventative screening tests available that can find cancer before any symptoms arise and treat pre-cancers and cancers early, before they have a chance to spread.

Having battled against and survived colorectal cancer, or CRC, I can attest to just how vicious it can be. But despite its high mortality, early-stage CRC has a remarkable five-year survival rate of 91%. And for endometrial cancer, the survival rate is 81%, increasing to 95% when the cancer is detected before it spreads beyond the uterus. These numbers highlight just how transformative regular screening and early detection can be.

Cancer screening technology has also come a long way in the past few decades, with innovative advances such as 3D mammography and low-dose CT scans for lung cancer. One of the most significant developments in cancer detection has been the emergence of noninvasive, blood-based tests that eliminate the perceived inconvenience and discomfort of some traditional screening methods.

Recently, the Food and Drug Administration approved the Shield test, the first Medicare-covered blood test approved as a primary screening for CRC. While genetic testing can iden-

tify those of us at higher risk for developing cancer, tools such as the Shield test offer an easier and less invasive option for early detection of CRC among average-risk individuals, representing an encouraging step forward in increasing accessibility for millions who might otherwise go unscreened. The test is also now covered for fellow veterans receiving community care benefits authorized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

It's important to note that tools like the Shield test don't replace other screening methods such as colonoscopies or stool-based tests, or genetic testing for individuals with hereditary risks, and they are not intended for those who have Lynch syndrome and are high-risk.

But they are valuable additions to a broader tool kit in protecting our public health and a way to improve the early detection of CRC and hopefully save lives. If such tools had been available to my grandfather and brother, both of whom tragically lost their lives to CRC at ages 38 and 47, respectively, there is a very real possibility they could still be here today. Early detection through screening is often the difference between life and death, and without access to these lifesaving methods, their cancers went undetected until it was too late.

My advocacy has always focused on empowering patients to become their own best health advocates. When we understand our risks through family history and genetic testing, we can access earlier interventions and make better decisions for ourselves.

Cancer doesn't wait, and neither should we.

Johnson is a three-time cancer survivor and a Navy veteran who lives in the Chicago area.

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Beef plan raises questions

Industry leaders push back on call for lower prices

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SLEEPY EYE, MINN. — At the Sleepy Eye Auction Market last week, between sales of fattened steers and a shaggy Highland bull, chatter drifted to farm country’s latest beef with the White House: President Donald Trump’s plan to buy more beef from Argentina.

Few at the southwestern Minnesota cattle auction barn thought it would make a dent in grocery prices for families. But that didn’t mean they wanted to criticize Trump.

“The economy is what’s going to affect the cattle market more than anything,” said Dean Ibberson, a 50-year cattle industry veteran. “We have to have enough people having jobs that can afford to buy the beef at the high prices. ... If we lose that market, then that’s what’s really gonna hurt.”

But a much more vocal, widespread and bipartisan backlash has erupted among leaders of cattle industry trade groups and politicians in Washington, D.C., to both Trump’s comments about Argentina and his suggestion that U.S. ranchers should lower prices.

“This plan only creates chaos at a critical time of the year for American cattle producers, while doing

nothing to lower grocery store prices,” said Colin Woodall, CEO of the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, earlier this week.

The beef cattle issue has become partisan. The Trump administration deal on financial currency swaps with Argentina might provide a boost of up to \$40 billion at a critical time for the country’s president, Trump ally Javier Milei, ahead of midterm elections there.

Argentina has dropped tariffs to increase soybean sales to China. Those orders replaced those from the U.S. producers, especially Minnesota where soybeans until this year have been the state’s largest export.

Former Minnesota Democratic congressman Collin Peterson, who served as longtime chair of the agriculture committee, said he can’t fathom the administration’s rationale.

“The people that know anything about this know that it’s not a good idea to be importing beef from [Brazil and Argentina] for a lot of different reasons,” Peterson said. “And it’s not a good idea to offset the marketplace in China for soybeans.”

On Capitol Hill, the ranking agriculture committee Democrats — Minnesota’s Sen. Amy Klobuchar and Rep. Angie Craig — also lambasted the Trump administration in interviews Wednesday.

“Talk about a royal screw-up,” Klobuchar said. Craig said she had 25 to 30 farmers in her office last week, describing the rage farmers feel about the White House as “overwhelming.”

Eight Republican members of Congress sent a letter to Trump on Tuesday asking for more information on his plan to import Argentine beef, according to Reuters.

“[We] urge your adminis-



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Cattle up for auction at the Sleepy Eye Auction Market in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. The Trump administration’s currency-swap deal with Argentina and President Donald Trump’s suggestion that U.S. ranchers should lower prices have led to widespread, bipartisan backlash among cattle-industry trade leaders and politicians in Washington, D.C.

tration to ensure that any future decisions are made with full transparency, sound science, and a firm commitment to the U.S. cattle industry,” said the letter, led by Rep. Julie Fedorchak of North Dakota.

Reps. Brad Finstad and Michelle Fischbach, both Republicans who represent Minnesota rural districts, did not respond to requests for comment.

In Sleepy Eye, at least publicly, the criticism of a president largely beloved in Minnesota’s cattle country was more subdued.

As feeder cattle trotted into the barn, Gary Roiger held up his thumb to bid. His wife, Patricia, cradled their granddaughter, Stately, who was named after Stately Township in Brown County, where the family has 2,000 cattle.

The Roigers said they hope Trump’s plan will include labels on imports from Argentina.

“Let the consumers

decide if they want to eat American beef,” Patricia Roiger said.

Eating beef has become increasingly expensive for Americans. Ground beef has risen from \$5.54 a pound in January to \$6.31 a pound in August, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Even prior to Trump taking office, beef prices were historically high. The national cattle herd remains small because of drought, disease and high feed costs, among other reasons.

Wednesday morning, Trump posted to Truth Social that cattle ranchers were “doing so well” for the first time in years because of the 50% tariff he placed on Brazil. He also said in that post that U.S. ranchers need to lower the price of their cattle “because the consumer is a very big factor in my thinking, also!”

His administration released a plan Wednesday

across agencies that it said would boost the U.S. cattle supply, including exploring the expansion of grazing on federal lands and increasing payments in some livestock programs, according to Reuters. It also includes enforcing compliance of voluntary “Product of USA” claims on beef products.

Some have blamed corporate consolidation in the beef-packing business for high prices. Boyd Kesler, a cattle buyer at Tyson Foods, who sat front and center at the auction in Sleepy Eye, said it has been tough for his business, too.

“Profitability has not been good for the packers,” Kesler said. “But the guys that are feeding have done pretty well.”

A 2,400-pound cull bull, an older animal removed from the herd, sold for \$1.75 a pound on Wednesday. The auction house

said that’s double what the owner would have gotten five years earlier.

Samantha Ediger-Johnson, the Sleepy Eye auctioneer, shook her head at the market’s rise.

“It has been crazy to watch this market do what it’s been doing,” she said.

Other cattlemen said that while beef prices are high, the prices to run their farms have risen too.

Analysts say Trump’s Argentine beef buy could be more political than practical at driving down costs. The South American country is the eighth-largest supplier of beef to the United States, far lagging Australia, Canada and Brazil, the biggest sources of beef imports.

“[There’ll be] almost zero impact on price at the grocery store,” said Eric Mousel, a beef systems management specialist with the University of Minnesota’s North Central Research and Outreach Center in Grand Rapids, Minn. “Imported beef is really just used in the production of hamburger and won’t have much influence on total industry output.”

Last year, the United States imported more than 4 billion pounds of beef, a record high and dramatic increase from just two years earlier.

Minnesota is 10th in the nation for beef production, with roughly 18,000 ranchers and farmers scattered across the state, from feedlot operators concentrated in the southwestern prairies to cow-calf ranches farther north.

Gary Roiger said he knows some older farmers getting out of the market because they’re afraid that if beef prices crash, they’ll be too old to wait for the recovery. They’ll have to wait, he said, to see if whether Trump — who ran on an America-first platform — is serious about importing more foreign beef.

Soybeans surge as talks spur trade hope

By **MICHAEL HIRTZER, HALLIE GU and BEN WESTCOTT**
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Tribune News Service

Soybeans and other crops soared as progress in negotiations between the U.S. and China lifted hopes that the world’s two largest economies were edging toward a deal in their protracted trade war.

Soy futures rose as much as 2.8% in Chicago, reaching the highest since July 2024. That came after U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said China would make “substantial” purchases of the oilseed under a pact the two countries are close to finalizing. Wheat jumped by the most since Aug. 12.

Agricultural trade was among a range of issues that American and Chinese negotia-

Crop futures hit their highest point since July 2024

tors said they came to terms on over the weekend, setting the table for leaders Donald Trump and Xi Jinping to finalize a deal and ease tensions that have rattled global markets. The two are expected to meet later this week in South Korea on the sidelines of the APEC summit.

Soybeans have been a central point of tension between the two agricultural giants. China, the world’s top importer of the crop, has deployed it as a bar-

gaining chip in its trade war with the U.S., shunning shipments from its second-largest supplier, and turning instead to South America for record imports. U.S. farmers, suffering from financial strain as their top consumer walked away, have urged Washington to reach an agreement with Beijing.

Data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Monday showed weekly American soy shipments of about 1.06 million

tons, down 33% from the previous week with nothing loaded for China.

Some analysts are bullish on China’s demand for late 2025 and into next year, before Brazil starts harvesting what’s estimated to be another record harvest.

“China has yet to secure much of its soybean supply for December and January,” Total Farm Marketing analyst Naomi Blohm said in a Monday note, estimating the country’s potential needs in those months of 8 million to 9 million tons.

Others see limited room for new U.S. sales in the months ahead.

“Because China has bought a lot of soybeans out of Brazil and Argentina, its near-term need is modest,” said Cornucopia Agri Analytics strate-

gist Tobin Gorey. “But where we should see it is a pick-up in forward sales at some point. The issue for the market now boils down to timing, rather than size.”

On Monday, the Chinese Communist Party’s official mouthpiece called on the world’s biggest economies to “jointly safeguard hard-won achievements” from their latest trade talks, but stopped short of confirming plans to renew purchases of U.S. soybeans.

Still, the warming of trade relations was welcomed after the dispute has clouded markets all year.

“No hard fast deals have yet been signed, so things could still fall apart. But optimism rules the day,” StoneX chief commodities economist Arlan Suderman said in a note.



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Will(mann) to win

Junior middle helps Tribe gut out regional semi win over Arcanum

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

CLAYTON, Ohio — The Indians swept the Trojans during the regular season.

They weren't so lucky in the postseason as they dropped a set for the first time in four matches.

It didn't get them down. Keeping their heads up and confidence clear, they are headed to a level not reached since well before they were born.

Fort Recovery High School's volleyball team took down the top-seeded Arcanum Trojans 25-20, 21-25, 25-21, 26-24 in the OHSAA Division VI Regional 24 semifinal hosted by Northmont on Wednesday.

"Positive affirmation is what my team thrives on," said FRHS coach Travis Guggenbiller. "I just kept telling them, 'You're doing everything you're asked to do. We're making those steps. Keep fighting. Keep pushing. Keep pushing. Keep pushing.' ...

"That positive affirmation, it's just been huge for this group of girls and we keep thriving on that. I'm just awed and I'm so proud of them."

The second-seeded Tribe moves on to play its neighbor, No. 2 St. Henry, which is another top seed, at noon on Saturday at Northmont. This is just the third time Fort Recovery (14-12) has sent a volleyball team to the regional final. The first was in 1990, when it went on to win the state championship. FRHS also made the regional final in 1991 with just two semifinal appearances in between that year and the upcoming match.

When asked about bringing the Indians to their first regional final in 34 years, Guggenbiller could barely choke out one word in response.

"Speechless."
The Tribe's middles, Brynn Willmann and Alexis Grisez, carried the bulk of the load. They combined for 20 of the team's 44 kills and five of seven blocks. Willmann led the Indians in both categories — she had 13 kills, four solo blocks and one block assist — while also dropping in two aces.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Brynn Willmann of the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team gets a block on Arcanum's Caroline Long at Northmont on Wednesday during the OHSAA Division VI Regional 24 semifinal. Willmann led the Indians with 13 kills and five blocks in the 25-20, 21-25, 25-21, 26-24 victory that earned their third regional final appearance and first since 1991.

"We've been working on blocking a lot in practice and being effective on our serve receive," Willmann said. "So we were really just putting it

away and making sure they were out of system."

Along with putting up big numbers, Willmann's points came in timely fashion. She

won the ball back from Arcanum (20-6) 14 times, including six when AHS had scored two or more points in a row.

"I usually take a deep breath and make sure I'm calm," Willmann said. "I know that when I get in, I have to help my team overcome those challenges, so I just place (the ball) and then we move on to the next play."

Willmann earned at least one pivotal point late in each of the three sets FRHS won. In the first, she attacked a ball off a Trojan blocker to end a seven-point run to tie the set at 18. Her third-set moment came when she blocked Kamryn Beisner to end a long rally and followed it up with another kill to go up 23-19. She also had back-to-back points late in the fourth set with a soft redirect kill and a ball she pushed to the left sideline for a 22-20 lead.

The Trojans didn't back down, as they reached 20 in all four sets after no team had made it past 16 against Fort Recovery in the district. That second set was fueled by a pair of runs that had Beisner (12 kills, three aces) serving, Cameron Garbig and Grace Fry with her in the back row, Grace Psczulkoski (15 kills) at outside hitter, Carolina Long (17 kills, two blocks) in the middle and Avery Leeper (three kills) at outside. Garbig is the only junior from that group, while the others are seniors.

"When we have five seniors on the court, it just clicks differently," said AHS coach Jacie Holman. "That makes a huge difference. These seniors really wanted that set and that's really what made the difference in that one moment."

FRHS is now set to face Midwest Athletic Conference runner-up St. Henry for the opportunity to make it to state. The schools, which are separated by less than 8 miles, previously met on Oct. 19, in a match in which SHHS held the Indians to just 15 kills in three sets.

"We have to go out there and play MAC volleyball," Guggenbiller said. "We've got to go out there, we've got to block, be aggressive, we've got to communicate. We've got to go out and have fun and believe in our abilities that anything can happen."

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Fort Recovery — Football regional opening round at Cincinnati College Prep — 7 p.m.

Saturday
Fort Recovery — Volleyball regional final vs. St. Henry at Northmont — 12 p.m.

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7 p.m. — NBA: Atlanta Hawks at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — College football: North Carolina at Syracuse (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck

Series Championship (FS1)
8 p.m. — MLB World Series: Los Angeles Dodgers at Toronto Blue Jays (FOX)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Idaho at Northern Arizona (ESPN2)

Saturday
11 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Burnley at Arsenal FC (USA)
12 p.m. — College football: Vanderbilt at Texas (ABC); Penn State at Ohio State (FOX); Rutgers at Illinois (NBC); Miami at

SMU (ESPN); West Virginia at Houston (FS1); Army at Air Force (CBS); Navy at North Texas (ESPN2)
1 p.m. — College football: Arizona State at Iowa State (TNT)
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(FOX); Fresno State at Boise State (FS1)
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3:45 p.m. — College football: Virginia at Cal (ESPN2)
4 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Liverpool FC at Aston Villa (USA)
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7 p.m. — NBA: Golden State Warriors at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana)

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WE PAY CASH for junk autos. We pick up at your location. 1-765-546-2642 or 1-765-857-1071. Slocum's Salvage

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF JAY, SS: 2025 TERM Cause Number: 38C01-2510-PL-000008 DAVID WILHELM Plaintiff, vs. KELLY JONES Defendant. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION This summons is to the Defendant above named and to any other persons who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Jay Circuit Court, Jay County, Indiana, in the case set forth in the caption above, by the person named above as Plaintiff. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the Defendant named above and all others who may claim any lien on or interest in the Real Estate described below. The named Plaintiff is represented by Joshua A. Atkinson and Natalie P. Williamson, 940 N. Meridian St., Portland, IN 47371. The nature of this suit against you is to quiet title in Plaintiff to the Real Estate described below against the named Defendants and the world and the Real Estate is located in Jay County Indiana: Lot numbered Seventy-four (74) in South Portland Addition to the Town, now City of Portland, Indiana An answer or other response in writing to the complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the last notice is published and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response. Dated: October 14, 2025. Melissa Elliott Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court CR 10-24,31,11-7-2025-HSPAXLP



Ages 1 - 4 Winner

Ages 5 - 7 Winner



Archer Eley - 4



Piper Eley - 7

Ages 8 - 10 Winner



Camryn Foreman - 8

HALLOWEEN COLORING CONTEST.

YOU BREWED UP SOME GREAT
PICTURES THIS YEAR, KIDS!

We would like to thank all the merchants for
sponsoring the Halloween Coloring Contest.
We would also like to mention all of the kids
who did a *spooktacular* job this year!

Your pictures gave us smiles and decorated
the walls of the office the last few days.

Thanks for all your hard work and participation!

STAY SAFE ON THE
STREETS WHILE
COLLECTING YOUR TREATS!

1-4 CATEGORY:

Archer Eley - 4 Winner
Nora Loy - 3

5-7 CATEGORY

Piper Eley - 7 Winner
Gracyn Foreman - 6
Xander Chowning-Hatzell - 5
Emma Hatzell - 7
Zeke Langenkamp - 6
Mila Byrum - 6
Aubrey Miller - 6
Mason Owen - 5

8-10 CATEGORY

Everly Morehous - 8
Kathy Graber - 8
Camryn Foreman - 8 Winner
Emma Miller - 9
Havyn Franks - 8
Brooks Steveson - 9
Radlee Chowning - 8
Chezney Hurt - 10
Amanda Wickey - 10
Piper Wagner - 10