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Honoring veterans

Steve Bailey (foreground) and Anthony Campofiore of Portland salute Tuesday during the Veterans Day service coordinated by American Legion Post 211 at Jay Community Center. “Only about 6% of American adults today have served in the military, yet it’s a small and talented group that enables our communities to function,” said pastor Darrell Borders.

Annexation can take next steps

Dunkirk plans to add 10 acres for development of apartments

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review DUNKIRK — The process of annexing land for a proposed apartment development can now begin to move forward. Dunkirk City Council heard updates Monday regarding plans for the 10 acres of property on the south side of the city. Dunkirk Industrial City attorney Wes Schemenaur explained Monday that financial advisory firm Baker Tilly has completed an asset management plan, which outlines projected additional costs to the city if it annexes the property. “There’s really no meaningful additional cost to the city,” he said, noting that police and fire service are already provided and that sewer and water lines are already in place. With the asset management plan in place, Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation has approved a petition to proceed with the annexation. Schemenaur explained the process that will follow: •Nov. 24 — The petition will be filed with city council during its regular meeting •Dec. 2 — Annexation will be advertised in the newspaper •Dec. 22 — A public hearing will be held on annexation The ordinance is published, and there is a 30-day waiting period during which anyone can appeal the annexation. If there is no appeal, the annexation will go into effect in late January. Schemenaur also updated council members Jesse Bivens, Christy Curts, Randy Murphy, Donna Revolt and Dan Watson regarding progress on transferring 19 properties to Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation. See Annexation page 2

Hoosiers should have access to SNAP

By TOM DAVIES Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com Low-income Hoosier families were expected to have access Tuesday to partial benefits from the SNAP federal food aid program. The Indiana governor’s office made the announcement Monday even as the Trump administration was fighting court orders to restore full SNAP funding and Congress worked toward a deal for ending the federal government shutdown, including fully funding the food aid benefits. Gov. Mike Braun’s office said SNAP benefits for November should be available on EBT, or Electronic Benefits Transfer, cards on Tuesday. The state will be able to “move quickly to deliver full benefits to qualifying households across Indiana as soon as possible” once a new federal spending deal is approved, the governor’s office said. “After weeks of gridlock, it’s good to see some folks in D.C. finally come to their senses,” Braun said in a statement. The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration said last week that it was recalculating benefit allotments to 274,000 SNAP households in the state. Benefit changes made by federal officials for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, will reduce the maximum amount to a household by at least 50%. The calculation of a household’s partial SNAP benefit for November involved subtracting 30% of a household’s monthly net income (after allowable deductions) from the maximum allotment, according to the FSSA. That process could lead to some households not receiving any November benefits.

Challenge dismissed

By DAVID G. SAVAGE Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed without comment a long-shot challenge to the constitutional right to marry for same-sex couples. The justices turned away an appeal petition from Kim Davis, a former Kentucky county clerk who defied the court’s landmark decision in 2015 and repeatedly refused to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. She appealed after one couple sued and won \$100,000 in damages plus attorneys fees for her deliberate violation of their constitutional rights. She argued the court should hear her case to decide whether the free exercise of religion guaranteed by the 1st Amendment should have protected her from being sued. Her appeal also posed a separate question she had not raised before in her long legal fight. She said the court should decide “whether Obergefell v. Hodges,” which established the right to same-sex marriage, “should be overturned.” That belated question drew wide attention to her appeal, even though there was little or no chance it would be seriously considered by the high court. Some LGBTQ+ advocates were concerned, however, because the conservative court had overturned Roe vs. Wade and the constitutional right to abortion in the Dobbs case of 2022. In July, the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law estimated there are 823,000 married same-sex couples in the United States.

Benefits were expected to become available on Tuesday

Court rejects appeal petition to challenge same-sex marriage



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Meeting Miller

Author Monica Koldyke Miller (right) shares details about her books Saturday with Nancy Rismiller of Versailles, Ohio, during The Delts’ Holiday Crafts and Gifts Show.

Deaths

Virginia Madden, 75, Toledo, Ohio Carol Knapke, 73, Fort Recovery Details on page 2.

Weather

The temperature hovered between 26 and 29 degrees Monday in Jay County. Tonight’s low will be in the low 30s with winds gusting to 25 mph. Skies will be mostly sunny on Thursday with a high in the lower 50s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Arts Place will host another Open Mic & Karaoke event at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at its Jay County Campus, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. Sign-ups for 10-minute slots will begin at 6:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome to bring chairs, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Enter through the Main Street door.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from the JCHS girls basketball opener against South Side. Friday — Details from this week’s Jay County Council meeting. Saturday — Results from the FRHS football regional semifinal against Marion Local.

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Annexation ...

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Jay County Commissioners gave their approval earlier Monday to begin the process of transferring those properties, which have already been through two tax sales. Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation will now need to officially indicate its interest in the properties, with commissioners then to likely award them on Nov. 24.

Notices will then be sent out to the current property owners. They will have 120 days to take action to claim the properties

before they are transferred to Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation in early spring 2026.

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins said four or five of the properties have homes on them that will need to be torn down, while most are empty lots that need to be cleaned up. The city has been working with Jay County Development Corporation on plans to attract developers to build homes on the lots.

“I think we can turn them around and get the property taxes coming back in,” said Robbins.

The council also discussed plans for updates to the city’s zoning ordinance. Robbins noted various areas that need to be changed or added, including rules for golf carts, mobile homes, the size of residences, RVs for permanent housing, food trucks and storage units.

Also addressed was the possibility of increasing the city’s buffer for zoning, which is currently a half-mile. (Portland has a 2-mile buffer.)

Schemenaur said any change to the buffer will likely require

collaboration with officials in Jay, Blackford and Delaware counties, all of which would be affected by the change.

Council members approved hiring civic engineering and planning firm Abonmarche to work on updating city ordinances.

In other business, the council: •Hired Engineering Resource Inc. to update the city’s asset management plan for its streets. The contract is for \$8,100. The plan is required in order to apply for Community Crossings

grant funding through Indiana Department of Transportation.

•Approved payment of claims totaling \$266,809.98.

•Heard the following updates:

—The city’s park restrooms are closed for the winter.

—The annual Turkey Drop is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Webster Depot Park.

—Leaf pick-up will be held on Thursdays in November with the exception of Thanksgiving. Residents should bag leaves and place them by the street.

CR almanac				
Thursday 11/13	Friday 11/14	Saturday 11/15	Sunday 11/16	Monday 11/17
 57/38 Thursday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with the high around 57 degrees.	 62/49 Friday's weather looks to be slightly warmer, with the high reaching 62 degrees.	 67/45 Mostly cloudy on Saturday, with temperatures climbing to the upper 60s.	 52/31 Sunday looks like mostly cloudy skies with 15 to 25 mph winds.	 49/35 Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Monday when the low may hit 35.

Lotteries	
Powerball Monday 6-28-44-48-58 Power Ball: 23 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$512 million	Daily Four: 1-0-0-6 Quick Draw: 4-5-15-23-35-36-39-44-47-51-53-55-56-62-63-66-73-75-77-78 Cash 5: 1-13-24-25-45 Estimated jackpot: \$194,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$900 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 9-8-9 Pick 4: 0-7-3-6 Pick 5: 4-2-9-5-8 Evening Pick 3: 8-7-4 Pick 4: 1-8-1-9 Pick 5: 7-8-5-6-9 Rolling Cash: 9-13-23-24-31 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-6-8 Daily Four: 7-1-0-1 Quick Draw: 1-3-14-15-19-20-29-30-31-35-37-42-46-63-67-68-69-72-77 Evening Daily Three: 4-8-8	

Markets	
Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.43 Dec. corn4.47 Jan. corn4.51	Dec. beans11.18 Wheat 4.89
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.39 Nov./Dec. corn4.47 Jan. corn4.49	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.26 Dec. corn4.30 Beans11.10 Dec. beans11.14 Wheat4.94
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.24 Dec. corn4.34 Beans11.13	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.31 Dec. corn4.36 Beans10.83 Dec. beans10.83 Wheat4.79

Today in history	
In 1815, women’s rights advocate Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born in Johnstown, New York. Stanton published her “Declaration of Sentiments,” in which women’s suffrage was a central theme, in 1848. In 1945, singer, songwriter and musician Neil Young was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He was a member of the band Buffalo Springfield, put out his debut solo album in 1969 and joined an existing group to form Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young in 1970. In 1961, gymnast Nadia Comaneci was born in Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej (now Onesti), Romania. She received seven perfect scores	while winning gold medals in the all-around, balance beam and uneven bars competitions at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. In 2003, Fort Recovery School Board named David Riel as the new superintendent of Fort Recovery Local Schools. Riel had retired after 24 years as an elementary school principal with New Richmond Exempted Village Schools. In 2020, Redkey Town Council adjusted its water ordinance to allow bill adjustments — limited to one per calendar year — in cases of leaks underground and beneath residences. —The CR

Citizen’s calendar	
Today 5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
Thursday 6 p.m. — Jay County	Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.

Obituaries

Virginia Madden
July 28, 1950-Nov. 7, 2025
Virginia Sue (Gillum) Madden, age 75, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away on Friday, Nov. 7, in University of Toledo Medical Center.

She was born in Decatur on July 28, 1950, the daughter of Ralph and Rosemary (Stein) Gillum. She was a shipping and receiving supervisor for Ohio Belting and Transmission. She was a 1968 Portland High School graduate and a 1972 Ball State University graduate. She was a member of St. Patrick of Heather Down Church.

Surviving are one brother, Jeff Gillum of Sydney, Ohio; and one sister, Lisa Fritz (husband: Don) of Noblesville; two nieces and three nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Bob Gillum, Chris Gillum and Danny Gillum; and one sister, Julie Gillum.

Funeral services will be Friday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland, with Fr. Martin Sandhage presiding. Visitation will also be Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. Burial will be in the Green Park Cemetery in Portland. Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



Madden

Oct. 20, 1973, she married David L. Knapke, who survives.

Carol is survived by her children Jennifer and Andy Bruns, Coldwater, Ohio, Jeremy and Brianna Knapke, and Joshua and Sarah Knapke, Rockford, Ohio. Carol is also survived by her 16 grandchildren and one great-grandson; her siblings Dale and Nancy Schwieterman, St. Sebastian, Ohio, Ken and Gale Schwieterman, Lafayette, Marge and Harry Heitkamp, Maria Stein, Ohio, Ruth and Bill Link, St. Henry, Ohio, Tim and Ann Schwieterman, St. Sebastian, Jane and Dale Hein, Chickasaw, Ohio, Glenn and Jo Schwieterman, Cassella, Ohio, and Joyce and Tim Kemper, Marietta, Georgia; her in-laws Linda and Jim Schwieterman of Maria Stein, Jean and Joe Puthoff of Chickasaw, Ken and Marilyn Knapke, Sharon and Gene Evers, Gary and Terri Knapke, and Dale and Katie Knapke, all of Maria Stein; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her father- and mother-in-law Urban and Mildred Knapke; and her Godchild Kurt Schwieterman.

Carol was a graduate of Marion Local High School and attended Bowling Green State University, achieving a degree in education. This was the start of what would turn into her passion in life. Carol taught third grade at Fort Recovery Local Schools for over 30 years.

Upon retirement, she took a year off but quickly returned to the classroom at Wright State University Lake Campus teaching upcoming teachers. As an educator, she achieved The National Boards of Certified Teachers Award, a prestigious national teaching honor. She could not go anywhere without see-



Knapke

ing someone she had taught sometime in her career.

Carol was a member of the St. Peter Catholic Church where she was a Eucharistic Minister and religion teacher, and was active in the Guatemala Mission committee. Carol was active in many local organizations in the Fort Recovery community. She was member and past president of the Fort Recovery Community Foundation. She was an active member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority and The Red Hat Ladies.

Carol’s greatest joy in life was her family and grandkids. She spent many hours spoiling her grandkids with cookies and zucchini bread. She never missed a sporting or school event. She was never one to say no to anyone and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 2025, at St. Peter Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Guests may visit with Carol’s family on Thursday, Nov. 13, from 2 to 7 p.m. and again on Friday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at Hogenkamp Funeral Home in St. Henry, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers and memorial gifts, the family request that memorial contributions may be made to the Fort Recovery Community Foundation in support of The Fort Recovery Education Fund, Everheart Hospice or The ALS Association.

Condolences for the family may be expressed in person or at hogenkampfh.com.

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

Capsule Reports

Rear collision
A rural Portland man sustained a head injury after another Portland man drove into the back of his buggy on U.S. 27 about 5 p.m. Monday.

Charles H. Bye, 79, was driving a 2003 Buick Century north just south of county road 600 North when he looked off the road at a barn amid construction. He told police he then crashed into the back of the horse-drawn cart driven by 23-year-old Amos Schwartz.

Bye’s vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Lost control
Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Pennville woman lost control along county road 300 North, causing her to crash into a pole about 6:30 a.m. Monday.

Brittany N. Bailey, 40, was driving a 2007 Honda Accord east on the road just west of county road 500 West. She was driving faster than

reasonable for weather conditions, according to a Jay County Sheriff’s Office report. Her vehicle wasn’t able to maneuver a curve and went off-road, slamming into a utility pole registered to Jay County REMC.

The vehicle was towed.

Slick snow
A Dunkirk man’s vehicle was towed after he lost control along county road 400 South and crashed into a pole about 10:45 a.m. Monday.

Luke N. Hamilton, 35, was driving a 2016 Chevrolet Sonic east on the road near county road 1100 West when his vehicle lost traction, causing him to slide off the south side of the road and hit a pole.

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Struck vehicle
A Bryant woman’s vehicle was towed after she crashed into a Geneva woman’s car along Indiana 18 in Jay County about 8:38 a.m. Monday.

Catherine M. Brandebourg, 51,

was driving her 2018 Subaru Forester east on the highway near county road 550 West when her car began to fishtail on the snow-covered road, according to a Jay County Sheriff’s Office report. Her vehicle moved into the westbound lane and struck a 2004 GMC Yukon XL driven by 66-year-old Kelly W. Weikel of Geneva.

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Hit trees
A Pennville woman lost control of her car along county road 500 North, causing her to crash into trees off road about 7:50 a.m. Monday.

Megan L. Suman, 36, was driving a 2022 GMC Acadia east on the road near county road 250 West when her car began spinning out because of slick road conditions. Her car went off the north side of the road and into a ditch, where it struck a few trees.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

SERVICES

Friday, Nov. 14
Knapke, Carol: 10:30 a.m., St. Peter Catholic Church, 1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery.
Madden, Virginia: 7 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday, Nov. 22
Bowen, Luetta: 11 a.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St., Portland.

Saturday, Nov. 29
Moore, Stephen: 2 p.m., Redkey Church of the Nazarene, 801 W. High St., Redkey.

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Skipping meal may not inhibit thought

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Tribune News Service

LONDON — Skipping breakfast or another meal while fasting does not slow down thinking skills, scientists say.

Intermittent fasting, which involves not eating for several consecutive hours each day, has become increasingly popular, with many people choosing an eight or 10-hour window for consuming meals.

A new study published by the American Psychological Association has found the eating pattern is unlikely to cloud most adults’ thinking in the short term.

David Moreau, associate professor of psychology at the University of Auckland and the study’s lead author, said: “While fasting has become trendy over the years, there is widespread concern, often reflected in common sayings like, ‘You’re not you when you’re hungry’, that going without food might acutely impair mental sharpness.”

Discussing the study findings, he said: “We were certainly surprised in one sense, as our results contradict the widespread assumption that fasting inherently compromises thinking ability.

“Across a broad range of

diverse tasks, cognitive performance remained remarkably stable.

“Many people believe that missing a meal leads to immediate declines in mental acuity, but our synthesis of the evidence suggests otherwise.”

Researchers looked at 71 existing studies comparing cognitive performance in healthy adults who were either fasting or had recently eaten.

The studies looked at factors such as memory recall, decision-making, response speed and accuracy.

Published in the journal Psychological Bulletin, the data included 3,484 people.

The time spent fasting each day was across a range, with an average of 12 hours.

“Our main finding was that there is generally no consistent evidence that short-term fasting impaired mental performance,” Dr Moreau said.

“Individuals who fasted performed remarkably similarly to those who had recently eaten, suggesting cognitive function remains stable in the absence of food intake.”

He suggested fasting may also be beneficial for the human body, not just when it comes to losing weight.

“Physiologically, fasting

triggers important metabolic shifts,” he said.

“When glycogen stores are depleted, the body uses ketone bodies produced from fat tissue as an alternative energy source.

“Emerging evidence suggests that relying on ketones may confer broad health benefits, modulate hormonal systems, and activate cellular repair processes linked to longevity.”

The researchers did say there was some evidence that brain performance may be affected after 12 hours of fasting, and there was an effect in children, who made up smaller numbers in the study.

Dr Moreau said: “Children showed noticeable declines in performance while fasting, echoing earlier studies that highlighted the steady cognitive advantages of eating breakfast in younger age groups.”

He said one intriguing finding was that poor performance in tasks often involved those related to food, such as looking at pictures of food or processing food-related words.

“Hunger might selectively divert cognitive resources or cause distraction only in food-relevant contexts, but general cognitive functioning remains largely stable,” he said.

Hidden camera captures cruel comments

DEAR ABBY: My mother is 80 and living alone after my dad passed. Her memory is failing. She recently fell and required shoulder surgery. This wasn’t her first fall; she has also broken her hip within the past four years.

I installed a camera in her den so I could periodically check in to see if she was OK. I didn’t tell Mom about the camera because I knew she wouldn’t agree. My intent was only to be able to check in on her. I try to visit her at least four times a week.

Recently, when I viewed the video, I overheard a conversation between her and my brother. During the conversation, she made a lot of negative comments about me, related to my being authorized on her checking account. Abby, my income is in the six figures, and Mom lives on \$1,400 a month. It was extremely

upsetting because I have tried hard to make sure she had what she needed.

I can’t begin to tell you how much hearing the negative comments she made hurt. My mother has never been a loving person; however, I continue to make great efforts to do the right thing when it comes to her. What is your advice? — DUTIFUL DAUGHTER IN ALABAMA

DEAR DAUGHTER: Your idea of installing the security camera was a good one, considering the fact that she has become accident-prone. Have a talk with your mother. Tell her, without revealing that you have the camera, that you love her but think it is time for your brother to assume the responsibility of taking care of her financial affairs. It will be interesting to see how she reacts to that suggestion. If she is fine with it, you will know it is time to step back.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a grandmother of three and was particularly close with one of the girls. When she was younger, she’d come to visit for months at a time. (We live in different states.) She seemed to change when she was in college. Because I wasn’t hearing from her, I asked her mom how she was doing.

When she heard about my inquiry, my granddaughter got very nasty. She said that I should

ask her if I want to know anything about her and to keep her mother out of it. When I explained that I only asked her mom because I don’t hear from her, she blocked me from her social media and no longer returns my messages or phone calls. I miss her and the relationship we had very much. Should I let it go or keep trying? — HEARTBROKEN IN THE SOUTH

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Your granddaughter may not have wanted her mother nagging her about not having enough contact with you, or she wasn’t comfortable having her mother act as go-between. She also may feel entitled to a private life.

Ordinarily, I would suggest that you write or call her and apologize. However, since she has blocked those means of communication, try putting your thoughts into a letter (with a stamp on it) if you have her street address. If that fails, you may have to wait to communicate with your granddaughter until she grows up enough to recognize that she overreacted.

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DEAR ABBY: If I am aware that a 16-year-old is having sexual relations with another 16-year-old, should I inform the parents? — WONDERING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR WONDERING: The age of consent in New Hampshire is 16. Rather than tell the parents, talk to the teens to be sure they know what they need to know about the responsibilities that go along with sex to help them prevent an unwanted pregnancy or an STD.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

PORTLAND EAGLES — Will meet at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Eagles’ lodge, 320 N. Meridian 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.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Thursday

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

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

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.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL MUSEUM — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Friday and Saturday of each month at Webster Depot, 132 W. Railroad St.

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.



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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday’s Solution

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

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Yellow papers are pieces of history

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Nov. 10, 2010. Jack loved history. The artifacts he was admiring 15 years ago came from a different time, when news stories came slowly from a Teletype machine rather than instantly online. The delivery mechanism has changed; the value of quality news coverage has not.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

Eight yellowing pieces of paper sit on my desk. They're each about six inches wide, but they vary in length where they were torn almost 49 years ago. Are they valuable? Probably not. But they're too important as bits of history to throw away.

My sister Louise dropped them off the other day. She was clearing out some things and recognized the yellowing pieces of paper as mine. Someone, back in February 1962, sent them home

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with my dad, thinking that perhaps a junior high kid with an interest in history might find them interesting. They were right, and I hung onto them.

What are they? The original Teletype reports from United Press International recounting the first orbit by an American around the earth — the Friendship 7 voyage of John Glenn.

As bits of history, they're fascinating. There are sidebars about President Kennedy watching the launch on TV and the reaction from Moscow, which was surpris-

ingly positive given the Cold War and the Space Race that had occupied both superpowers.

There's another sidebar that is a "diary" of Glenn's day in space: "8:25 a.m. — Gantry wheeled back, leaving gleaming white rocket standing alone. Crews started fueling Atlas."

There's a national reaction story with some great color: "One of the largest mass TV audiences was the cheering, whistling, applauding crowd of 5,000 persons who jammed the main concourse of Grand Central Station in New York to watch the liftoff on a gigantic TV screen. Fathers hoisted small children to their shoulders to see the historic breakthrough. 'Go, Glenn boy, go!' shouted Ralph Mathieson, of the Bronx, who was carried away by the excitement."

And there's the first lead on the main story, slugged

URGENT in red ink, by UPI reporter Alvin B. Webb Jr. The dateline is Cape Canaveral. "The United States today launched astronaut John B. Glenn Jr. on a planned space flight around the earth," Webb wrote. "Glenn's Atlas rocket lifted from its launch pad at 8:48 a.m. CST after 10 frustrating delays which had kept the 40-year-old Marine lieutenant colonel grounded for the past two months."

"It was the free world's first attempt to put a man in orbit."

When those words moved over the wire — when they chattered onto a stream of paper on the Teletype at The Commercial Review's newsroom at the speed of roughly 32 words a minute — the success of Glenn's mission was still unknown. It was not a foregone conclusion. Editors reading those words didn't know if John Glenn would come back

as an astronaut hero or go into the history books as the first American lost in space.

Looking back, it all seems a bit quaint. There are probably bigger TV screens in Jay County than the one in Grand Central Station. The UPI is a shadow of itself. And the only place you'll find a Teletype machine is in a museum.

And maybe a museum is where these eight pieces of yellowing paper, bits of ephemera, should go. The appraisers on Antiques Roadshow have looked at similar items and said their value is more historic than monetary. Somebody's hawking Teletype printouts about the Kennedy assassination on eBay, but there are few takers.

At any rate, they're not for sale. After all, I've had them, off and on, for nearly 49 years now. I may as well hold onto them.

SNAP is vital to the nation's well-being

By SINCEREE DIXON
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As a single mother of two, I know what it means to work hard and still struggle to make ends meet. There was a time in my life when I relied on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to keep food on the table.

During that time, I was in college and always held a job, sometimes two. I submitted income reports every month as required to prove my eligibility for this assistance. Despite such safeguards, there remains a false narrative that reduces SNAP recipients to harmful stereotypes, often rooted in racism.

While two-thirds of SNAP participants are children, elderly or disabled, the vast majority of SNAP recipients who are capable of working do so. Many of those who work full-time face low wages and rising costs that make it impossible to get ahead.

Food assistance is not a handout; it is a lifeline that millions of hardworking Americans depend upon. That lifeline is now being threatened.

Due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, SNAP benefits have been disrupted, with only partial payments expected to be issued this month. There is no clear end to the shutdown in sight.

Across the country, more than 42 million people rely on SNAP to meet their basic nutritional needs. Among them are veterans, seniors, working parents and children. Their struggles may not always be visible, but their needs are real and urgent. And now they are being used as leverage in a political dispute.

While those in power continue to point fingers across the aisle, people are going hungry. There comes a time when it no longer matters who is to blame. What matters is that we are failing as a nation to uphold our most basic responsibility, which is to care for one another. And the people bearing the greatest weight of this failure are the ones who are least able to withstand it.

Access to food is not a privilege; it is a human right. The inability to meet that right reveals a moral failing that transcends party lines. When government systems fal-

ter, communities must rise.

We must look out for one another by donating to food pantries, supporting mutual aid networks, volunteering and checking in on neighbors who may be struggling in silence. Even small acts of compassion can sustain someone through their hardest days.

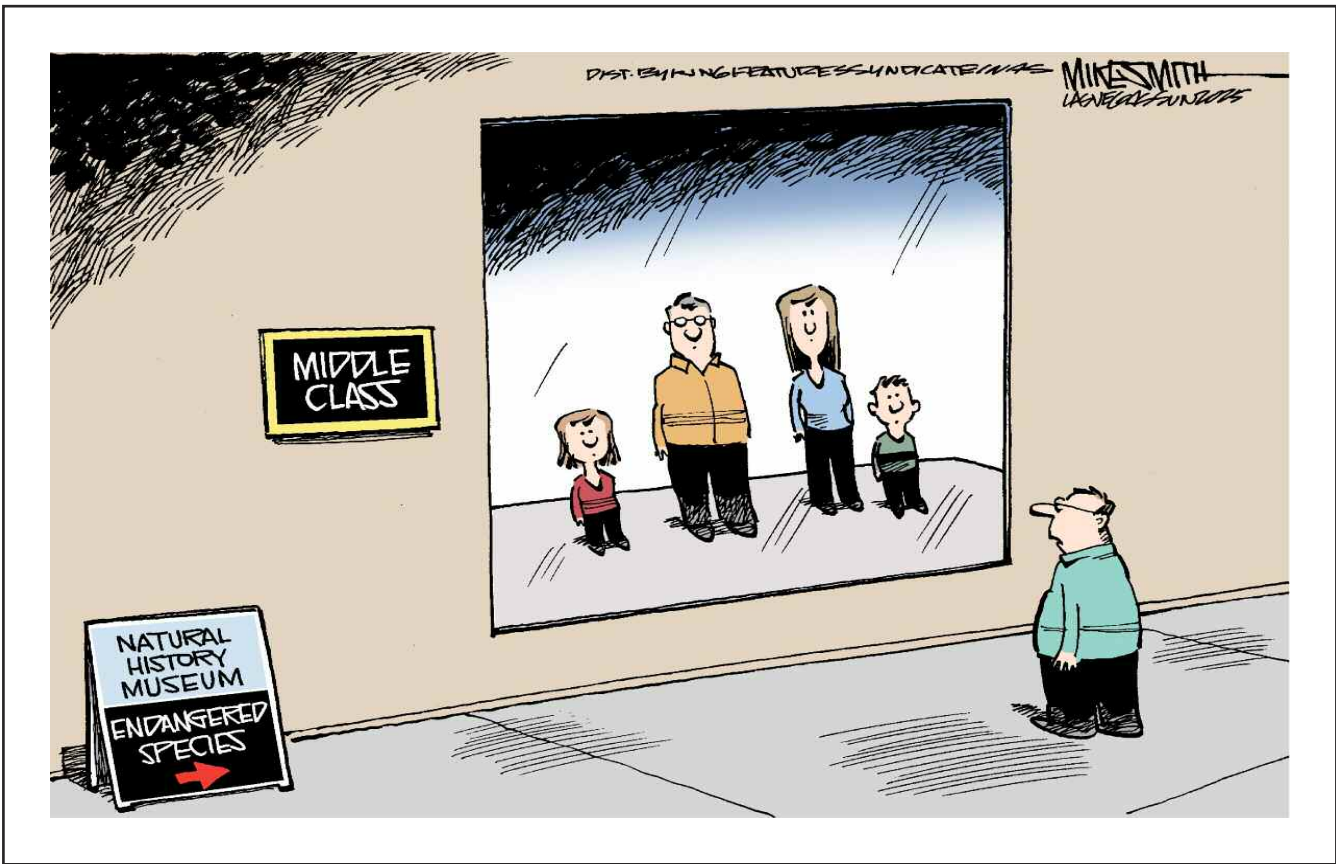
But charity is not a substitute for justice. While we help one another, we must also demand accountability from those in power. We must pay close attention to the priorities of our government, which often demonstrate a blatant disregard for the well-being of the citizens of our country. It is time for our elected officials to be reminded that the government exists to serve its people.

As we all know, the rich keep getting richer while millions of working families live one paycheck away from hunger or homelessness. We cannot accept this as normal. Programs like SNAP are not signs of weakness; they are reflections of a society that values compassion and fairness.

Investing in people through food assistance, health care and education strengthens our democracy and ensures that everyone can live with dignity. SNAP helped me through one of the hardest times in my life and gave me a foundation to build stability for my children. That is not something to be ashamed of; it is something to be grateful for and something worth protecting for others.

We must remind our leaders that government is meant to be of the people, by the people and for the people. The strength of our nation is not measured by wealth or political power but by how we care for the most vulnerable among us. It takes a village, and right now, that village needs to rise up.

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Professional, normal won the day

Chicago Tribune
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The election of the charismatic socialist Zoran Mamdani as mayor of New York sucked up a lot of media oxygen. Most pundits and editors live there and always exaggerate its importance. But when it comes to political foretelling, New York is merely the capital of New York.

Gotham City is its own peculiar beast with particular problems of affordability and Mamdani had singularly weak opposition. Mamdani is not taking over the world. The more telling, if less exciting, results happened elsewhere.

Abigail Spanberger in Virginia and Mikie Sherrill in New Jersey both won their elections for governor by comfortable margins. Neither are anything like Mamdani.

Spanberger is a former intelligence officer with an MBA. Back in 2020, assessing surprisingly poor results for Democrats in a number of House races and declaring them an abject failure, she said: "We have to commit to not saying the words 'defund the police' ever again. We have to not use the words 'socialist' or 'socialism' ever again."

Progressives like Rep. Rashida Tlaib did not like what Spanberger had to say, but the voters in Virginia clearly did.

Spanberger won by 13 points and in her victory speech Tuesday night she said, "We sent a message to the whole world that in 2025, Virginia chose pragmatism over partisanship."

Most winners of elections don't declare themselves the beneficiaries of pragmatism, preferring personally congratulatory rhetoric, but Spanberger did. And she's right about what propelled her to victory: Enough with the chaotic overreach, voters declared. Spanberger saw that clearly. Time at the CIA focuses a person on the realities on the ground.

Spanberger went on to call for members of Congress from both parties and President Donald Trump to work together to end the monthlong

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federal government shutdown, as well they should. Good for her.

Sherrill, for her part, is a former naval officer from a storied military family. She won in New Jersey by 14 points. In her victory speech, she cited New Jersey being one of the first states to choose a motto, nearly 250 years ago: "Liberty and Prosperity." When she asked the audience at her campaign headquarters what that motto was, nobody seemed to know, causing her to call for better civics education. But she stayed with its theme.

"It was a demand for freedom from oppression and a commitment to creating better opportunity and a brighter future," she reminded her supporters after lightly upbraiding them. "Both liberty and prosperity," she said, embracing what once were core Republican Party values, "are essential to democracy." Trump, she said, was backing away from these ideals. It's clear from Tuesday's results that many voters in New Jersey agreed with her.

Obviously, successful candidacies don't alleviate the challenges of governing that can reveal hidden truths and sometimes ruin reputations. We also acknowledge that it's unsurprising that blue states voted for Democratic governors — then-Vice President Kamala Harris won Virginia and New Jersey in 2024. But based on what happened and what was said Tuesday, both Sherrill and Spanberger appear to us to be far superior candidates than was Harris. Keep your eye on their names.

We've said from the start that the only effective way for moderate Democrats and Republicans to defeat the extremes of both parties is at the

ballot box. Tuesday, there was a two-pronged reason to believe that Americans have had enough of Trumpian chaos and his waging of war on American cities. Both winning candidates defeated opponents who aligned with the president.

We hope this is a sign that not just candidates, but winners are plowing a better, centrist way. In so doing, there was a clear message sent to moderate Republicans that their own longevity will require more separation from the current occupant of the White House. As we write, even the Supreme Court is appearing unimpressed with Trump's shaky justification for his beloved tariffs.

The other lesson from Tuesday for Republicans was a clear warning sign.

To the chagrin of his opponents, Trump won his election by doing far better than expected among Black and Latino voters. Tuesday night, polls showed that Democratic support among Latino voters grew by 9 points in New Jersey and by 5 points in Virginia. You do not need to be a pollster to figure out why. Most Latino citizens wanted a secure border and the deportation of criminals but now do not approve of the brutality of Trump's immigration enforcement. Black voters made a smaller but still notable shift back to their traditional Democratic home.

By any standards, this was a bad night for the GOP. Smart Republicans will start looking for reasonable, professional, normal candidates like Spanberger and Sherrill. They could say much the same things and stay within the traditional Republican penumbra. Democrats, of course, need to find more of the same.

So instead of salivating over the possibilities of a socialist mayor wreaking havoc on New York City, maybe GOP strategists should turn their heads south, where there are warning signs that blind Trumpian loyalty is approaching its expiration date.

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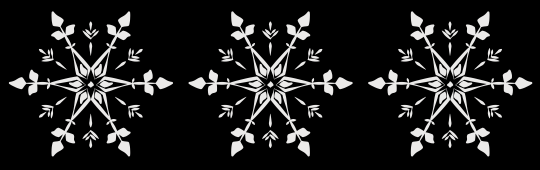
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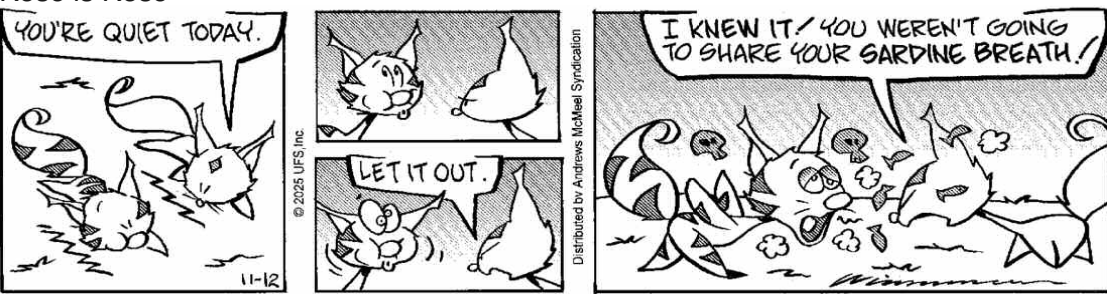
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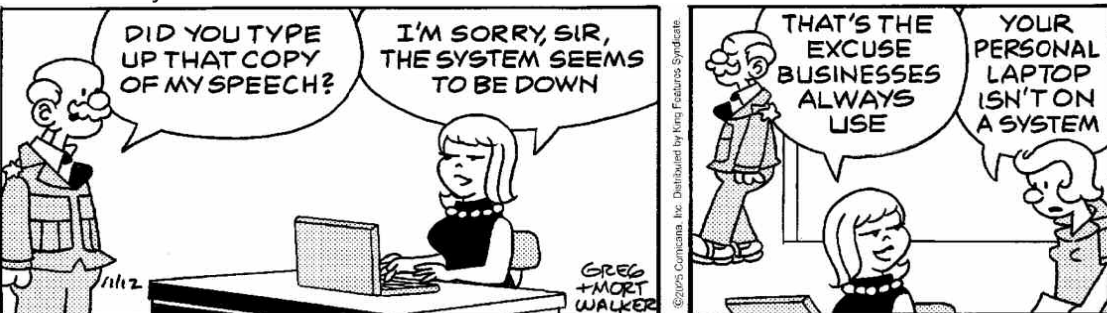
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Top-notch defense

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♦	A K J 5 4	♠	8 3
♥	10 9 3	♥	K J 7 6 4
♦	Q 9	♦	8 5 3
♠	A J 6	♠	K Q 9

WEST
♦ Q 7 6 2
♥ Q 5 2
♦ J 10 7 6 2
♠ 3

EAST
♦ 8 3
♥ K J 7 6 4
♦ 8 5 3
♠ K Q 9

SOUTH
♦ 10 9
♥ A 8
♦ A K 4
♠ 10 8 7 5 4 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 NT
Opening lead—six of diamonds.

The primary goal of a defending pair is to make the most of their combined partnership resources. It follows from this that top-notch defense depends heavily on partnership cooperation. Consider this deal where West led a diamond against three notrump. Declarer won with dummy's queen and played the ace and another club, hoping to catch a singleton honor or find the suit divided 2-2.

But West showed out on the second club, discarding a low diamond on East's queen of clubs. This informative discard indicated that West had lost interest in diamonds, the suit East might otherwise have returned. So East shifted to the six of hearts, ducked by South and won by West with the queen. West then returned a heart, forcing the ace.

Declarer realized that continuing clubs at this point would surely lead to defeat, so he turned his attention to spades, leading the nine. South planned to let the nine ride, and, if the finesse succeeded, he intended to lead the ten next and overtake it with dummy's jack.

Had everything gone as South planned, he would have finished with 10 tricks. But West threw a spanner into the works by covering the nine of spades with the queen! As a result of this inspired play, declarer was able to score only the A-K-J of spades and so finished with just eight tricks.

It is true that South could have and should have settled the issue at the outset by attacking spades instead of clubs, but this does not diminish the credit due East-West for a fine defensive performance from start to finish.

Tomorrow: A problem of logistics.
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11-12 CRYPTOQUIP

AFND QFTQ OGDWF ZI INJTK
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CURQGGJONC OL TJQURQ SZDNQ,
QFNL WKTANC WKTGCN.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A FROG OR A RABBIT HAS MODERN TASTES AND ACTS COOL, ONE MIGHT CALL IT A HIP HOPPER.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals L

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Biting remark
5 Indent key
8 Bloke
12 Mayberry
13 Ginger —
14 Chantilly, e.g.
15 "Muriel's Wedding" actress
17 To be, in Arles
18 Top grade
19 Certain female fowl
21 Glitz partner
24 School org.
25 Fizzy drink
28 Grate
30 Peruke
33 Bird (Pref.)
34 Shades
35 Director
36 Lobbyists' org.
37 Actress
38 Falco
38 Pro votes

DOWN
1 — Raton
2 Per person
3 Streamlet
4 Caviar provider
5 Body art, for short
6 PC key
7 Gridlock sound
8 Traction aid
9 "The Intern" actress
Anne, born in November
10 Farm measure
20 Actor Omar
22 Bone-dry
23 Craze
25 Enervate
26 Eggs
27 "Titanic" actor
Leonardo, born in November
29 Flower part
31 "— had it!"
32 Cooking fuel
34 Adolescent
38 Tickle
40 Connection
42 New Deal pres.
43 Faction
44 Squad
45 "NFL Live" channel
47 Apportion
48 Hammett pooch
49 Crystal gazer
52 Corp. boss
53 Choose

Solution time: 23 mins.

VETS	PFC	ACTS
AMO	LOA	PLOP
NOTEBOOK	LAME	
SAT	ERODED	
PASTA	SWAM	
ULTA	PLAYBOOK	
PSA	COOLS	ROE
SONGBOOK	MAZE	
HELP	JULEP	
EUDORA	TOM	
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Yesterday's answer 11-12

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Tribe needs belief

Indians face juggernaut No. 1 Marion Local in regional semifinal

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The Tribe has quite a tall task in front of it.

The Flyers have the most decorated resume over the past half decade and sit atop the Division VII rankings.

The biggest key for the Indians to pull off the upset is simply believing they have the ability to do it.

The 10th-ranked, No. 12 seed Fort Recovery High School football team will travel to Maria Stein on Friday to take on No. 1 Marion Local in the OHSAA Division VII Region 28 semifinal.

“We have a really great football team on a really long streak that I think everybody knows about (ahead of us),” said coach Wes Wenning. “But it’s a tremendous opportunity. That’s what we’re hammering to our players. Step one is just believing. Believing in our system, believing in our coaching staff, believing in everything that we’re setting in place for Friday night. And then from there, you play the game for a reason, so a tremendous opportunity.”

The Indians (7-5) will need that belief as they go against their Midwest Athletic Conference foe. Marion Local (11-0) has built an outstanding resume that includes the previous four state championships, being undefeated with a 75-0 record since 2021 and a 33-0 record against Fort Recovery all time.

The Flyers have beaten Fort Recovery three times in the playoffs, the most recent defeat coming last year by 68 points. MLHS has also beaten the Tribe in the regional opener 29-0 in 2017 and in 2014’s regional semifinal 35-0.

Fort Recovery has already taken some steps in the right



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Colson Post reels in a catch during the OHSAA Division VII Region 28 quarterfinal at Eastern on Saturday before scoring one of his four touchdowns. The 10th-ranked Tribe will take on MAC rival No. 1 Marion Local in the regional semifinal.

direction. In the two games last season, FRHS fell to the Flyers by over 60 points in a pair of shutouts. In a week 7 loss to Marion Local, the Indians managed

to find the end zone in a 41-7 defeat.

“In that first game, we put our players in positions to win one-on-one battles,” Wenning said.

“Some of those were not won, so there’s a huge emphasis on one-on-one open field. If it’s you and another guy, you’ve got to win. ... There were some positives to pull

from that first game, even though the score might tell you otherwise. Now it’s just cleaning up those fine little details and moving forward.”

Reece Wendel had the strongest offensive performance for FRHS during the regular season matchup. He had 87 yards on 13 rushes and scored Fort Recovery’s lone touchdown in the third quarter.

Outside of Wendel, the Tribe only had 77 yards. Forty-six of those yards came on the ground with Breaker Jutte rushing for 24 and Alex Gaerke adding 22. The remaining 31 yards came from Gaerke’s 6-of-16 performance at quarterback.

“The first game we played, we made a lot of mental mistakes and it was obvious through the first half,” Wendel said. “In the second half, we come out, go right down the field, everybody does their job, and we score a touchdown. If we do a lot of that, we’ll be in a good position.”

On the other side of the ball, Marion Local was able to move the ball in the air and on the ground. Kamden Eifert led the rushing game with nine carries for 109 yards and three touchdowns, while Brennen Hess completed seven of his 12 passing attempts for 130 yards and two touchdowns.

The Tribe couldn’t force the Flyers to commit any turnovers, but did force them to punt the ball once. The defensive unit will need to avoid mental mistakes and cut off the run to give its secondary, which has 14 interceptions this year, a chance to create havoc.

“We need to be more technically sound and more disciplined on defense,” said linebacker Josh Evers. “We had guys not doing their job, myself included, and we all have to rally to the football.

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Thien, Brown lead in opener

MINSTER, Ohio — The Tribe girls lost a large chunk of its roster that made back-to-back state appearances.

But the girls that returned showed they are ready to compete with the best of them.

The Fort Recovery High School girls bowling team opened the 2025-26 season at the Midwest Athletic Conference singles tournament on Saturday at Community Lanes.

Both Deanna Brown and Lilah Thien made the first and second cuts with 548 and 542 pins over three games, respectively. As the No. 2 and 3 seeds, they faced off in the first semifinal, with Thien beating Brown 216-200.

In the championship match Thien fell to Coldwater’s Brittany Burden 208-204. Brown beat Josie Welling of Coldwater in the consolation match 189-164.

Jadyn Wyerick and Liliana Williams both made the first cut as well. Wyerick finished with 445 pins to place 15th, while Williams’ 432 earned 17th.

Claire Gaerke (22nd – 257 pins), Elizabeth Kahlig (26th – 249) and Malia Grisez (35th – 176) all competed as well but didn’t make it the first cut.

FRHS Roundup

LeFevre leads

MINSTER, Ohio — Reece LeFevre finished as the runner-up for the Fort Recovery boys bowling team in the MAC singles tournament at Community Lanes on Saturday.

LeFevre made it into the top four with a series of 681 pins. He beat Coldwater’s Andrew Myers 247-226 in the semifinal match, but fell to Braylon Brown of Coldwater 244-219 in the championship.

Four more Indians made it past the first cut. Ben Vogel and Leland Wilson finished in 19th and 20th with series of 571 and 566, respectively. Garrett Diller (24th – 549) and Kale Diller (28th – 487) also advanced to roll a third game.

Riley Stammen (33rd – 354), Gabe Acheson (34th – 352), Charlie Stammen (45th – 309) and Pete Guggenbiller (53rd – 174) all competed for Fort Recovery as well.

Eagles’ defense gets key stop to beat Packers

By JOHNNY MCGONIGAL
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The Philadelphia Eagles’ dominant defense keyed a narrow win over the Green Bay Packers on Monday night. But before the Packers’ last-gasp field goal went awry — and before the Eagles’ controversial fourth-down decision — Green Bay had a

chance to tie or take the lead.

With less than two minutes to go, the Packers faced a fourth-and-1 at their own 44-yard line. Convert, and they would have needed 20 or so yards for a reasonable game-tying field goal.

That’s when the Eagles’ defense called its shot.

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