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Redkey offered animal control proposal

Town would pay \$7,350 annually for service contract

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

REDKEY — An animal control contract has been proposed.

It's up to the town council to decide if it wants to pay for and continue with the service.

Jay County Humane Society proposed a \$7,350 annual contract for animal control in town during a Redkey Town Council meeting Thursday.

Linda Conn, consultant for the humane society, explained that the organization figured the contract cost using a formula created by the American Veterinary Medical Association. With about 1,100 residents in Redkey, she said, it's estimated the town should have about 162 dogs and 260 cats.

A few folks in the crowd laughed, with resident Billie Hammond pointing out she currently has 19 cats at her home. (She later explained that felines get left at her doorstep.)

"So you probably have more than what those figures say," responded Conn.

Per the contract, which would start Jan. 1, the humane society will provide animal control year-round. (After hours — evenings, weekends and holidays — would be restricted to emergencies only, such as taking care of an animal hit by a car or dealing with an aggressive animal.)

As long as the town has a contract with the humane society, Conn noted, if anyone in town found a stray animal, they would be able to drop them off at the shelter or call to have the animal picked up.

See Redkey page 2



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In the zone

Jay County High School senior receiver Justin DeHoff raises his arms as he rushes to find a teammate to celebrate with after catching a 39-yard touchdown pass on the final play of the first half Friday. His score put the Patriots up 35-7 at halftime over the visiting Blackford Bruins on the way to a 47-7 victory. For more on the game, see page 10.

Exemption OK'd for processing facility

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A custom meat processing facility will be allowed in the northwest area of the county.

Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals on Thursday approved a special exception to allow Alvin Brenneman to operate a custom meat processing facility on the north side of county road 650 North between county roads 650 West and 750 West.

Brenneman explained that he and a handful of other producers are in need of meat-processing capacity for their products that go to farmer's markets. He noted that currently they are combating other processor's schedules and can sometimes not get the products they need.

"It's just come to a point to where we feel like we need to be able to process our own," said Brenneman.

Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn told those in attendance that Brenneman has already been communicating with Jay County Health Department and state officials. A commercial septic system is planned for the operation.

He also explained that granting a special exception instead of rezoning the property provides more control over what could be done at the location in the future.

(The exception applies to Brenneman only. If he were to sell the property, the new owner would need to seek their own exception.)

Answering questions from board members, Brenneman said he expects hours of operation to be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to process about 20 beef cattle each week. He plans to have 10 to 12 employees. There will be no on-site retail operation. See Exemption page 2

Retrospect

County started its own Habitat affiliate

Twenty-five years ago this week, a local branch of a global organization was formed.

The Aug. 21, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about the formation of Jay County's Habitat for Humanity affiliate. Plans at that time were to build a new home in Dunkirk in June 1999 and offer it to a low-income family.

The formation of the group had started more than a year before when a group of local Methodists, including Fred Bailey, Pastor David Smitley and Barry Hudson got together to explore the possibility of starting its own branch of the ecumenical ministry.

Jay County had been a part of the Muncie District for

several years, but had only one house built locally.

"When we learned Muncie was going to build only in Delaware County, we decided to look at forming ourselves," said Bailey, the first president of the Jay County branch. "There are currently seven under construction in Muncie and there is a need in our county."

That initial group got in contact with 64 Jay County churches for their support, leading to a steering committee being formed. The group spent months filling out paperwork and meeting requirements required to join the organization.

"The easy part is building the house," said Duran Balyeat, who led the finance committee. "The tough part is staying in

line (with Habitat's guidelines)."

"Things have taken longer than we planned," agreed Bailey.

Habitat for Humanity had formed in 1976 and required each homeowner family to invest 400 "sweat hours" into the construction of the new home.

Families were selected by the committee based on their need, willingness to partner with the organization and ability to repay the interest-free loan.

The new Jay County branch was in the process of beginning fundraising for its first home.

"We will be accepting donations from anyone and everyone within the next few months," Bailey said.



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Jay County formed its own branch of Habitat for Humanity 25 years ago this week. Pictured from left are inaugural finance committee chair Duran Balyeat, president Fred Bailey and treasurer Bob Bell Sr.

Deaths

Thomas Armie, 61, Dallas
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 73 degrees Friday. Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with highs in the lower 80s. Expect a low in the lower 60s tonight. Highs are expected to be in the upper 80s Sunday and Monday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council have scheduled a special meeting for 11 a.m. Monday in the auditorium at Jay County Courthouse. The agenda includes discussing funding options for projects on the capital improvement plan.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from today's JCHS girls soccer rematch against Heritage.

Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Portland City Council meeting.

Thursday — Results from the JCHS volleyball match against Winchester.



Exemption ...

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Linda and Lawrence Kirkpatrick, who live on the south side of county road 650 North, expressed concern about traffic, noise and the impact on the nearby West Grove Cemetery.
“We’re not really against it, but we do have concerns,” Linda Kirkpatrick said.

Brenneman responded that he expects fewer than 20 trucks per week at the processing facility. Hemmelgarn noted that the planned facility meets the required setback for the cemetery.
After some discussion, Brenneman also agreed that he could place the loading area for the facility on the north side of the building, out

of the site of the Kirkpatricks and passing traffic. He also said he would be willing to limit or shut down operations to accommodate funerals at the cemetery.
Board members Angela Paxson, Steve Ford, Kaleb Hemmelgarn and Marla Lutes unanimously approved Brenneman’s special exception request.

Obituaries

Thomas Edward Armie, Dallas, a former Jay County resident, Nov. 26, 1961-Aug. 10, 2023. A memorial service will be held at a later date.
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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

Sunday 8/20	Monday 8/21	Tuesday 8/22	Wednesday 8/23	Thursday 8/24
88/67	88/65	87/64	89/69	93/69
Sunday looks to be sunny with highs in the upper 80s.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Monday with a high in the upper 80s.	Tuesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies and a high of 89 degrees.	Sunny skies for Wednesday. The high may hit 89 degrees.	Another sunny and warm day on Thursday, when the high may reach 93.

Lotteries

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 5-3-4
Daily Four: 8-9-7-4
Quick Draw: 6-7-8-13-14-26-33-34-37-38-39-45-50-51-52-53-62-67-69-80
Pick 3: 8-2-7
Pick 4: 3-0-8-7
Pick 5: 7-0-6-2-6
Rolling Cash 5: 2-15-20-24-27
Jackpot: \$251,000

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$264 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....5.53
Oct. corn4.73
Wheat5.73

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....5.69
Late Sept. corn5.69
Mid Sept. corn5.43

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn5.30
Sept. corn4.68
Beans13.93

Sept. beans13.08
Wheat5.54

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....5.35
Sept. corn5.15
Beans13.93
Sept. beans13.88
Wheat5.38

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....5.09
Oct. corn4.48
Beans13.83
Oct. beans13.03
Wheat5.53

Today in history

In 43 BC, Octavian was elected consul of Rome. (He was later known as Augustus.)
In 1274, Edward I was crowned king of England.
In 1814, British troops landed at Benedict, Maryland, along the Patuxent River during the War of 1812.
In 1847, U.S. forces started the Battle of Contreras. It was the final campaign of the Mexican-American War.
In 1909, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway opened.
In 1919, Afghanistan became independent from Great Britain, which had controlled the country for 60 years.
In 1934, in a referendum, 90% of German voters approved making Adolf Hitler “Führer und Reichskanzler” (“leader and chancellor”).
In 1972, the Portland Rockets dropped out of the Eastern Indiana Baseball League Playoffs with a 13-9 loss to Yorktown Clevenger.
In 1991, a coup by communist hard-liners briefly ousted Mikhail Gorbachev, president of the Soviet Union.
In 2020, Portland Board of Works met with representatives from Butler, Fairman and Seufert to take another look at the firm’s preliminary study into the creation of a 40-acre detention pond southeast of the intersection between Morton Street and county road 100 North. The pond’s intended use was to detain water during heavy rain events. Thus far, the plan has not moved forward.
In 2022, the Jay County High School football team dominated the Blackford Bruins 41-0, scoring all of its points in the first 17 minutes of the game. Senior Patrick Hemmelgarn needed just 10 seconds to get the Patriots on the board as he returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown.
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Citizen’s calendar

Monday
11 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council joint special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
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. Franklin St., Portland.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Wednesday
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.
6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Thursday
3 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Redkey ...

Continued from page 1
Humane society fund-raising committee co-chair Julie Forcum added that Redkey has had an animal control service at no cost to the town for last two years.
Hammond noted the shelter has had issues with overcrowding and has been unable to take animals.
Jay County Humane Society has been fundraising for several years to create a larger facility and house more animals. Its current building on Shadeland Avenue has 12 dog kennels and a small area for cat cages. In 2022, the humane society purchased the former Fastenal building on Indiana 67 (Votaw Street) on the west side of Portland. (It’s roughly 10 minutes away from Redkey.) Muhlenkamp Construction is in the process of renovating the building for animal control, creating space for at least 40 dogs and 100 or more cats. Humane society representatives have said there is also space to add on or put in additional cages as needed.
Conn said once the building’s construction has been completed — it’s expected to be finished as early as late September — the shelter will have ample space to provide animal control services.
Council member Gary Gardner asked how long the humane society keeps animals.
“We keep it until it’s adopted,” Conn said, with humane society treasurer Mindy Weaver pointing out the organization has been a no-kill facility since it started in about 1975. (Exclusions from no-kill facility rules are aggressive animals that have bitten a human — per state law, they must be euthanized — or animals that are suffering from fatal injuries and euthanized by a veterinarian.)
Council president Erik Hammers questioned if the town would utilize the service up to its full cost. Conn asked if he was suggesting the town pay per animal — Conn had said earlier the contract’s cost comes out to about \$175 per animal. (Using those statistics, the cost for the contract would equal about 42 times animal control is utilized by Redkey or its residents per year.)

“You couldn’t do this on your own,” said town attorney Wes Schemenaur. “This is probably the number two or if not number 1 ... (the) topic that always comes up is, how do we deal with these stray animals? We’ve talked about contracting with people, we’ve talked about hiring somebody, finding a dog catcher, and you couldn’t hire somebody and get them a van or a truck and put up a kennel for that amount of money.”
He added the town would also have to deal with liabilities if it had its own animal control service versus contracting with the humane society.
“This is probably the best solution I’ve seen in 12 or 13 years (in Redkey) of having a regular service that you’re not waiting on somebody coming from an hour away,” he added.

Hammers noted Chance Retter and John Pierce were absent Thursday, and he encouraged the board to table the decision until all members were present.

Council members Hammers, Gardner and Floyd Life agreed to table the matter.

Also Thursday, council signed a \$90,000 contract with Choice One Engineering to conduct a master utility study. Approximately \$81,000 of the cost is covered by a grant from Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs signed by council at a special meeting July 27. Choice One Engineering will inspect Redkey’s water, wastewater and stormwater utilities and put together a plan for tackling utility issues.

Council also gave permission to Gail Moore to get a permit to put a modular home on her family’s field across from her property on Delaware Street. She noted her uncle, Bob Miller, has been sick and would like to move back to Redkey with his wife. The couple moved to Tennessee years ago.

Eley confirmed Moore has a copy of the town’s ordinance stipulating the need for a foundation underneath the modular home and other requirements, and she’s also been in contact with town employee Randy Young about the necessary utility work.

In other business, council:
•Discussed looking into zoning

restrictions, with Schemenaur suggesting they ask to be a part of Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals. (Participation would allow Redkey to apply for grants through OCRA’s Blight Clearance Program for unsafe structures.)

•Met Nate Kimball, the new community development coordinator for Jay County employed by East Central Indiana Regional Planning. Jay County Commissioners approved a contract — it comes out to about \$8,333 monthly over 24 months — with the organization Monday, which included Kimball’s employment. His job includes attending meetings to gather information about possible grants the town could use and qualify for.

•Learned the wastewater plant had a severe leak in the roof in the last few weeks. Electrical issues caused the plant to shut down for several hours Tuesday. Young pointed out he has been monitoring the facility closely since then to hopefully avoid the plant “dying” or when the healthy bacteria needed for the cleaning process would stop working because of the shut down.

•Were informed the town will be receiving a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant, which will allow Redkey Fire Department to purchase 25 new masks and 20 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and 20 additional bottles.

•Heard another request from Gavin Grady to keep chickens at his house. Grady pointed out he has owned chickens for two years and asked if he could pay the town a fee to have them. (Although he has been cited several times, he has not yet been fined for violating town ordinance.) Hammers noted the issue has been voted on by the town board — Friday marked a year since council rejected on a 3-2 vote a proposed ordinance that would have allowed residents to have chickens on their property — and council moved onto the next agenda item.

•Appointed Eley as Redkey’s representative at the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0 regional workshops.
•Paid \$108,551.76 in claims.

Capsule Reports

Children hurt

Two children were injured when a truck they were riding in hit a tree along county road 800 South on Thursday.

Donald E. Ervin, 64, Portland, was driving east on the road near the intersection with county road 800 West when his 2003 Ford F-150 hit a tree in the road. Ervin later told police he didn’t know the road was closed. (According to a Jay County Sheriff’s Office report, road closed signs had been put up prior to the accident.)

Passenger Dustin L. Franks, 12, Portland, had a bruise on his hand and was bleeding from the

other hand, and passenger Chett R. Childress, 7, Portland, had bleeding around his left eye.

The truck was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Ervin was cited for driving without insurance.

Left the scene

A Jay County man was arrested after allegedly leaving the scene of an accident at the intersection of Indiana 1 and Indiana 67 about 3:36 p.m. Thursday.

Blake W. Price, 32, was driving his 2006 Cadillac DTS behind a 2012 Honda Odyssey, driven by 41-year-

old Megan M. Downham of Dunkirk. He crashed into the back of Downham’s vehicle, turned around and left the scene of the accident, according to a Jay County Sheriff’s Office report.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500. Price was preliminarily charged with a Class B misdemeanor for leaving the scene of an accident. He was released on a \$1,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

Felony arrests

Drug dealing

A Muncie man was arrested Thursday for dealing drugs.

Hunter M. Charles, 27, 2111 S. Delawanda Ave., Muncie, was preliminarily charged with a Level 2 felony for dealing methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug and a Level 6 felony

for reisting law enforcement.

He’s being held on a \$40,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Drug possession

A Portland woman was arrested Thursday for drug possession.

Christina M. DeVoe, 44, 639 E. Water St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine. She was released from Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.

SERVICES

Saturday
Williams, Haley: 2:30 p.m.
MJS Mortuaries, Ritenour Cemetery, Ridgeville.
McGraw, William: 11 a.m.,
Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany.

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Legion scholarships

Fort Recovery American Legion Auxiliary Post 345 recently awarded two seniors \$500 scholarships. Pictured at top, Maliah Williams plans to study marketing and business at Sinclair Community College and the University of Cincinnati. Pictured next, Abigail Diller will be attending the University of Saint Francis to study elementary education.

Man annoys partner

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: I've been in a relationship with a wonderful man for two years. He's a minister. He and his late wife used to travel all over the world spreading the word. I'm from a less conservative, more spiritual background. I attend an all-denominational church that accepts everyone. My views on politics are also different from his. He constantly quotes the Bible and believes I'll go to hell if I don't follow the word of God daily. I was baptized Pentecostal at a young age, but that is not something I believe anymore, and his constant preaching is exhausting.

I am a strong woman, and I have voiced how I feel about this. He's the best man I've ever been with. He's kind, considerate, loving, helpful and loves my family. I am recovering from Guillain-Barre syndrome, and he has helped me walk, helped out in the business and has been so good to me. I am now mostly recovered, and everything would be perfect except for politics and religion. Is there any hope for us? — DISCORDANT IN COLORADO

DEAR DISCORDANT: Successful relationships (and marriages) are based on communication, mutual respect and boundaries. This man may be saying you'll go to hell if you don't live the word of God daily — I would love to know exactly what he means by that — but if his quoting chapter and verse repeatedly makes you uncomfortable, living

er any more? — HOT IN SOUTH CAROLINA
DEAR HOT: You have already communicated rationally with your husband. Offer him the option of using a heating pad or a dual-control electric blanket to keep himself warm at night. The other option would be to sleep in separate bedrooms. You need your sleep, and so does he. When people are sleep-deprived, they are not their best selves, no matter what the temperature is.
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DEAR ABBY: I'm a gay man who has been in a relationship with "Jake" for 42 years. We have had many difficult relationship challenges, but we have always stayed together and recently got married. Our current issue is the thermostat. Jake is cold when the temperature in the summer is set lower than 75 degrees. I suggest he use more covers or clothes to stay warm since I cannot do anything more than throw off all the covers and lie there sweating. He insists I'm being unreasonable for wanting to have a cooler bedroom. I know sleep experts recommend sleeping temperatures in the 60-degree range. I can deal with warmer temps than that, but 75 is hot! How can I communicate that he can cover up to be comfortable, while I cannot uncov-

er any more? — HOT IN SOUTH CAROLINA
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DEAR ABBY: We are a middle-aged couple who live together. I have been with "Jack" for seven years, and during those seven years, he held down one job for only three months and then quit. I love him, but I don't believe the feeling is mutual if he can't hold down a job and keep it. He never goes anywhere with me. Jack is a recluse. What should I do? Should I keep him or tell him it's time to pack up and leave? -- FINALLY FED UP IN OHIO
DEAR FINALLY FED UP: I don't know Jack, and you have not listed even one of his virtues. Unless your idea of a happy future is supporting a recluse who refuses to hold a steady job, it's time to sing, "Hit the road, Jack!"
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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Friday
DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.
CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Aug. 18, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

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 SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first

and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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 - BRIGANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

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

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

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

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian 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
JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIGANNA'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.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

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Monday: Main Entrees: Classic chicken sandwich
Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, breadstick Side for all meals: Smile potatoes

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Pepperoni pizza pasta bake, garlic breadstick
Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, breadstick Side for all meals: Seasoned zucchini

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Mashed potato & chicken bowl
Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, breadstick Side for all meals: Seasoned corn

Thursday: Main Entrees: Whole grain waffles, turkey sausage link, breakfast syrup
Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, breadstick Side for all meals: Sweet potato fries, tater tots

Friday: No school

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Arrest shows no one is above law

Idaho Statesman
Tribune News Service

The arrest of far-right activist Ammon Bundy on a months-old warrant shows that no one is above the law and that our justice system can work.

Bundy was arrested Friday night at a high school football fundraiser on an outstanding warrant in Ada County for contempt of court.

Kudos to the Gem County Sheriff's Office for handling this long standoff with patience and tact.

The quagmire has been going on since April, when a 4th District Court judge issued the warrant in St. Luke's

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defamation lawsuit against Bundy, who refused to "participate" in the proceedings against him and was determined to have violated court orders.

It's fitting that Bundy was arrested on a contempt charge, because that's all he's shown the legal system in our state and country.

In his absence, a judge

entered a default judgment against him, and a jury subsequently awarded \$52.2 million to St. Luke's in damages and penalties in its case against Bundy and cohort Diego Rodriguez.

Since the warrant was issued in April, Bundy mostly holed up at his home in Emmett, surrounded by his People's Rights Network followers.

Some of us worried that the situation could have turned into another Ruby Ridge, a North Idaho standoff that turned deadly some 30 years ago.

But the Gem County Sheriff's Office in the Bundy situa-

tion waited it out until deputies had a good opportunity to make an arrest and avoid violence.

Bundy's arrest makes us think of other prominent cases making their way through the justice system right now. Namely, the cases against former President Donald Trump and the case against Hunter Biden, the son of President Joe Biden.

Like Bundy, Trump has routinely called into question the legitimacy of the court system and demeaned judges. Trump has also called into question other foundational institutions of our democracy, such as elections. He faces multiple

charges, including falsifying business records, illegally retaining defense information, and obstruction and conspiracy in connection with the Jan. 6 insurrection.

Hunter Biden faces tax and gun charges and is now the subject of a special prosecutor.

All of these suspects will have their day in court and will be allowed to defend themselves — as long as they show up. But it's imperative that we allow our systems of justice and government to work as they were intended to work.

What all three arrests show is that no one is above the law and that our legal system is working.

Courts won't save planet

By MARK GONGLOFF
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The decision sounds monumental: A Montana court has ruled that climate change is real and caused by humans and that governments owe their constituents' children a clean environment. Surely this will eradicate the last traces of America's climate denialism and accelerate the transition to a green-energy future.

Except ... no. The Montana decision may sound as big as the local sky, but its practical implications are far narrower. It's a win for climate activists, but a small one. Mainly, it's a reminder that the global climate emergency is too complex for any one solution. Few, if any, will be crafted in courtrooms.

The Montana case arose from decrees by the state's conservative legislature that government agencies must ignore climate change when making decisions, such as approving fossil-fuel exploration or new energy plants. This conveniently greased the skids for a new natural-gas plant to be built on the Yellowstone River over the objections of environmentalists and local residents.

A few years ago, representatives for a bunch of kids, today ranging in age from 5 to 22, sued the state over this. They argued that the refusal to consider the climate impacts of Montana's fossil fuel-based economy violated the state's constitution, which guarantees "a clean and healthful environment in Montana for present and future generations."

This week, a judge ruled the kids were right. Environmentalists rejoiced.

But what the ruling means on a practical level is hazy at best. It won't compel Montana to adopt its version of a Green New Deal, as state leaders had warned, or even change energy policy much at all. This is mainly because, in response to many state motions, the judge has winnowed down the relief the kids could seek in their suit.

The ruling also won't usher in a new era of legal action against fossil-fuel companies for polluting the atmosphere. Plenty of those are already grinding through the courts. Ironically, in many of those cases, unlike the Montana legislature,

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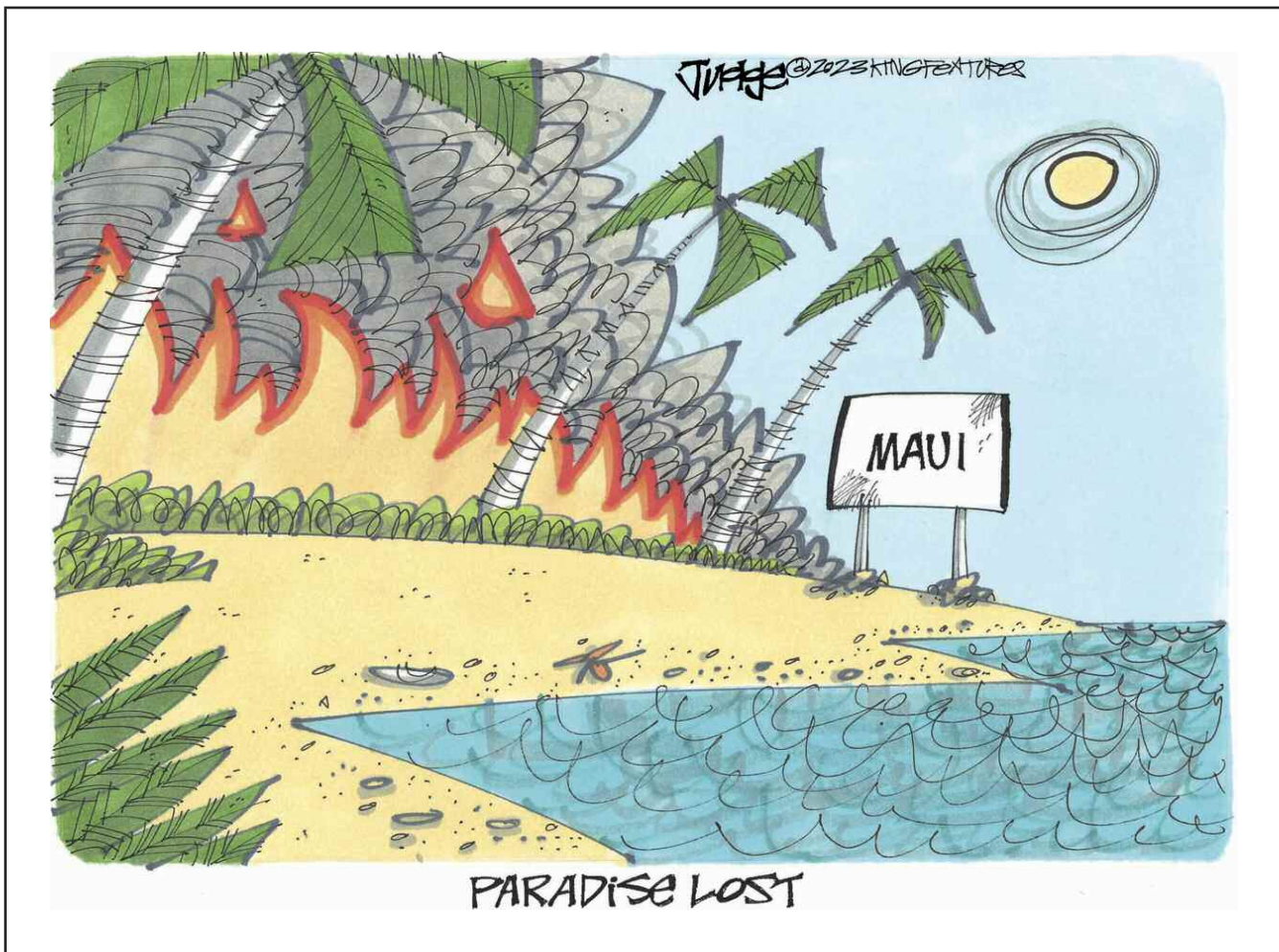
everybody admits climate change is real and man-made — even the fossil-fuel companies. The fights in those cases are mainly about what legal liability those companies have.

What the Montana ruling will do is add to the growing consensus that the runaway emission of greenhouse gases is warming the planet, throwing the climate into chaos and threatening the well-being of current and future generations. It could at least force Montana's legislature to stop pretending climate change isn't happening. It might delay that natural-gas plant a bit.

And though Montana's ruling doesn't have the authority of, say, a U.S. Supreme Court decision, its existence makes life more awkward for any court that wants to take an opposing stance. Michael Gerrard, a Columbia law professor and environmental lawyer, noted there are a handful of other U.S. states and about 150 countries with constitutional guarantees of healthy environments. All could now be taken to court for breaking those promises. If similar lawsuits can at least postpone new fossil-fuel projects, then that's a little victory for the planet.

And little victories are the best anybody should expect from the courts. Most U.S. voters and judges generally agree broad environmental policy and spending are the exclusive domain of elected politicians. So legal activists are chalking up wins with cases carefully tailored to ask for remedies small and specific enough that they don't give judges the heebie-jeebies. Such a suit recently stopped a tree-burning energy plant in Hawaii, for example.

Every little bit helps. Countless bad decisions, big and small, by politicians, companies and voters over long decades got us into this mess. It will take almost as many good decisions to get us out of it. Even small victories add up.



Ohio voters clarify mindset

By MICHAEL LEPPERT
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What a difference a year makes in the American debate on abortion.

In the summer of 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its Dobbs ruling, ending the nearly half a century old precedent established by Roe v. Wade that protected a woman's right to choose.

That ruling empowered states to establish their own laws on the matter. Many did. None were faster than Indiana. Dobbs was issued on June 24, 2022, and 42 days later Indiana passed a near total abortion ban. Every other state in the region is now moving in the opposite direction.

Michigan started it. Immediately after the Dobbs ruling, two things happened to Indiana's north. First, a court blocked that state's 1931 abortion law which became effective briefly last summer. Next, more than 750,000 voters signed a petition to have abortion rights enshrined in the state's constitution. It appeared on the ballot last November and was approved on a 57-43 vote. The issue contributed to a Democratic sweep of state politics there. In April, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed a law repealing the 1931 law entirely.

In Wisconsin, Dobbs reactivated a law that made abortion illegal that was passed in 1849. No that is not a typo. The law there was only used for prosecution seventeen times between its passage and the Roe ruling in 1973, resulting in only five convictions. But the Dobbs ruling made that law effective again, so, as expected, lawsuits there were understandably initiated to challenge it. As a result, the state supreme court and its political makeup became the arena for the fight.

A vacancy was created by a retirement on the Wisconsin court requiring a statewide election there in April. The court had been controlled by conservatives 4-3, but the retire-

Michael Leppert



ment made the ideological split even, and the election quickly became a proxy vote on abortion and the lawsuit over the 1849 law. Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Janet Protasiewicz, the liberal candidate, won by eleven points, flipping the court. The margin of victory is the real shocker here. Wisconsin is known for their evenly split electorate, but apparently not so much when the issue is abortion.

Even Kentucky has been a surprise. The Bluegrass State also passed a law in 2019, modeled after the Mississippi law that was the subject of the Dobbs ruling, and became effective last year. But the Republican legislature attempted to make their statutory total-ban even more safe by adding language to their state constitution to clarify that it did not protect abortion rights. That constitutional amendment was surprisingly defeated in November, 52-47 percent.

Which brings me to Ohio. In 2019, Ohio passed a six-week abortion ban. Dobbs not only protected that law, it gave the state the authority to largely do whatever it wanted. But in Ohio, voters had the authority to put the question on the ballot. It's not easy, but it can be done. And so, it is being done.

Advocates collected roughly 710,000 signatures requesting that the constitution be amended to enshrine abortion rights up to the point of "fetal viability."

In response to the expected ballot measure, and the expected support of it by Ohioans, the Republican-controlled Ohio legislature passed their own ballot initiative. It was designed

to increase the threshold for amending the constitution from a simple majority of voters to a supermajority of 60%. The legislature also strategically scheduled their vote in August, in a clear attempt to drive down participation. It didn't work. Over three million voters showed up in Ohio last week, defeating the question known as "Issue One" on a 57-43 percent margin.

Most believe this is a proxy vote for the abortion amendment on the ballot in November.

Look at a regional map. Indiana is surrounded. In the coming months, even after Dobbs, states to our east, west and north will likely have either protected or expanded abortion rights. Even Kentucky has limited its support of the ban there.

It would be silly to believe that Hoosiers feel significantly different than the neighbors who surround us. Polling data indicates we are more like our neighbors than the Indiana General Assembly is capable of admitting.

This is the theme of our time. The Dobbs ruling is minoritarian. Courts often make rulings that result in policies that fit that description. This one differs in that it empowered states to use its gerrymandered legislative districts and implement laws that voters oppose.

It's minority rule, on steroids. And it will ultimately make for bad politics. In Michigan, Wisconsin and now Ohio, it already has.

Americans, and Hoosiers more specifically, share more in common with our region than our state government on this one. Historically in America, that is what leads to governmental change.

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8-19 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU ARE CUTTING ONE SINGLE SQUARE OUT OF A DESK CALENDAR, ARE YOU TAKING A DAY OFF?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals G

CRYPTO FUN
Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to local fairs.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 3 = T)

A. 11 3 3 23 11 8 3 14 10 21 18
Clue: Rides and games

B. 15 11 1 12 18
Clue: Fun activities

C. 3 14 8 24 12 3
Clue: Use to gain entry

D. 3 4 23 14 26 26 18
Clue: Excited feelings

Answers: A: attractions B: games C: ticket D: thrill

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to fairs.

SEDIR

Answers: Rides

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in Arizona on August 15, 1989. My brothers and I made appearances on hit TV shows like "Hannah Montana" before becoming known as a pop music group. I was the lead singer, but left the group to be a solo artist.

Answers: Joe Jonas

kids' corner

BOOK FACT!

THIS BOOK BY GEORGE ORWELL IS WIDELY READ IN SCHOOLS.

ANSWER: NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Teacher
SPANISH: Maestro
ITALIAN: Insegnante
FRENCH: Professeur
GERMAN: Lehrer

8-21 CRYPTOQUIP

UVZCWPBV SQPBVC DUVB
IVBVQZW IVAQIV DZY YJPWW
GBCVHPCVC AB Z HQGHPZW

PYYGV: "SZJJAB SVBCPBI."
Saturday's Cryptoquip: I IMAGINE A PERSON SHOULD NEVER TRUST ELEVATORS AND STAIRS. THEY ARE ALWAYS UP TO SOMETHING.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals G

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Place for learning
5. Singular
6. Midday meal
8. Display of excitement
9. Period of learning

DOWN
1. Full of talent
2. Units of measurement
3. "Laughing out loud"
4. Educators
7. In charge of school

Answers:
Across: 1. School 5. One 6. Lunch 8. Fuss 9. Lesson
Down: 1. Skillful 2. Ounces 3. LOL 4. Teachers 7. Dean

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

1519: PANAMA CITY, PANAMA IS FOUNDED.
1843: TIVOLI GARDENS OPENS IN COPENHAGEN, DENMARK.
1965: THE BEATLES PLAY TO NEARLY 60,000 FANS AT SHEA STADIUM IN NEW YORK CITY. THE EVENT IS NOW WIDELY REGARDED AS THE BIRTH OF STADIUM ROCK.

New Word

INSTRUCT
to teach

COUNTY FAIR WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS:
ADMISSION, AMUSEMENT, ANNUAL, BAND, BOOTH, CARNIVAL, CORN DOG, COTTON CANDY, ENJOYMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, FAIR, FAMILY, FERRIS WHEEL, FIELD, FIREWORKS, FUNNEL CAKE, GAMES, LEMONADE, LIVESTOCK, LOCAL, MUSIC, PARKING, RAFFLE, VISITORS

Did You Know?

BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL IS THE OLDEST PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE UNITED STATES. IT OPENED ON APRIL 23, 1635.

ANSWER: BEAKERS

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 French Mrs.
4 Serb or Croat
8 Lion's locks
12 Bank account amt.
13 Tower city
14 Grade sch.
15 Branch
16 Disney exec Robert
17 Flower part
18 Classic two-ingredient cocktail
21 Retrieve
22 Jr.'s son
23 Designer Perry
26 Recipe abbr.
27 Salary
30 Bit of lettuce
31 "Unh-unh"
32 "Burr" author Vidal
33 Has permission

DOWN
1 New corp. hires
2 Artist
3 Ticklish
4 Kitchen rack
5 Airy
6 Cruising
7 Floor coat
8 Soccer star from Argentina
9 Sax range
10 Must have
11 Austen heroine
19 Pre-weekend cry

20 Quick swim
23 Shade tree
24 Grazing land
25 Non-clerical
26 Bar bill
27 Luau dish
28 Dadaist Jean
29 "Indeed!"
31 "Black Swan" actress Portman
32 Got bigger
34 Parking place
35 Boob tubes
36 Toyota model
37 Govern- ing gp.
38 Whirled
39 Roll call reply
40 Probability
41 Baja boy
42 Morays
43 Mideast ruler
44 Band-leader Puente

Solution time: 26 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 8-19

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Handle with care

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 8
♥ J 10 9 6 2
♦ A Q 6
♣ K J 4

WEST
♠ Q 9 6 4
♥ 3
♦ J 9 8 3
♣ 10 9 8 6

EAST
♠ J 7 3
♥ 8
♦ K 10 5
♣ A Q 7 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 5 2
♥ A K Q 7 5 4
♦ 7 4 2
♣ —

The bidding:
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
3♠ Pass 4♦ Pass

Opening lead ten of clubs.

A competent declarer never stakes his contract solely on a finesse without first seeking some other approach. He looks for a line of play that will not only give him better than a 50% chance to succeed, but one that might elevate his chances to 100%.

Consider today's deal where South is in six hearts and West leads the ten of clubs. Upon viewing dummy, declarer's first thought might be that the contract depends on a successful diamond finesse. If declarer thinks no further than that and simply takes the finesse, he will go down one, since the king of diamonds is offside.

But if South takes the time to search for other options, he may spot a way to guarantee the slam against virtually any lie of the opposing cards. All he needs is for East to hold the ace of clubs — a veritable certainty since West would hardly have led away from the ace at trick one.

South begins by covering West's ten of clubs with the jack and ruffing East's queen. After drawing trump in one round, declarer cashes the A-K of spades and ruffs a spade. He then ruffs the four of clubs in his hand and his last spade in dummy.

The king of clubs is next led, and when East covers with the ace, declarer simply discards a diamond. East wins the trick, but his fate is sealed. Whether he returns a diamond into dummy's A-Q or leads a club, allowing South to discard another diamond from his hand as he ruffs in dummy, the slam is home.

By adopting this approach, declarer in effect takes a diamond finesse without running the risk of losing it.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Ages and ages
4 Senate broadcaster
9 Blubber
12 Science room
13 Stag
14 Genetic letters
15 Parts of a whole
17 Pac. counterpart
18 British ref. work
19 Like some cuisine
21 Prior to
24 Power co. supply
25 USPS delivery
26 Mexican Mrs.
28 Actress Slezak
31 Russian river
33 Secret agent
35 Un-repaired
36 Pay goddess

40 LPs' successors
41 Messes up
43 Maximum
45 Aloha State
47 "The Matrix" hero
48 Ab — (from the start)
49 Scent
54 Knightly address
55 Flood protection
56 Mork's planet
57 Chiding sound
58 January, to Juana
59 Eggy quaff

DOWN
1 Seasonal helper
2 Rowboat need
3 Cagers' gp.
4 Supplies food for
5 Small burgers
6 Cutesy —
7 A year in Provence
8 Get snug
9 Spanish painter Goya
10 Con
11 Body powder
16 Bill's partner
20 Wife of Zeus
21 Fuzzy image
22 To be, in Arles
23 Basic structure
27 Mimic
29 Children
30 Celeb's aide
32 Turkish currency
34 Born later (than)
37 Tiny amount
39 Sound system
42 Temptress
44 Extinct New Zealander
45 Party giver
46 Alamo rival
50 St. crosser
51 Sine qua —
52 — -Magnon
53 Heart chart (Abbr.)

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 8-21

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
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51 52 53

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8
♥ J 10 7 5 4 2
♦ J 4 3
♣ 8 7 3

WEST
♠ K J 10 9
♥ A Q 3
♦ A 7 6
♣ K Q 2

EAST
♠ A Q 7 6 4 3
♥ 8
♦ K Q 8 5 2
♣ 5

SOUTH
♠ 5 2
♥ K 9 6
♦ 10 9
♣ A J 10 9 6 4

The bidding:
North East South West
2♦ 2♠ Dble 2♠
3♥ 3♠ 4♣ 4 NT
5♣ Dble

Opening lead king of spades.

Without question, the most controversial deal of the 1990 world team championship — and the one that had the greatest bearing on the eventual outcome — was this one.

The deal occurred midway through the third quarter of the semifinal match between Canada and Germany. At the first table, the German East-West pair bid routinely to the laydown small slam in spades and scored 1,430 points.

When the deal was replayed with a Canadian pair East-West, the bidding went as shown. North's two-diamond opening, indicating a weak two-bid in hearts or spades, started a frenetic auction that ended with the German South in five clubs doubled.

West's king-of-spades lead was overtaken by East in order to switch to a heart. The Q-A and a heart ruff followed, and the defenders cashed two diamonds. West still had two trump tricks, so declarer was down six — 1,400 points.

Since the Germans had been plus 1,430 with the East-West cards at the other table, their net gain should have been 30 points, or one IMP. But on the official scorecard approved by both teams, the result at the second table was recorded as 1,100 (the score for down five doubled) rather than 1,400.

The Germans were therefore credited with a 330-point — or 7 IMP — pickup on the deal, and they went on to win the match by just 4 IMPs. Had the score on the tainted deal been recorded correctly, Canada would have won by 2 IMPs.

Overnight, the Canadians discovered the error and lodged a protest. The appeals committee met the next morning and disallowed the protest, ruling that a correction could be made only if the score entered was "manifestly incorrect," and that the given circumstances did not fulfill that definition.

Later that day, the Germans, given a second life, went on to defeat the United States for the title.

Tomorrow: A necessary assumption.
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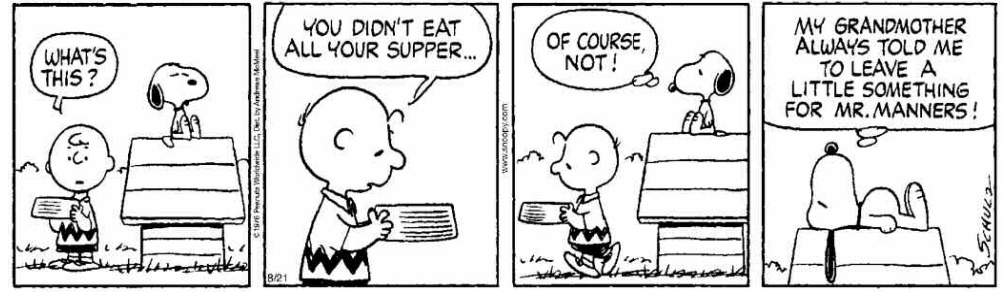
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Peanuts



Peanuts



Rose is Rose



Rose is Rose



Agnes



Agnes



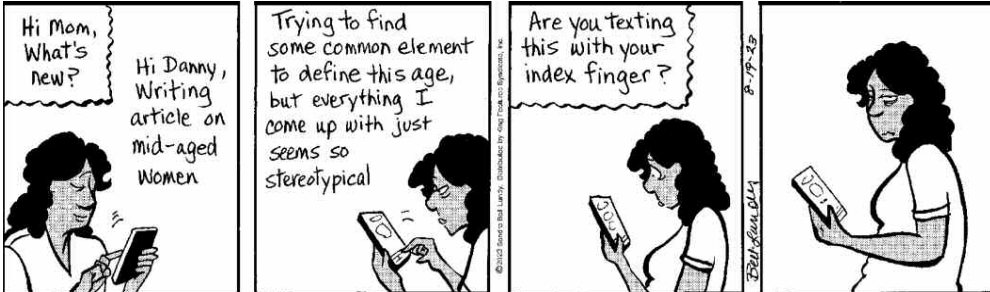
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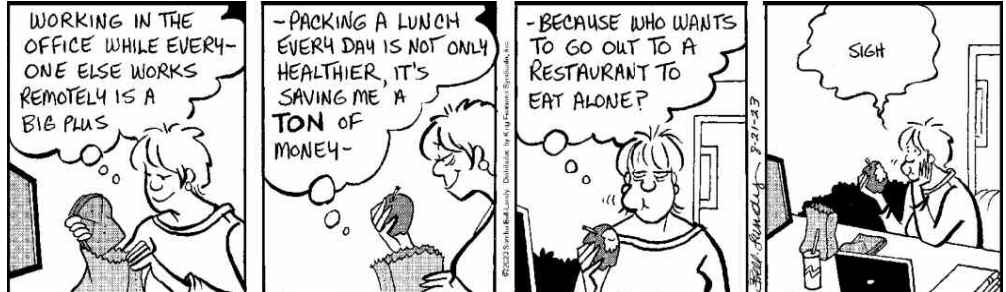
Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Between Friends



Blondie



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Beetle Bailey



We Deliver

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

Laughter

The Commercial Review *We Deliver*

Spikers lose home opener

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

Jay County was lacking belief in previous years. This year's team displayed that belief and kept themselves in their home opener.

The Patriots kept the first three sets close, but it wasn't enough to pull out a win.

Jay County High School's volleyball team kept things close with its sectional foe, the Delta Eagles, before falling 25-23, 25-21, 23-25, 25-16 Thursday.

"I am very pleased with their performance tonight," said coach Amy Dillon, whose team fell to Delta 27-25, 26-24, 25-19 in last season's sectional title match. "For being the beginning of the season and that's a really great team (we played great). I've told them all along, 'You play together as a team, and you get along and have fun. And we'll be teams we're not supposed to beat.'"

The match was largely decided by runs, with one team getting hot and taking a lead from which the other couldn't claw back.

The Patriots' best run came in the third set.

Jay County was down two sets to none. The two teams were trading points back and forth before a four-point run gave the Eagles a 19-15 advantage. The Patriots were starting to unravel and deflate.

A six-point run breathed life back into the gym.

"I've been telling them for four years, 'Just go out there and believe that you can get to any ball and play hard,'" Dillon said. "They did that Tuesday night (a 3-0 win against Madison Grant) and that was perfection ... That's what we told them during a timeout. It's not going to be perfect. They are bigger than us. They're stronger than us. They're going to block us

and they're gonna get kills. And you've just got to play your game."

Setter Sophie Saxman shoved the ball over the net so that Delta's Olivia Morris couldn't handle it, setting the ball backwards out of reach of her teammates.

The Patriots powered the rest of their run with strong defense and a key block from Bella Denton when she stuffed a ball at the net.

Throughout the run, the bench and crowd chanted "we've got a ball game," that energized the team and fans.

The defense held solid during the run, leading to four errors by the Eagles including two double-hits and two balls that sailed far out of bounds. The run ended with the Patriots up 20-19.

The Eagles would regain the lead before Jay County's second run put the set away. Denton started with a block to make it 23-22 in favor of Delta. Denton scored a second time with a tip-kill into no-man's land.

The 24th point came on a long rally. Delta pounded a ball towards the floor, but a clutch dig by Maggie Dillon kept the rally alive. Jay County earned the point with Denton stuffing a ball into the floor.

A double hit on Brylie Tuttle gave the Patriots the set.

The Patriots struggled to hang around in the fourth set, falling 25-16.

The first two sets were close but ended in favor of the Eagles.

Trailing by 19-17, Delta pulled off a seven-point run to help secure the set. The run started with a service error. The Patriots had on hitting error to give the Eagles a point, but the rest came on kills and an ace.

"I think we just have a lit-



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Senior Maggie Dillon attacks a ball during the Jay County High School volleyball team's match against Delta on Thursday. Dillon had 10 kills and 11 digs in the four-set loss.

tle bit more firepower," said Delta coach Kylie Johnson. "I think Jay County did a tremendous job picking us apart defensively. But I think offensively we just have more options."

The Eagles' offensive depth helped carry them to a 25-23 victory in the first set and a 25-21 in the second.

Delta had 55 kills to Jay County's 32, because of four Eagles tallying double-digit kills. Those players were Olivia Morris (13),

Emily Reno (13), Addie Phillippe (12) and Maddie Grove (10).

Dillon was impressed with the performance that Denton and Mya Kunkler did throughout the game as middle blockers. Kunkler is still working up to the speed of varsity but Dillon noted how she was only a slight step off on most plays.

Denton led the team with 10 blocks while adding seven kills.

Dillon was also impressed with the level-

headed play of Brenna Haines, who had 29 digs.

Maggie Dillon led the team with 10 kills while Saxman had 28 assists.

Jay County lost the match, but the players and Dillon had positive outlooks from sticking with a tough opponent and will look to improve come a potential-rematch in the sectional.

"This team works very well together," Denton said. "Our chemistry is really good and that's something we lacked in the past."

FRHS tops Tigers

Eli Lennartz struggled out the gate in 2023. His return to form led the Indians to victory.

Lennartz shot a team-low to power the Fort Recovery High School boys

FRHS roundup

golf team to a 170-192 against Midwest Athletic Conference-rival, the Versailles Tigers, on Thursday at Portland Golf Club.

Lennartz shot a 39, which was four-over par. He shot pars on the 10th, 12th and 17th hole and birdied the par-4 11th hole, and never shot higher than a bogey.

He earned the match medalist, topping Brayden Wagner and Gabe White who both shot 42 for the Tigers.

Nate Jutte also shot a 42 for the Indians (2-2, 2-0 MAC). Jutte's highlight came on the 17th with a three-stroke birdie.

Matthew Romer shot for par once en route to his 44.

Both shooting 45s for the Indians were Reece LeFevre and Alex Dues to round out Fort Recovery's score. The pair combined for seven pars.

Keegan Muhlenkamp's 46 was lower than the rest of the Tigers' scores, but didn't contribute to the team score.

Versailles didn't have enough players for a team score, but Mason Diller shot the best score among all JV players. Diller shot one par and five bogeys in the match to earn a 47.

Reece Evers (48), Colson Post (49) and Sage Wendel (54) all shot better than Versailles top golfer by two strokes or more.

MAC loss

BRADFORD, Ohio — Fort Recovery's girls golf team fell to Versailles 205-228 at Stillwater Valley Golf Club on Thursday.

Olivia Knapke shot the best score for the Indians (0-5, 0-2 MAC) with a 52. It was her second-lowest score of the year, only being beaten out by her 51-stroke performance in the season opener.

Ella Porter earned the match medalist for the Tigers by finishing with 41 strokes.

Eva Kahlig found herself in the score column for the fourth match in a row, shooting a 57 for the Indians.

Marissa Schoen was only one stroke behind Kahlig to shoot a 58.

Brynn Stammen and Emma Will both shot a 61s to round out the Indians' score.

Ella Schoen's 66 did not contribute to the team score.

Tennis falls before rain

Lightning cut the Patriots match short, but the Knights already had enough wins to take the match.

Jay County High School's boys tennis team lost to the Norwell Knights 3-0 on Thursday after the match ended early because of lightning.

Abraham Dirksen faced Grant Mishler at the No. 1 singles position. Mishler dispatched Dirksen 6-0, 6-2.

No. 2 doubles pair Liam Garringer and Luke Muhlenkamp fell to Eddie Archibald and Ayden Quintanilla 6-1, 6-0.

Sam Myers and Gage

Jay Co. roundup

Sims had a 4-2 lead in the second set, but couldn't hold on as Jayden Payne and Jake Hoover came back to win the No. 1 doubles 6-3, 7-5.

Eli Dirksen (No. 2 singles) was up in the second set while Isaac Miller (No. 3 singles) was down when the match ended.

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Quick ...

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Bailey was able to throw for two more touchdowns in the game, both in the first half as well. He connected with Ward for a 15-yard touchdown at the 8:45 mark in the second quarter and found a wide-open Justin Dehoff for a 39-yard touchdown as time expired in the half.

"O-line blocked long enough for me to get rid of it," Bailey said. "The safety was shifted over and he was open."

"It makes it a lot easier to have multiple targets. They are good athletes and they find a way to get open."

Bailey finished 9-of-11 for 135 yards. Four different receivers came down with the ball, including Dehoff (63 yards) and Ward (49 yards), who each had three receptions.

Myers was responsible for the two more touchdowns as well. He scored on a 5-yard rush at 5:40 in the first quarter and 7-yarder with 7:18 left in the third. He attributed the success to the blocking of his teammates.

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—A.J. Myers, JCHS running back

really well today. We got the blocks down and I was able to get outside of them and score," Myers said. "Thank you to our linemen. I mean, they did great today. I wouldn't be able to do this without them."

Myers was responsible for every PAT attempt, as he kicked three through the uprights, two were blocked, one missed and he rushed for a two-point conversion.

The final Jay County score came on a five-yard run by Brown with 8:45 in the final quarter.

The Bruins were short handed in the game, only having 18 players suited up. From there, Blackford saw

several players get banged up throughout the game, with running back Carter Clouse cramping up, center Thomas Bolling coming off at another point and Nicholas Ely being carted off the field on a stretcher after full-body cramps.

"We have to get very creative with how we sub things," Blackford coach Randy Sehy said. "Offensive line wise, the next man up is a freshman, and they knew that, took advantage of it with their blitz game, and then we just struggled with keeping them off our quarterback after that."

The Bruins were able to move the ball on their

fourth and fifth drives of the game. To end the first quarter, they drove 40 yards before a fumble by Soto gave the Patriots the ball.

On their next possession, they took the ball from their 41-yard line and drove it down the field to score. Clouser capped off the drive with a 4-yard rush to score.

Clouser finished the game as the Bruins' leading rusher with 67 yards on 17 attempts.

"What was working as we were actually blocking people for a change," Sehy said. "We're a young team ... they're still getting used to varsity game speed, and things that go on."

The Patriots didn't help themselves on the Blackford's scoring drive, committing two penalties. One of them was an offsides call on fourth-and-10, despite Zgunda calling a timeout and telling his team to watch the ball to make sure it was snapped.

"We've got to be able to focus when we're tired," Zgunda said. "That's easier said than done ... these are things we've got to learn in practice."

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Dirksen fell to Norwell's Bodie Zimmerman 7-6 (6-4 tiebreaker) in the first set with the second suspended at 5-2 in favor of Dirksen.

Miller beat Gavin Reynolds 6-3 in the first set, with the second ending 2-5 at the suspension.

Jacob Monroe was the only JV player to claim a victory for the Patriots, winning 8-2.

JC shut out

MONROEVILLE — The Jay County girls soccer team couldn't find the goal on Thursday, getting shut out by Allen County Athletic Conference-rival Heritage 1-0 in the season opener.

The Patriots (0-1, 0-1 ACAC) will host Heritage (1-1, 1-0 ACAC) on Saturday, as the conference moves to a home-and-home series for the 2023 season.

The only goal of the game was scored by Heritage's Nin Way within the first five minutes of the game. Way was assisted by Ava Smith on the

play. After the initial goal, Angel Clairday went on to make seven saves without giving up another goal.

The Patriots got 11 shots off on the goal but failed to score.

Late comeback

The Jay County JV volleyball team came back from a third-set deficit to take down Delta 25-20, 20-25, 15-12 on Thursday.

Elizabeth Barnett and Maria Hemmelgarn both had four kills to lead the Patriots effort. Not far behind them were Paisley Fugiett and Brenna Schmiesing with three apiece.

Leading the Patriots' defensive effort was Carley Trinidad, who's 14 digs led the team.

Ella Rogby was the lead passer for Jay County, racking up 12 assists in the match.

Over 30% of the Patriots' points came with Fugiett and Kayla Jettmore serving, as they had 10 and nine service points respectively.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Cross Country at Trojan XC opener at Taylor University; Boys tennis at Frankton — 10 a.m.; Girls soccer vs. Heritage — 2 p.m.; Junior High football Jamboree at Union City — 10 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Girls golf vs. Bluffton/Monroe Central — 4:30 p.m.; Boys tennis at Union City — 5 p.m.; JV football vs. Blackford — 6 p.m.; Junior High volleyball at Blackford — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Delphos St. John's at Delphos Country Club — 4:30 p.m.; Girls golf vs. Delphos St. John's — 4:30 p.m.; JV football vs. Wayne Trace — 5 p.m.; Middle School volleyball vs. St. Marys Memorial — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls golf at South Adams at Celina Lynx — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball at Winchester — 6 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. Richmond — 6 p.m.; Boys Soccer at New Castle — 7 p.m.; JV boys soccer at New Castle — 6:30 p.m.; Junior High cross country at Wes-Del/Delta — 5 p.m.; Junior High football vs. Blackford — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Tri-Village at Beechwood — 4 p.m.; Girls golf at Crestview — 4:30 p.m.; Cross Country Mercer County Meet at

Ohio Progressive Sportsmans Club — 5 p.m.; Volleyball vs. St. Marys Memorial — 5:30 p.m.; Middle School cross country Mercer County Meet at Ohio Progressive Sportsmans Club — 5 p.m.; Middle School volleyball at Versailles — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
4 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Australia vs. Sweden (FOX)
12:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Go Bowling at The Glen (USA)
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Shriners Children's 200 (USA)
1 p.m. — NFL: Jacksonville Jaguars at Detroit Lions (FOX)
1 p.m. — MLB: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees (FS1)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: BMW Championship (CBS)
4 p.m. — NFL: Miami Dolphins at Houston Texans (ABC)
6:30 p.m. — NFL: Buffalo Bills at Pittsburgh Steelers (ABC)
6:30 p.m. — MLB: Toronto Blue Jays at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — NFL: Chicago Bears at Indianapolis Colts (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — NFL: Tampa Bay Buccaneers at New York Jets (CBS)

8 p.m. — UFC: UFC 292 (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NFL: Dallas Cowboys at Seattle Seahawks (FOX)

Sunday
6 a.m. — Women's World Cup: England vs. Spain (FOX)
12 p.m. — Basketball: German vs. USA (FOX)
1:30 p.m. — MLB: Toronto Blue Jays at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
2 p.m. — PGA Tour: BMW Championship (CBS)
2 p.m. — Motorsports: ARCA Menards Series (FS1)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Go Bowling at The Glen (USA)
4 p.m. — USGA: U.S. Amateur Open (NBC)
7 p.m. — NFL: New Orleans Saints at Los Angeles Chargers (CBS)
7 p.m. — MLB: Philadelphia Phillies at Washington Nationals (ESPN)

Monday
1:30 p.m. — World Athletic Championships (USA)
8 p.m. — NFL: Baltimore Ravens at Washington Commanders (ABC)
9:30 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Los Angeles Angels (Bally Indiana)

Tuesday
12:40 p.m. — World Athletics Championships (USA)
7 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Las Vegas Aces at Atlanta Dream (FOX)
9:38 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Los Angeles Angels (Bally Indiana)
11:06 p.m. — Soccer: Liga MX — Pumas UNAM vs. Juarez (FS1)

Local notes

Adams Memorial Hospital 5K
The Worthman Fitness Center and the Diabetes Education Team of Adams Memorial Hospital will host the "Catch Your Breath ... while you Dash for Diabetes 5K Run/Walk" on Sept. 9 in cooperation with Adams County Parks and Recreation.
Pre-registration is open for \$20 through Friday, Sept. 1 at which point the entry fee will be raised to \$25.
Participants may also sign up at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 9 at the Adams Memorial Hospital under the Cancer Institute terrace.
For more visit adamscounty5kchallenge.com or contact Macy Jauregui at (206) 724-2145 ext. 11036.

Hunt applications
Beginning Aug. 20, hunters can apply for a

variety of reserved hunts by visiting on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

Applications for the following hunts can only be applied for online. They include waterfowl and deer hunts in fish and wildlife areas, deer hunts on state park property, November game bird area hunts, Indiana private land access hunts, and December game bird area hunts.
Applications are due Sept. 24 by 11:59 p.m.

JC season tickets
Season tickets are available for the 2023-24 Jay County high school season. Tickets may be purchased during the school's office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Patriots Passes and Senior Patriot Passes that provide admission to all high school and junior high events will be available. They cost \$105 and \$60 respectively.

Also available are super tickets. High school adult super tickets cost \$80, junior high super tickets come out to \$60 and senior super tickets are \$45.

A pre-paid sports pass that is good for 12 regular season events may be purchased for \$50 as well.

Boys basketball and football season passes will cost \$50 and \$25 respectively.

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Fort Recovery falls against host Raider, see story below

JC spikers fell to sectional champs, see story page 8

Sports

Quick to score

Two one-play touchdown drives highlighted first half as Jay County rolled to 47-7 victory over the Bruins

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

It is typically a bad thing if your defense spends a large amount of time on the field.

For the Patriots, it was a good sign that their offense was able to score in so few plays.

The Jay County High School football team's offense was executing at a high rate during its 47-7 win in the season opener against the Blackford Bruins on Friday.

In the first half, the Patriots only had to run 16 plays to score five touchdowns for 35 points.

"I thought execution wise offensively we were pretty good," JCHS coach Grant Zgunda said. "I don't think we ran many plays. Most of our plays came in that last (14 minutes) when (Leighton) Brown was running the ball."

Two of Jay County's first-half drives took only one play. A 37-yard punt return by Benson Ward set the Patriots up nicely at Blackford's 14-yard line. Quarterback Sean Bailey handed the ball to A.J. Myers, who waltzed into the end zone for the first score of the game with 8:18 remaining in the first quarter. Myers also kicked the extra point.

The Patriots' third drive also required just one play to reach paydirt. Joe Hemmelgarn scooped the football up off of a Donovan Soto fumble to put Jay County 19 yards away from the goal line. This time, Bailey went to the air. He lofted the ball up to the back right corner of the end zone, where Ward laid out to snag the ball for the score at 4:24 in the first.

"We had some things open throwing the ball," Zgunda said. "Sean was on and he really threw the ball well tonight."

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Benson Ward, a Jay County High School junior, snags a 15-yard touchdown pass from Sean Bailey in front of Blackford's Tyler Jordan during the second quarter Friday. Ward caught three passes for 49 yards and two touchdowns as the Patriots opened 2023 with a 47-7 victory.

Box score

Jay County Patriots (1-0)
vs. Blackford Bruins (0-1)

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First Quarter

JC — A.J. Myers 14 run (Myers kick), 8:18.

JC — Myers 6 run (Myers kick), 5:40.

JC — Benson Ward 19 pass from Sean Bailey (kick failed), 4:24.

Second Quarter

JC — Benson 15 pass from Bailey (Myers kick) 8:45.

B — Carter Clouse 4 run (Grant Ridgway kick), :50.7.

JC — Justin DeHoff 39 pass from Bailey (Myers kick), :00.

Third Quarter

JC — Myers 7 run (kick blocked), 7:18.

Fourth Quarter

JC — Leighton Brown 5 run (kick failed), 9:00.

Team Statistics

	B	JC
Rushes - yds	33-78	29-158
Comp-Att-Int	3-7-0	9-11-0
Passing yds	95	134
Total Plays	40	40
Total Offense	173	293
Punt ret - yds	2-60	2-52
Kickoff ret - yds	4-46	1-34
Ints - yds	0-0	0-0
Fumbles - lost	7-3	0-0
Penalties - yds	6-30	8-45

Individual Statistics

Rushing — Blackford — Carter Clouse 17-67, Nicholas Ely 7-23, Daethyn Wainwright 3-3, Brady Bannister 2-0, Donovan Soto 4-(15). Jay County — A.J. Myers 12-80, Leighton Brown 13-40, Justin DeHoff 1-20, Sean Bailey 3-18.

Passing — Blackford — Donovan Soto 2-6-0 49, Tyler Jordan 1-1-0 46. Jay County — Sean Bailey 9-11-0 135.

Receiving — Blackford — Carter Clouse 2-49, Grant Ridgway 1-46. Jay County — Justin DeHoff 3-63, Benson Ward 3-49, Ben Crouch 2-14, Nicholas Laux 1-9.

Tribe drops tight opener

Wayne Trace holds off FRHS for 2nd year in a row

HAVILAND, Ohio — The Indians had dominated the second quarter.

The Raiders, though, were able to salvage the period from disaster with a Kyle Stoller touchdown pass to Tucker Antoine in the final minute of the half.

The momentum carried over.

Fort Recovery High School's football team allowed two more touchdown passes to Stoller in the third quarter and could not recover Friday in a 32-30 loss to host Wayne Trace.

It marked the second year in a row that the Tribe had dropped a tight game to the Raiders following an 18-14 defeat last season at Barrenbrugge Athletic Park. The loss last year was the first non-Midwest Athletic Conference defeat for Fort Recovery since 2019 and its first opening-night loss since 2009.

After giving up a pair of TDs in the opening quarter, the Indians (0-1) rallied with 22 consecutive points in the second. But Stoller's 5-yard pass to Antoine close Wayne Trace's deficit to 22-18.

Stoller found Dylan Hildebrand for a 10-year TD less than a minute and a half into the second half and then connected with Jude Stoller for a 56-yard score to push the Raiders lead to 32-22.

Fort Recovery had a chance after pulling to

within two points on an Ethan Hartnagel 7-yard touchdown run and 2-point conversion early in the fourth quarter but couldn't muster any more points.

Kyle Stoller completed 14-of-24 passes for 215 yards and three TDs while added 53 yards on seven carries for Wayne Trace. Jude Stoller (70 yards), Brady Miller and Antoine all had three receptions, and Antoine chipped in a team-high 56 rushing yards on 13 attempts.

The Raiders (1-0) scored their first two TDs on the ground. Antoine toted in a 4-yard TD for the first points of the game and Jordan Lotz added a 4-yard scoring run with one second remaining in the first period.

Fort Recovery's second-quarter comeback featured Troy Homan, who made the move from running back to quarterback this year. He recorded the Tribe's first points of the season on a 1-yard run at the 9:41 mark of the second quarter and added a 2-point conversion. He scored again on a 2-yard run less than a minute and a half later and then hit Reece Guggenbiller with a 2-point conversion pass. The visitors pushed their lead to 22-12 with a Homan 11-yard TD pass to Reece Wendel before getting outscored 20-8 the rest of the way.

Homan ran for 96 yards on 25 attempts and was 18-of-28 passing for 181 yards, one touchdown and a pair of interceptions. Gavin Evers had seven catches for 60 yards. Owen Knapker's nine tackles led the FRHS defense.

The Indians will return home Friday to take on Urbana.



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