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Schwartz died in accident Thursday

Rural Portland man's buggy was struck on Indiana 18

A rural Portland man died after a vehicle crash Thursday on Indiana 18.

Harley J. Schwartz, 22, sustained a fatal head injury after a Peru woman hit the back of his horse and buggy with her vehicle, causing him to be thrown from the vehicle, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.

Deborah D. Houser, 74, was driving her 2013 Chevrolet Equinox west on the highway near county road 50 East behind Schwartz when she struck the buggy.

The impact threw Schwartz from the buggy. He was unconscious when responders arrived, according to the report, and was flown to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he died.

Houser told police she didn't see Schwartz on the road. She was taken to IU Health Jay for a drug and alcohol blood test with results pending from Indiana Department of Toxicology.

Her vehicle was towed, with damage estimated at more than \$100,000.

TPF awards to 77 students

Summer scholarships total more than \$150,000

Students will receive more than \$150,000 in scholarships.

The Portland Foundation on Friday announced that it has awarded 77 students a total of \$153,371 during its summer scholarship cycle.

Logan McGinnis and Gabi Paxson were selected for the largest of the scholarships. They will each receive a \$5,000 Fred M. and Elizabeth L. (Hudson) Stultz Scholarship for Jay County residents who are juniors or seniors pursuing a degree in agriculture or veterinary science.

The Jerry R. Pierce Memorial Scholarship for employees and descendants of employees of Accelerated Curing went to Chase McFarland and Kindell Welker at \$3,500 each.

Connor Davis, Mitchel Frasher, Candler Hedges, Tayler Smeltzer and Katy Smeltzer were each selected to receive \$3,000 Dr. Ara C. and Gay B. Badders Medical Scholarships for Jay County graduates majoring in a doctoral medical program.

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Popular engine



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An Allison V-1710 engine displayed by Ted Pinkerton of Bippus at the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Show was drawing a steady stream of visitors Friday morning at Jay County Fairgrounds. Most were stopping to ask Pinkerton a version of the same question: "When's the next time you're gonna run this?"

WWII airplane engine a big draw

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

There are hundreds of exhibitors and tens of thousands of items to peruse.

Still, Ted Pinkerton's display was drawing a crowd.

The Allison V-1710 engine the Bippus resident has on display at this week's Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Show was consistently surrounded by enthusiasts, many stopping to ask questions.

The most common: "When's the next time you're gonna run this?"

Pinkerton responded that he was going to put up a schedule. Before he got a chance to do so, he was asked the same question at least two more times.

"I just make noise and burn gas," he joked.

Pinkerton has been coming to the Tri-State show since 1972, but this is his first trip with the Alli-

son V-1710 and just the second time he has displayed the piece. (The first was earlier this year at the Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Association show in Allen County.)

He picked up the engine — he got it from "an undisclosed museum" in Indiana — to do exactly what he's doing this week. Given that the previous piece he had on his trailer was just a "junk tractor pull engine" and still drew a lot of buzz, he said he felt the Allison 1710 would be popular.

The engine is a V-12 with 1,500 horsepower. It was the right-hand engine for a Lockheed P-38 Lightning.

"This is a genuine World War II," Pinkerton said. "This thing hadn't been ran since 1944.

"Few people get to see one run up this close."

Though the engine hasn't required a lot of work, there was

still a time when Pinkerton wasn't sure he would get it running.

The biggest issue?

"The hard part was getting it so I could turn it," said Pinkerton. "It hadn't turned for so long."

Pinkerton explained that it had been filled with cosmoline, a corrosion inhibitor. It was used heavily by the military to protect equipment from rust and corrosion.

To try to loosen it up, he soaked the cylinders with jet fuel. No luck.

He tried it with a starter. Nothing.

Then he had a friend hang on the propeller — it is cut down from a Douglas DC-3 for display purposes — while trying the starter. It moved, a little. But it was enough for him to know it would work.

"It's virtually a new engine," he said.

Pinkerton grew up on a farm in Bippus in northern Huntington County, learning to fly at a 2,500-foot grass runway about 4 miles from home. He built and flew model airplanes as a child.

"I've always liked this kind of stuff," he said. "Of course we always had all kinds of machinery. I was driving tractors, working on stuff. I always had a fascination with airplanes."

He went to Purdue University and then worked at Fort Wayne Air Service after college and started rebuilding North American P-51 Mustangs with a friend. They also raced the planes.

He spent about 40 years as a corporate pilot, flying Learjets, Challengers, Gulfstreams and the like.

"One thing just kind of led to another and here I am," said Pinkerton.

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Motown sounds

From left, The Motown Sounds of Touch performers Shayne Smith, Floyd Weatherspoon, Jelani Stokes and Arthur Stokes sing Thursday at Hudson Family Park in Portland. The group out of Dayton, Ohio, played hits from popular artists such as Earth, Wind and Fire, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, The Jackson 5 and The Temptations.

Deaths

Joseph Bruns, 53, Fort Recovery

Larry Teegarden, 86, Portland

Mary Cook, 95, Hartford City

Harley Schwartz, 22, rural Portland

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 84 degrees Friday.

Skies will be mostly cloudy today with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms early. Tonight's low will be in the upper 50s. The highs will be in the mid 70s Sunday and Monday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Win on the Wabash super raffle concludes today at Ambassador Park in Fort Recovery.

Events kick off with the national anthem at 11:55 a.m. with drawings beginning at noon. Live music is scheduled throughout the day, concluding with a performance by Tracy Byrd at 10 p.m.

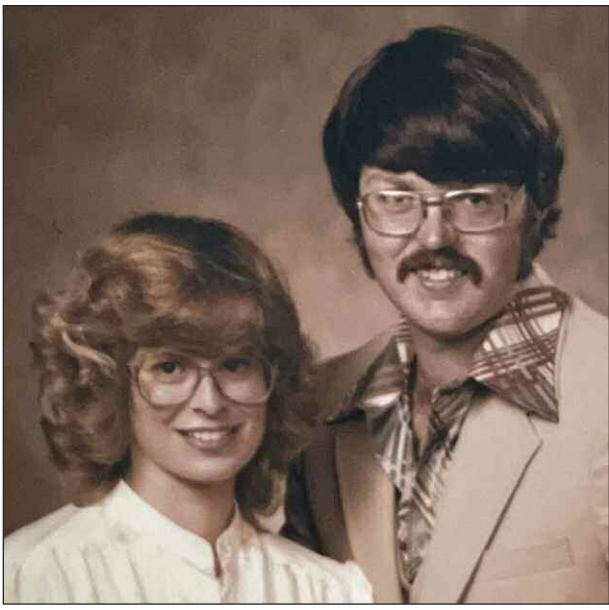
Coming up

Tuesday — Results from today's JCHS soccer double-header against Woodlan.

Wednesday — Coverage of Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting.



50th anniversary



Linda and David Lowe - 1973

Linda and David Lowe

The Lowes are celebrating 50 years of marriage today. David Lowe and Linda Horn wed Aug. 26, 1973, at Oak Grove United Methodist Church. They have three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A celebration has been planned for today with family.



Linda and David Lowe - 2023

Cousin's thirst for beer creates a risk

DEAR ABBY: A cousin I hardly know (he's 20 years older than I am and has lived hundreds of miles away my entire life) was visiting. He offered to drive me to his brother's house out in the country, about 30 miles from here, for dinner.

The last 15 miles were on narrow country roads. Five miles from our destination, he stopped to buy beer. As we drove off, he asked his girlfriend to pop one open for him and he drank it while he was driving. It never occurred to me that he, a well-off professional, would do something so stupid.

If this were to happen again, I think I would politely ask, "Would you please wait until you're not behind the wheel?" If he were unresponsive, I would add (truthfully), "I lost a friend to someone who drank and drove, so I would really prefer

Dear Abby



that you don't." However, had he refused, I would have been in a bind.

I don't want to be in a car with a drinker, and I wasn't in a position to get out of the car. As noted, we were in the middle of nowhere, and I don't have a smartphone, so I couldn't have ordered an Uber or searched for nearby taxi service. Now I know never to accept a ride unless I've been clear (in a cordial way) with the driver ahead of time — but in that situation, what could I have done? — UNHAPPY PASSENGER IN MARYLAND

DEAR PASSENGER: You have learned an important lesson. Other than to voice your discomfort, there was nothing you could have done. The best way to get out of a jam is not to get into one in the first place. In the future, if this person offers you a ride, take your own car and follow.

P.S. PLEASE consider getting a smartphone — for safety purposes.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter married her second husband in 2004. Because I was having cancer treatments with all the side effects, I didn't go to her wedding. Fast-forward to 2011. My granddaughter (her daughter) got married two weeks after I had another cancer surgery. I missed that milestone, too, and both of them hold this against me! My daughter told me she would crawl on her

belly to go to HER daughter's or granddaughter's wedding.

I have never met my great-granddaughter or my granddaughter's husband, and she hasn't spoken to me in almost 10 years. I don't understand why.

Am I wrong to think they are unreasonable, or should I have dragged myself to the weddings anyway? They have never asked how I am doing healthwise, despite the fact I had heart surgery for a double aortic aneurysm and aortic valve replacement two years ago.

My daughter recently told me she has tried very hard to have a relationship with me. I blurted out, "When?" Abby, what's your take? — KICKED WHEN DOWN IN TEXAS

DEAR KICKED: My take is that your daughter does not/did not understand how debilitating some cancer

treatments can be and resents your not attending her wedding. If I had to guess, her resentment has had a lot to do with your granddaughter's attitude toward you.

I suspect there were problems between you and your daughter that preceded her marriage and contributed to the rift. Because you can't change the past, my advice is to concentrate on building emotionally satisfying relationships with others, because neither of these individuals seems inclined to cut you any slack.

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 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.

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.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRINNA'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 BREAK-

FAST 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

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-

ANNA'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.

Wednesday

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

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

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools Aug. 28 - Sept. 1

Monday: Main Entrees: Classic cheeseburger in bun
Alternate Entrees: PB&J and cheese fun lunch, ham & cheese salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** French fries

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Beef nachos **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lunch, ham & cheese salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** Vegetarian refried beans

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Italian meatball sub **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lunch, ham & cheese salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** Herb roasted potatoes

Thursday: Main Entrees: Turkey corn dog **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lunch, ham & cheese salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** Steamed broccoli florets

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic cheese pizza **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lunch, ham & cheese salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** Savory green beans

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Benefit showed community's love

To the editor:

On Aug. 19, Jay County was blessed with a perfect day in oh so many ways.

First off, The Good Lord himself looked down and blessed us with picture perfect weather.

Then, beginning at 11 a.m., the registration began in Redkey at Val's Bar and Grill for a charity benefit ride for a beautiful young lady fighting cancer for the second time in her life.

Eighty-nine bikes, and several cars, registered for the ride.

Letters to the Editor

Sincere thanks go out to far too many to mention here, but here are the highlights:

Val's Bar and Grill, Redkey
The Mississinewa Tavern
Tavern, Eaton
High Street Bar, Montpelier

Kuhn's Den, Geneva
The Greazy Pickle, Portland
Moose Lodge #1352, Dunkirk
Many individuals and businesses also donated to this worthy cause.

A very special and sincere thank you to the Redkey Police Department, Eaton Police Department, Montpelier Police Department, Portland Police Department and Jay County Sheriff's Office for their invaluable assistance in escorting us and keeping us safe.

In closing, far too many to list here donated time, labor, goods and money to this event. The total raised exceeded \$5,000 for our beneficiary.

This event is a shining example of exactly what living in a small community is all about. Perhaps this sums it up as well as anything else:

The beautiful young lady was going around thanking everyone and was overwhelmed with emotion at the outpouring of support.

Duane Herman, the host of

this event replied, and I quote, "No thanks are necessary, because we love you!"

I couldn't possibly have said it better.

No thanks are needed when it's done out of love, and this feeble writer can assure you that I witnessed something very special on Saturday. Right here in Jay County and Redkey, Indiana, that makes me very proud of our community.

Respectfully,
James D Fulks III
Dunkirk

Reports prove need for oversight

The Free Press
(Mankato, Minnesota)
Tribune News Service

Why it matters: Inspection reports of facilities that house ICE detainees reveal that much more oversight is needed.

Public documents that took years to obtain paint a disturbing picture of the state of immigrant detention centers in the U.S.

A National Public Radio News probe uncovered more than 1,600 pages of reports on ICE detention centers detailing allegations of "barbaric" and "negligent" mistreatment of detainees.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, has numerous centers spread across the country as well as contracting with county jails to house detainees. The detainees aren't there for criminal reasons but on civil grounds.

ICE says the centers are to house noncitizens to secure their presence for immigration proceedings or removal from the U.S. or those that it determines are a public safety or flight risk during the custody determination process. As ICE's website states, detention is non-punitive.

But for many detainees, the conditions and treatment outlined in the inspection reports make clear they are treated not only as prisoners but as poorly cared for or abused animals.

In one facility, a nurse ignored a detainee who urgently asked for an inhaler to treat his asthma. In another, a detainee was sent into a jail's general population with an open wound — no bandages — still with surgical drains in place. Jail staff at one facility was locking mentally ill detainees in restraint chairs without justification and using pepper spray when it was not warranted.

And make no mistake that these are not just centers on the U.S.-Mexico border that have gotten recent publicity. NPR's investigation included a 2019 inspection report of the Sherburne County Jail in Elk River that contained troubling observations. "Jail Staff place detainees on a 23-hour lockdown in housing units without a due process hearing." Transgender detainee reports being "harassed and tormented." A number of notes were about conditions, including "There is a lack of general cleaning with dirty floors and drain covers." And this one about leadership:

Guest Editorial

... the conditions and treatment outlined in the inspection reports make clear they are treated not only as prisoners but as poorly cared for or abused animals.

"The Sherburne Jail Commander does not maintain immediate use of force videos for a minimum of 30 months."

It's clear that access to the reports and examination of the information are crucial to shedding light on what is going on in these facilities. And it shouldn't have been so difficult to obtain the information.

NPR filed a Freedom of Information, or FOIA, request in 2019 to get the inspection reports, but the government refused to turn them over. Eventually, after going through the appeals process, NPR filed a lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security in September 2020. Two years later, a judge ruled that the Biden administration had violated FOIA and ordered release of the files. The government finally provided the documents in spring 2023. Even then, 600 pages were initially omitted.

The inhumane methods in the detention centers and jails are unacceptable and act as concrete evidence of why public scrutiny of government is so crucial. Although the detention centers are typically run by private for-profit entities, the U.S. government is ultimately responsible for people in their care.

Oversight by the administration must be stepped up and access to the records must be made more readily available — not years after too many lives have been affected or in some cases lost.



Arguing gets in our way

By DOYLE MCMANUS
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

Canada has launched an ambitious program to recruit highly skilled immigrants from all over the world — including from the United States, where our sclerotic immigration system makes it difficult for foreign tech workers to obtain work visas.

Last month, Canada offered a three-year work permit to anyone holding a U.S. H-1B visa, the most common entry permit for immigrants working in the tech sector. The program, aimed partly at workers laid off in Silicon Valley's recent downturn, drew 10,000 applicants in its first 48 hours — "a strong indication of just how competitive Canada is on the global stage," a spokesman for the country's immigration ministry said.

It was also a reflection of frustration among migrants who find the U.S. visa system difficult and slow. According to one estimate, only about one in 10 people who register for the annual H-1B lottery get a visa.

"A Canadian visa is much easier," Gireesh Bandlamudi, a 29-year-old software engineer from India, told me. With a U.S. job offer in hand, he considered his chances of winning an H-1B and applied to Canada instead. He now works remotely with AtoB, a San Francisco firm that provides financial services to trucking companies, from his new home in Vancouver.

"My visa happened in four weeks, max!" he marveled.

The United States and Canada are both trying to lure the world's best technologists, but they're using very different strategies when it comes to immigration policy.

U.S. policy has been self-limiting, if not self-defeating.

Since 1990, U.S. law has a fixed cap of 65,000 new H-1B visas every year, plus 20,000 for holders of master's or doctoral degrees from American universities. U.S. tech industry groups have long complained that those limits are too low, but efforts to raise them have been stymied by the partisan divide over immigration policy.

In contrast, Canada is deliberately seeking a big surge in immigration as part of a broader strategy to grow its

economy.

The Liberal Party government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has boosted immigration more than 40% in the last five years, admitting more than 400,000 new permanent residents in 2021.

On a per capita basis, that's more than four times as many immigrants as the United States admits. The U.S. issues roughly a million permanent resident permits each year, but the U.S. population is more than eight times the size of Canada's.

Canada is also fast-tracking applications for work permits for anyone with a sought-after skill, a category that includes not only high-tech, but healthcare workers, carpenters, plumbers and pipefitters, who are also in short supply north of the border. That's how Bandlamudi got to Vancouver, with the help of a technology consulting firm called MobSquad.

In the United States, an immigration policy like that would touch off ferocious debate in Congress, where Republican hardliners have argued that legal immigration should be reduced.

Not in Canada. Here, increased immigration has long been supported by most of the country's major parties.

When Trudeau announced higher immigration goals last year, the initial criticism from the opposition Conservative Party wasn't that the numbers were too big, it was that the government wasn't approving applications quickly enough.

More recently, debate has focused on the country's housing shortage; more new immigrants are arriving than new housing units are being built, and home prices in Toronto and Vancouver have reached or exceeded Los Angeles levels.

But those worries have merely produced suggestions that the gov-

ernment should slow the immigration surge, not reverse it.

"There's an argument that the government is moving too fast, but it's not being made on anti-immigration grounds per se," said Doreen Barrie, a political scientist at the University of Calgary. "If we bring in millions more immigrants and the economy goes south, that could change. Canadians are not all saints. There are people who would prefer a more homogeneous society."

So far, though, Canada's conservatives have avoided making immigration a major political issue — unlike U.S. Republicans.

Conservative Party leaders have supported more legal immigration for the same reason as Trudeau's Liberals, as a strategy for economic growth. And Canadian conservatives have been competing for votes in immigrant communities for decades, with considerable success.

But it also reflects a basic difference between the two countries.

"We don't have a border with Mexico," Barrie noted. "In Canada, we get to choose who comes in."

For the United States, immigration as a political issue revolves around unauthorized entries across the southern border, a problem Democrats and Republicans have attempted to solve without much success.

For Canada, illegal immigration is a smaller, more manageable issue. Last winter, some 20,000 migrants walked into Canada on a rural road from northern New York state into Quebec — an upsurge big enough that it touched off political controversy. Under pressure from conservatives, Trudeau negotiated a deal under which Canadian authorities could return asylum seekers to the United States, making Canada look not so different from other countries after all.

Still, there ought to be a lesson for us in Canada's broad support for increased high-skill immigration. A similar bipartisan consensus almost certainly exists in Congress, between pro-immigration Democrats and pro-business Republicans. But in our case, shouting matches over the southern border keep getting in the way.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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Retrospect

Confer was learning VP role

Twenty-five years ago this week, a Dunkirk resident was settling into his new role.

The Aug. 26, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about Al Confer, then the president of the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association.

"Everyone gives him a hard time," said Confer, indicating that the old adage that no one ever speaks to the vice president is untrue.

Confer, who served as a Tri-State director for decades, at that time had been involved for about five years. During the annual show in 1998 he was in the midst of teaching Doug Eltzkorn how to handle the engine area while learning his

new job as vice president under then-president Ken Doherty. He said there had not been much time to shadow Doherty in addition to working to set up the show and driving three of his own Farmall tractors to Jay County Fairgrounds.

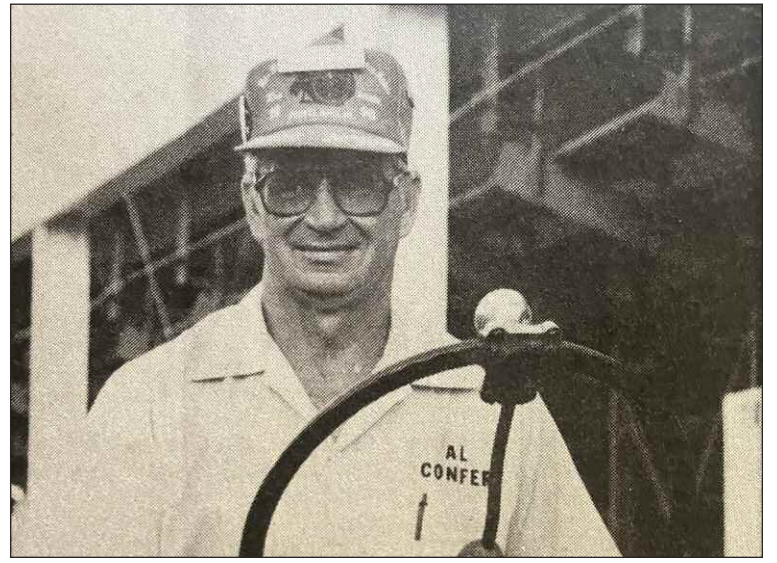
Even so, he said it was worth the work.

"It's a good tired at the end (of the show)," Confer said. "I enjoy getting it set up, but I don't think of it as a job. It's a nice satisfying feeling knowing people want to come back and enjoy it."

Confer had been involved with the show for several years before becoming a director and being assigned to the engine

section. He was somewhat of an expert on engines, having worked on engines and tractors for years. Among his collection was a 1941 Sears steel-wheel garden tractor, a Farmall Regular (it was in pieces), a 1938 John Deere A, a Farmall B, a Farmall Super C and a Farmall Cub. He also had a few hit-and-miss engines.

"You meet fantastic friends and see a lot of engines and displays, tractors and parts," Confer said of his favorite aspects of the Tri-State show. "The thrill I do get is people recognize me and knowing there's a lot of volunteers to help out. If there were no volunteers, we'd have a lot tougher time."



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Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association vice president Al Confer drives one of his Farmall tractors around Jay County Fairgrounds in 1998.

Awards ...

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Receiving \$1,600 each will be Erin Emery, Heather Johns and Hope Lugar through the Clifford and Nancy Ball Scholarship, Sarah Bowdell, Gavin Farmer, Sophia Fugiett, Nadia Hardman, Katie Robbins, Andrew Simmons, Kelsey Simmons, Megan Templeton and Lillian Trinidad through the Alwyn Carder Scholarship for Jay County residents who are juniors or seniors majoring in architecture, history or education, and Daniel Bracy, Keith Hartley, Heather Lugar, Amber McClain and Carissa Mercer through the Orla and Ruth Sharp Education Scholarship.

Daniel Bracy was awarded a \$1,581 Martha Catharine Rockwell Music Scholarship for Jay County graduates who are juniors or seniors majoring in a music-related degree and enrolled in a Christian college.

Receiving \$1,500 each will be Reid Claycomb, MaKenna Davis, Emma James, Hannah James, Allison Jobe, Benjamin Nichols, Gabrielle Paxson,

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Grace Brewster, Olivia Bright, Makaya Champ, Haleigh Clayton, Bryce Collins, Sam Dunlavy, Aidan Garlinger, Dustin Harris, Lilly Hedges, Holly Hemmelgarn, Kayla Hurt, Tricia Ison, Chailey Muhlenkamp, Isabel Rodgers, Mia Stolz, McKenna Vore and Seth Wilson.

Nadia Hardman, Heather Lugar, Logan McGinnis and Katie Robbins were selected for \$1,150 Richard L. and Loretta E. (Larry) Zeigler Memorial Scholarships, and Sarah Bowdell, Nadia Hardman and Kelsey Simmons were chosen for \$1,100 Joyce A. Horn Scholarships.

Other scholarships were:
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•Carla E. Horn Memorial - \$600 to Mia Stolz
•Linus and Margaret Mescher - \$600 to Erin Emery, Keith Hartley, Heather Johns, Heather Lugar, Hope Lugar and Amber McClain

•Larry and Maria Hiatt - \$600 to Nadia Hardman
•East Central Opportunities - \$585 to Mia Stolz

•Janet B. Arnold Memorial - \$450 to Sarah Bowdell and Nadia Hardman

•Altrusa Club of Portland - \$420 to Alexis Trobridge

•Shirley Franck Perseverance - \$400 to Katie Robbins

•Charles and Ruth Joos - \$350 to Madeline Ardizzone, Shea Bailey, Dorane Jay Beiswanger, Samuel Bracy, Grace Brewster, Olivia Bright, Makaya Champ, Haleigh Clayton, Bryce Collins, Sam Dunlavy, Aidan Garlinger, Dustin Harris, Lilly Hedges, Holly Hemmelgarn, Kayla Hurt, Tricia Ison, Chailey Muhlenkamp, Isabel Rodgers, Mia Stolz, McKenna Vore and Seth Wilson

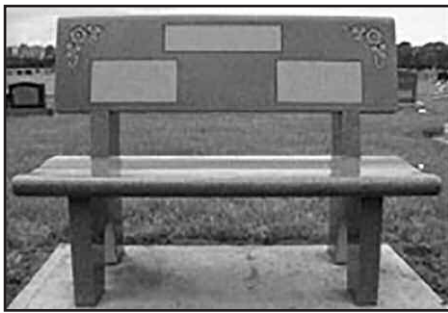
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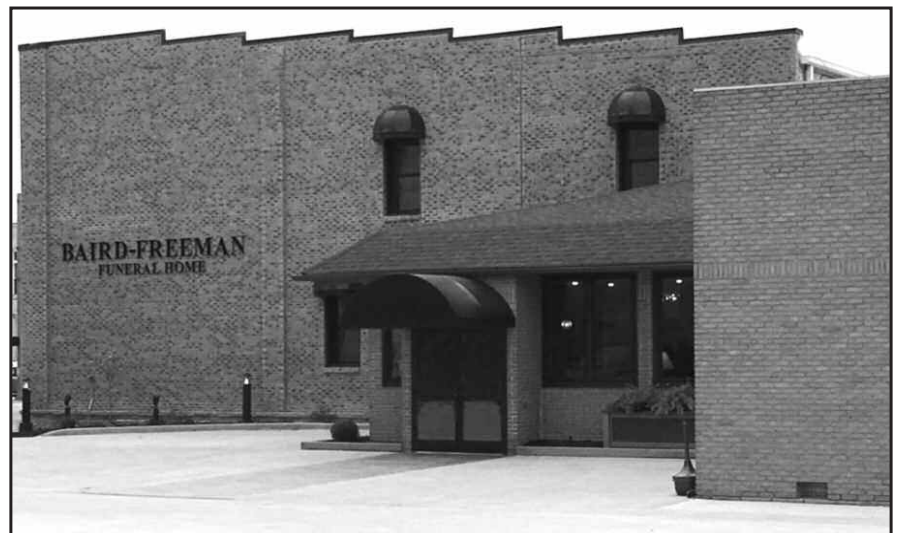
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Training academy getting overhaul

By CASEY SMITH

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Tuesday marked another major groundbreaking in Indiana — this time for an overhaul of the state's law enforcement training academy.

Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb and other state officials gathered outside the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Plainfield, just west of Indianapolis, as part of the ceremonial shovels-in-ground event.

Some major construction work has already started, however. Officials gave remarks before a backdrop of large machinery and sounds of busy work crews.

"It's going to draw state police and conservation officers, excise

police and sheriffs departments and local police departments, and a lot more statewide are all going to come to the door," Holcomb said Tuesday. "You're all going to be exposed to the highest standard and the best training ... this all has just been long, long overdue."

Upcoming renovations will allow for more scenario-based training, said ILEA executive director Tim Harty. That includes the installation of new technology and construction of new dormitories and a training village. The project will additionally include a new emergency vehicle operations course.

The improvements will allow for additional instructors to pro-

vide in-depth training to future officers, Harty said. He emphasized, too, that the academy trains nearly two-thirds of the state's law enforcement officers.

"Indiana's law enforcement profession has made more progress under Gov. Holcomb than any other governor in recent history," he said at the Tuesday groundbreaking. "Our governor does and always supports our officers on the front line when they need and deserve the state's support. ... Investing in our future officers is an investment to the benefit of all of the state of Indiana."

Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter said the ILEA improvements will provide the state's law enforcement

"an opportunity to do what we should — not what we can."

"That's a big difference," Carter continued. "I think the duty that we have to every single police officer in this state, but ultimately to every citizen of this state, is paramount to what we're doing here today. I never dreamt this would happen — I never dreamed in a million years."

In 2021, state lawmakers approved \$70 million for the renovations — although inflation has pushed costs some 22% above original estimates, requiring state fiscal leaders to approve additional funds.

The ILEA plan is part of a string of capital projects prioritized by Holcomb in recent budget sessions at the Statehouse. The

governor noted Tuesday that because the state is not bonding or borrowing, "we're saving tens of millions of dollars by not paying interest payments."

"When you just stop and think about all the work that is going on simultaneously ... we've queued up an unprecedented amount of capital work projects around the state of Indiana," he said. That includes a string of state-funded projects, like the recently completed Fall Creek Pavilion and a new state archives building — which broke ground last week.

Plans are also in motion for a new Westfield Correctional Facility and an overhaul of both the Indiana School for the Deaf and Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Legislators wrestle with high costs on task force

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

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High health care costs dominated much of the discussion during this year's legislative session and a three-hour meeting Wednesday continued the debate during the interim.

But action in the sphere is slow-moving, as demonstrated by an introduction from the Indiana Department of Insurance (DOI) to the Health Care Cost Oversight Task Force. Much of the onus of new health care regulation falls on the relatively small agency, as outlined by DOI Commissioner Amy Beard.

She detailed new positions created by the department and the pursuit of outside contracts to comply with rules established back in 2020 to regulate Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) and establish an All-Payer Claims Database to compare prices for common procedures at competing hospitals.

"We want to make sure that we have the right

expertise," Beard said of the hirings. "The (All-Payer Claims Database) is going to be a repository of data that will lead to more transparency, theoretically, and help with health care costs."

A new law requires the department to gather and analyze information from non-profit hospitals and compare prices to Medicare as well as licensing PBMs. But results won't appear before the committee before December 2024.

Task force co-chair Sen. Chris Garten, R-Charlestown, noted that the latest budget included substantial funding increases to support the department's growth. When asked, Beard said the next key step would be securing personnel.

Wednesday's meeting included presentations from two experts, Indiana University professor Nir Menachemi and Ball State economist Mike Hicks. Both discussed the need to transition from fee-for-ser-

vice — a health care model that critics say incentivizes more transactions over quality of care — to value-based service.

But Menachemi focused his efforts on bolstering the state's lagging public health while Hicks pointed to hospital monopolies as a key culprit.

"I think there's a lot ... to think about on the importance of prevention, as opposed to (just) curative care," Menachemi said. "How healthy someone is, is a function of their behaviors ... (and) Indiana is frequently ranked low on health rankings."

In contrast to peers, Hoosiers smoke at higher rates and exercise less — both areas public health is designed to combat — and Menachemi applauded legislators for boosting public health in the most recent legislative session.

He said that total Hoosier health care costs and premiums were roughly around the national average.

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8-26 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN EXTREMELY SHARP PUNCHES JOLT BOXING COMPETITORS, DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY LIE DOWN ON THE JAB?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals E

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

It's all automotive

1) In the 1980s TV show "Knight Rider," what was the name of David Hasselhoff's talking car?
2) The LeSabre, Century and Roadmaster are all automobile models from what brand?

1) KITT
2) Buick

8-28 CRYPTOQUIP

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GPC ETC ONP QZVOGCT'Y
FTVLRCCYY ECRG NZQY, PC
IZY FCTCEG JE FCTCGY.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU'RE PAROLED FROM PRISON MUCH EARLIER THAN EXPECTED, ARE YOU INTERRUPTED MID-SENTENCE?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals F

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to fishing. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = A)

A. 7 24 24 3 17
Clue: Winds fishing line

B. 11 2 16 1
Clue: Water vessel

C. 11 16 4 1
Clue: Lures prey

D. 1 16 25 6 3 24
Clue: Fishing supplies

Answers: A. reed B. boat C. bait D. tackle

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to fishing.

T C C A H

Answer: Catch

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in New Mexico on August 20, 1992. I began my career on television, starring in a Disney series as well as with the Jonas Brothers. I also was a judge on "The X Factor USA" talent show.

Answer: Demi Lovato

kids' corner

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ANSWER: RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC

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ENGLISH: Traffic
SPANISH: Tráfico
ITALIAN: Traffico
FRENCH: Circulation
GERMAN: Verkehr

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

Answers: 1. Missing red car 2. Extra traffic cone 3. Car on exit in distance 4. Different exit number

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AUG 23

- 1541: FRENCH EXPLORER JACQUES CARTIER LANDS NEAR QUEBEC CITY IN HIS THIRD VOYAGE TO CANADA.
- 1839: THE UNITED KINGDOM CAPTURES HONG KONG AS A BASE.
- 1990: WEST AND EAST GERMANY ANNOUNCE THEY WILL REUNITE ON OCTOBER 3.

New word

TRAFFIC

vehicles moving on a road or public highway

REEL 'EM IN WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS: ANGLER, BACKCAST, BAIT, BARB, BOBBER, BOTTOM FEEDER, BRAID, BUCKTAIL, BUNKER, CHUMMING, CREEL LIMIT, CRIMP, DRAG, FISHING, FLY, GAFF, HOOK, JIGGED, LINE, LURE, REEL, ROD, SINKER, SPOOL

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Magic act

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 4
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ 9 8 5
♣ K J 7 4

WEST
♠ J 9 8 3 2
♥ 10 6 4
♦ A Q
♣ 10 6 5

EAST
♠ 10 6 5
♥ J 9 7 2
♦ K 6 4 2
♣ 9 3

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

The bidding:
East 1 NT Pass 2♦ Pass
South Pass 1♦ Pass 2♠ Pass
West Pass 2♠ Pass 3 NT
North 2♣ Pass 3 NT

Opening lead three of spades.

There are two ways of looking at today's deal. No doubt most declarers would look at their hand and dummy and see 10 top tricks with no way to score another. They would then cash their winners and finish with an overtrick.

A smaller group, though — particularly duplicate devotees — would see the deal as offering a legitimate opportunity to score an 11th trick without any risk of making fewer than 10. These players would recognize that if the cards were divided in any of several different ways, the 11th trick would materialize out of thin air.

The opportunists would win the opening spade lead with dummy's king and immediately lead a diamond, losing to West's queen. Declarer would take the likely spade return with the ace and lead a second diamond, this time losing to West's ace. After winning the next spade with the queen and discarding dummy's remaining diamond, South would then cash four club tricks.

East would discard a diamond on the third club but would run into a dead end on the fourth. If East discarded a heart, South would score the last four tricks with the A-K-Q-8 of hearts, while if East discarded the king of diamonds, South would score an extra diamond trick.

Observe that the opposing diamonds could be divided in many different ways for the squeeze to work. All that is required is for the defender with the remaining high diamond to also hold four or more hearts. Even if the diamonds were divided 3-3, the defender who won the second diamond would have to be smart enough to cash the third high diamond (if he had the heart length) or lead a third diamond to his partner (if his partner had the heart length).

And even if the opponent was perceptive enough to do that, nothing would have been lost in the attempt.

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GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: TRAFFIC CONE

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

40 Male turkey
42 Male children
43 A gazillion years
44 Stairway post
46 Guest's bed
47 Slip-on shoe
49 Malign
51 Not passive
52 Post-war
53 Reviled
54 Ore deposits

DOWN

1 Extreme fear
2 Weather-changing current
3 Greek vowel
4 Minor quibbles
5 Potpourri output
6 School of psychology
7 Pro votes
8 Moment
9 Ostrich feathers
10 Tennis great
11 Work together

13 Fax predecessor
18 Glass of public radio
21 Japanese fish dish
23 Counter-feit
25 — Maria
27 Vat
29 Did some tailoring
31 Amtrak express
32 Kiss
33 Target at a fiesta
34 Road rescue
36 Venue
37 Garden figurines
38 Makeup mogul
41 Olympic prize
44 Actress Campbell
45 Jared of "House of Gucci"
48 In shape
50 Bouquets-to-order co.

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 8-26

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

North dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 9 8 3
♥ Q 8 6 5
♦ A 3
♣ A 6 4

WEST
♠ J 6 4
♥ 10 7 4 2
♦ 6 4
♣ K 10 9 8

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 5 2
♥ A
♦ K 9 8 7
♣ Q J 2

The bidding:
North 1 NT Pass 1♦ Pass
East Pass 1♦ Pass 2♠ Pass
South Pass 2♠ Pass 5♥ Pass
West Pass 5♥ Pass 6♣ Pass
North 6♣

Opening lead diamond queen.

If you look at all four hands on this deal, you might wonder how declarer made six spades. But, in fact, he did when it was played in the 1975 Israel-France European championship match.

The bidding, which included an artificial one-diamond opening by South, went as shown when an Israeli pair held the North-South cards. (The French North-South pair at the other table stopped at four spades, making five.) West led

the queen of diamonds against six spades, and declarer, Sam Lev, made his first good move by taking the queen in his hand with the king.

He then played the A-K-Q of trump and queen of clubs. East won with the king and returned the ten of clubs. Lev took the ten with the jack and cashed the ace of hearts, producing this position:

North
♠ 10
♥ Q 8 6
♦ A
♣ A

West
♠ K J 9
♥ J 10 5

South
♠ 5 2
♥ 9 8 7
♦ 2

Lev now led the club deuce, and West was in trouble. He had to discard a heart or a diamond, and either discard was destined to be fatal.

If West ruffed with a heart, Lev would next ruff the six of hearts, lead a diamond to the ace and ruff the eight of hearts to establish dummy's queen as his 12th trick. And if West discarded a diamond instead, Lev would cash the ace of diamonds, ruff a heart and ruff the eight of diamonds to establish the nine. Either way, West was a goner.

Tomorrow: Partnership defense.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Vitamin stat
4 2023 Paris Open winner Swiatek
7 Raced
11 Eliminates a squeak
13 Prune
14 Fashion magazine
15 "Garfield" dog
16 PC linking system
17 Old —, Connecticut
18 Eucalyptus muncher
20 Piece of lettuce
22 Monk's title
24 In the thick of
28 Diver's breathing device
32 Mattress brand
33 Clock reading
34 Scepter
36 Tight-fitting

DOWN

1 Castle
2 Queen of Carthage
3 Inter —
4 Unwell
5 Soccer score
6 Sleeping interrupter
7 Smartphone holders
8 Layer
9 Shade tree
10 Ruby of Hollywood
12 Ralph Waldo Emerson essay
19 Noah's boat
21 Mornings (Abbr.)
23 —
25 Bond foe
26 Dazzle
27 Labels
28 Wild guess
29 Evening, informally
30 Muscat's land
31 High tennis shot
35 Pair with an air
38 PC screen type
40 "Conan" channel
42 Decree
45 Fly high
47 Mighty trees
48 Legal document
49 Back muscles, for short
50 Quick swim
51 Docs' bloc
52 Pallid
54 Cagers' gp.

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Saturday's answer 8-28

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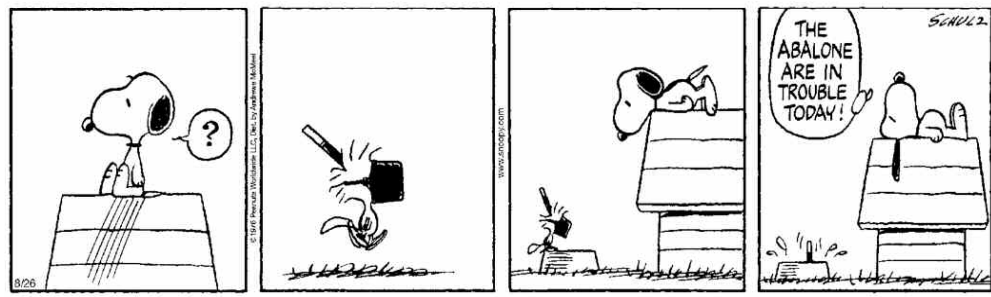
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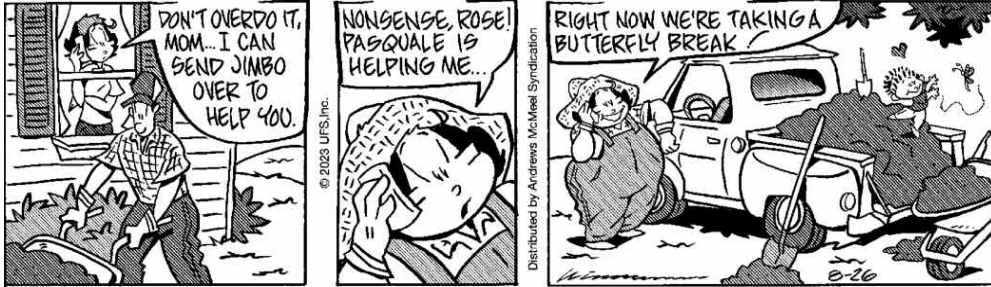
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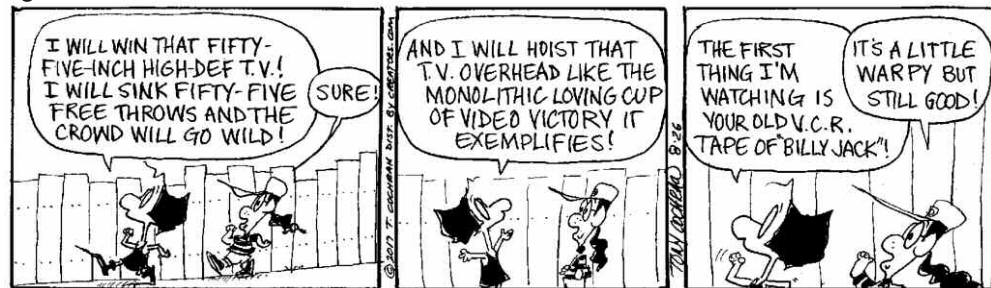
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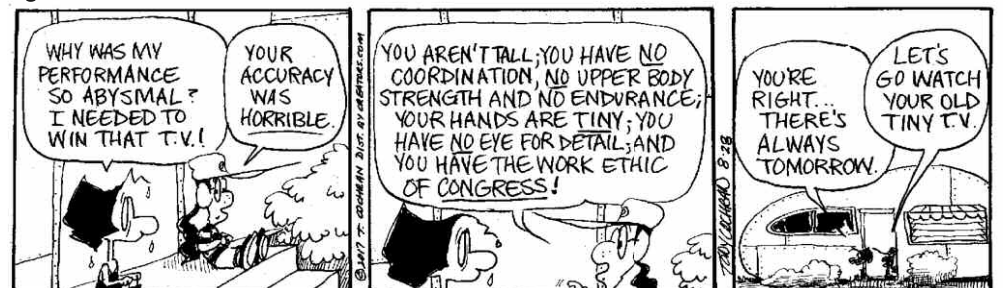
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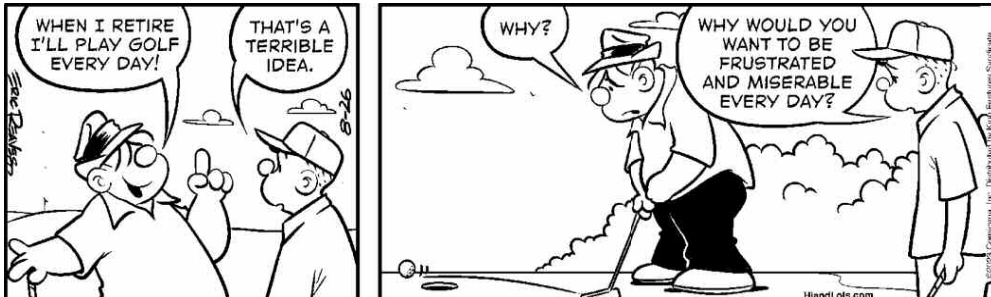
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Between Friends



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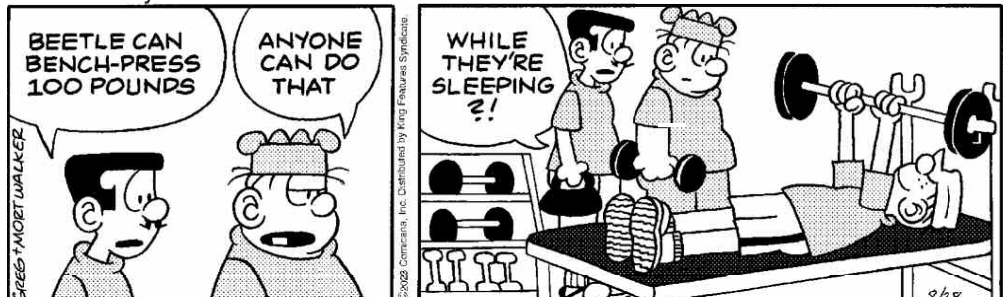
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Beetle Bailey



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Cavs edge Tribe



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

FRHS junior Eli Lennartz hits out from under a tree on the 14th hole at Portland Golf Club during Tuesday's match against Coldwater. The shot landed on the fringe where he chipped and sunk the putt for par en route to a 41 in the round.

FR comes up just short again vs. MAC rival

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

Some matches just aren't meant to be won.

That sums up the Indians' last two matches in the Midwest Athletic Conference, as they were able to put up solid scores but just couldn't find the win.

The Fort Recovery High School boys golf team suffered a painful loss to the Coldwater Cavaliers by only three strokes Thursday at Portland Golf Club, 165-168.

"They're really difficult to beat," FRHS coach Dean Sanders said. "Our goal has been all year to stay in the 160s. But when you come up against a good quality team, maybe you've got to dig a little bit deeper, and unfortunately, we came up just a little bit short, but I am still proud of the guys."

Despite the loss, the Indians (3-4, 2-2 MAC) got strong performances out of Keegan Muhlenkamp, Eli Lennartz and Matthew Romer.

A hot start and improved putting helped Muhlenkamp to a

three-way tie for match medalist with Ben Giere and Tyler Overman of Coldwater at 39 strokes in the round.

"What honestly kept me going was the guys I was competing against," Muhlenkamp said. "Because they were playing well, I was able to play well myself. I was able to compare myself (to them)."

Muhlenkamp, Lennartz, Giere and Overman were all a part of a foursome as the No. 1 and 2 golfers for their teams.

Muhlenkamp started his round off on the right foot on the 520-yard, par-5 14th hole. He didn't fully get ahold of the ball on his drive, sending it about halfway to the hole just off of the fairway on the left. Using his five iron, he was able to put his ball 25 yards away from the green.

The ball flew further than expected on his chip, overshooting the hole but still on the green. His putt for birdie came up just one inch short before he tapped it in for par.

He rattled off three more pars on holes No. 15, 16 and 17 to start off his round on a high note.

Muhlenkamp has had some struggles putting in the past, but that wasn't much of a problem for him on Thursday, as he was chipping well to give him some short putts that he could sink with only one or two tries.

"It feels relieving," Muhlenkamp said. "If I can putt like I did today, I'll be right up there."

Muhlenkamp added two more pars on the 10th and 11th in the round as well.

Lennartz was able to turn in five pars himself on the 10th, 12th, 14th, 15th and 17th en route to a 41. He helped himself out by converting on some longer putts when he left the ball short.

On hole No. 14, Lennartz's chip died on the green leaving him about 8 feet short of the cup but he still converted the putt for par.

Again, on hole 17, he chunked the ball, sending it only 3 feet forward on the green. He didn't

let the mistake phase him, pulling off a 15-foot putt for par.

Just like Muhlenkamp's start, Matthew Romer was able to start the round with four straight pars out of the No. 6 position.

"Matthew has come through for us several times this year," Sanders said. "We have quite the depth on our team. We never really know who will turn in an amazing night. It's great to know that our sixth man can shoot nearly as good as our first man or even beat those guys."

Not all of Romer's pars came easily to him. On the 14th, he popped up his tee shot, so the ball only traveled 180 of the 520 yards to the hole. Hitting his hybrid 200 yards and finding the green on his third shot helped him save the hole.

"My tee shots have been better and I was playing the slice even though I'm not supposed to do that," Romer said. "It was working so I stuck with that. My putts were going in and everything was going well."

He also finished his round with a par on the 12th. He bounced around the fairway on his first two shots before his third landed in the fringe right in front of the green. He chose to putt instead of chip, leaving the ball just inches short before tapping in for par to earn a 42.

Rounding out the score were Nate Jutte and Alex Dues, both with 46s in the match.

Reece LeFevre's 52 did not count towards the Indians' team score.

The JV team took down the Cavs 183-194.

Riley Grieshop, Caleb Smith and Coldwater's Briggs Howell tied for match medalist with 44 strokes. Grieshop shot a par on hole No. 13 while Smith pored 13 and 15.

Colson Post and Sage Wendel made up the rest of the Indians' score with 47 and 48 respectively. Reece Evers and Mason Diller's 52 did not count toward the final.

Playing as an exhibition, FRHS senior Evan Keller shot a 40.

FRHS sweeps National Trial

NEW PARIS, Ohio — The Indians went to five in their first contest of the season.

In their second match, they kept it to three.

Fort Recovery High School's volleyball team completed a three-set sweep of the National Trail Blazers on Thursday 25-15, 25-15, 25-13.

The Tribe's hitters, Mara Pearson and Teigan Fortkamp, put up a solid performance at the net with 11 and 10 kills respectively. Pearson added a pair of aces and digs to the stat sheet, while Fortkamp had three aces, six digs and a block.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Kayla Heitkamp filled up the stat sheet for the Indians (2-0) as well. Muhlenkamp led the team with 10 digs while Heitkamp led with 26 assists and five aces.

In the middle, Paige Guggenbiller, Saige Luethold and Karlie Niekamp blocked four hits and contributed 11 kills.

Two in a row

CELINA — The Fort Recovery girls golf team picked up their second win

FRHS roundup

in a row with a 220-250 victory over the Coldwater Cavaliers on Thursday.

Olivia Knapke earned match medalist honors with a 51. She shot four bogeys in the match, coming on No. 2, 3, 5 and 9. Coldwater's Madison Bruns had the next best score with 52.

Eva Kahlig stayed hot, turning in the Indians' (2-5, 2-2 Midwest Athletic Conference) second-best score of 54. Kahlig shot two pars in the match on the par-3 second hole and par-4 ninth.

Also with a par on the ninth was Brynn Stammen. She had 57 strokes in her round.

Emma Will and Ella Schoen rounded out Fort Recovery's score with a pair of 58s. Will had four bogeys while Schoen added two.

Marissa Schoen's round of 62 did not count towards the final.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Cross Country at Celina High School Invitational — 9 a.m.; Boys tennis at Muncie Central — 10 a.m.; Girls soccer vs. Woodlan — 10 a.m.; Boys soccer vs. Woodlan — 12 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Cross Country at Bob Schul Invite at Milton-Union — 8 a.m.; JV boys golf MAC at Portland Golf Club — 9 a.m.; JV football at Urbana — 10 a.m.; Middle School cross country at Bob Schul Invite at Milton-Union — 8 a.m.; Middle School volleyball tri-match at Coldwater — 9 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Boys tennis at Madison-Grant — 5 p.m.; Boys soccer at Heritage — 6 p.m.; Junior High cross country at Bellmont — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Marion Local at Mercer County Elks — 4:30 p.m.; Girls golf vs. Marion Local — 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls golf at Winchester — 4:30 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Fort Recovery — 6 p.m.; Junior High volleyball at Muncie

Northside — 5 p.m.; Junior High football at Bluffton-Harrison — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls golf at Winchester Golf Club — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball at Jay County — 5:30 p.m.; Middle School volleyball at Parkway — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
9 a.m. — Formula 1: Dutch Grand Prix (ESPN)
12 p.m. — High School Football: St. Frances at Chaminade-Madonna (ESPN)
12 p.m. — Little League World Series (ABC)
1 p.m. — NFL: Buffalo Bills at Chicago Bears (CBS)
1 p.m. — NFL: Seattle Seahawks at Green Bay Packers (NBC)
2:30 p.m. — NCAA College Football: Navy at Notre Dame (NBC)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Tour Championship (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — NCAA College Football: North Alabama at Mercer (ESPN)
6 p.m. — NFL: New York Jets at New York Giants (ABC)
6 p.m. — NFL: Cincinnati Bengals at Washington Commanders (NBC)
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Urbana High School's Brayden Cain picks off a pass in front of Austin Steinbrunner of Fort Recovery during the first quarter Friday. The Indians turned the ball over four times as they dropped to 0-2 for the first time since 2005 with a 28-20 loss to the Hillclimbers.

Turnovers doom Indians

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians had more rushing yards. They had more passing yards. They dominated time of possession. The turnover column sent them to 0-2.

Fort Recovery High School's football team turned the ball over four times Friday night as it lost its home opener 28-20 to the Urbana Hillclimbers.

Urbana's first points of the game came one play after an interception. Another pick kept the Indians from the end zone late in the first half when they could have stepped in front for a lead at the intermission. And the home team also gave the ball away on two fumbles.

Fort Recovery (0-2), which had

not dropped its first two games of the season since 2005, trailed 14-12 at halftime and then gave up a 3-yard scoring run to Austin Hill less than four minutes into the third quarter to fall behind by two scores. The Hillclimbers (2-0), who stomped Belmont 76-0 in their opener, added another Hill touchdown with 2:24 remaining in the fourth quarter to seal the win. (The final points of the game came on Troy Homan's 16-yard pass to Reece Guggenbiller with 51 seconds left.)

The Indians' loss came dispute out-gaining Urbana 358-251. They also held the ball for nearly 29 minutes compared to just 19:28 for the Hillclimbers.

Urbana spread out its offense, with Austin Hill running nine

times for 55 yards and two touchdowns while quarterback Will Donahoe ran five times for 48 yards, including a 53-yard scramble for a TD in the second quarter, and D'Marcus Bean carried eight times for 42 yards. Donahoe completed 11 passes for 112 yards and a 10-yard TD to Grady Lantz, who caught six passes for 60 yards.

Troy Homan led FRHS with 100 yards on 20 rushing attempts while also going 13-of-27 through the air for 155 yards. He had a 5-yard TD run in the first quarter while Reece Wendel (nine carries, 60 yards) added a 44-yard scoring run in the second quarter.

Fort Recovery will open Midwest Athletic Conference play next week as it travels Friday to Coldwater.

Heart ...

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They caught Jay County off guard with a squib kick to start the contest, recovered it and quickly marched down the field to score.

After the first drive, Jay County tightened up, forcing the Vikings four-and-out on their second drive.

A 14-play drive led to the Patriots' first score of the game at the start of the second quarter. A.J. Myers capped off the drive with a 3-yard touchdown.

The JCHS defense kept the Vikings offense to a minimum in the quarter, forcing another four-and-out and picking off Wiley.

A tired Huntington North defense started to pick up penalties.

"Some of them were inexcusable and some of them were head-scratchers too," Huntington North first-year coach Mike Eshbach said. "It's a whole lot of little things that add up to a big thing."

The Vikings committed nine penalties for 81 yards.

The Patriots' second score came as time expired in the second quarter. Bailey found Justin DeHoff leaking out to the right corner of the end zone and completed the 13-yard touchdown pass. Myers converted on the 2-point play to put the Patriots up by a touchdown heading into the locker room.

"It was surreal," DeHoff said. "It was a great ball, caught it, scored it and celebrated with my teammates."

"I've got high praise for the o-line for hanging in there and taking on these bigger kids. And high praise to (Bailey) for getting those balls to me."

Huntington North pushed the Patriots' defense coming out the

Box score

Jay County Patriots (2-0) at Huntington North Vikings (0-2)

Jay Co.	0	14	0	0	—14
HNHS	7	0	2	0	—9

First Quarter
HN — Ian Wiley 2 run (Jason Teusch kick), 10:40.

Second Quarter
JC — A.J. Myers 3 run (run failed), 11:45.
JC — Justin DeHoff 13 pass from Sean Bailey (Myers run), 0:00.

Third Quarter
HN — Bailey stepped out of the back of the end zone for a safety, 5:46.

Fourth Quarter
no scoring

	JC	HN
Rushes - yds	39-144	25-73
Comp-Att-Int	8-18-1	6-15-1
Passing yds	68	71
Total Plays	57	40
Total Offense	212	144
Punt ret - yds	1-8	0-0
Kickoff ret - yds	1(-2)	3-45
Sacks - yds lost	1-5	2-13
Punts - yds	1-39	5-230
Ints - yds	1-0	1-0
Fumbles - lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties - yds	3-20	9-81

Individual Statistics
Rushing — Jay County — A.J. Myers 29-92, Sean Bailey 10-52. Huntington North — Luke Teusch 15-55, Ian Wiley 10-18.

Passing — Jay County — Sean Bailey 5-18-1 36, A.J. Myers 1-1 32. Huntington North — Ian Wiley 5-15-1 71.

Receiving — Jay County — Justin DeHoff 2-45, Garrett Bennett 3-16, Benson Ward 1-7. Huntington North — Noah Wagner 1-31, Luke Teusch 2-20, Tony Decker 1-7.

half. A fast-paced offense was able to move nearly 50 yards downfield before the defense could string together enough stops to end the drive. From there, they would only give up 52 yards, 31 of which came on the completion to Wagner, the rest of the game.

"Just a scrappy, tough night," Zgunda said. "The positive is, our defense just didn't give an inch ..."

"And our line on both did great. Those guys don't get any love, but that was the key of the game."

Sports on tap

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7 p.m. — NFL: Baltimore Ravens at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (ABC)

7 p.m. — NCAA College Football: UMass at New Mexico State (ESPN)

7 p.m. — NCAA College Football: Ohio at San Diego State (FS1)

7 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Coke Zero Sugar 400 (NBC)

7:15 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates (FOX)

7:30 p.m. — NCAA College Football: Hawaii at Vanderbilt (SECN)

7:30 p.m. — NCAA College Football: South Carolina State at Jackson State (ABC)

8 p.m. — NFL: Las Vegas Raiders at Dallas Cowboys (FOX)

8 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Arizona Diamondbacks (Bally Indiana)

9 p.m. — NFL: Los Angeles Rams at Denver Broncos (ABC)

10:30 p.m. — Top Rank Boxing: Jared Anderson vs. Andriy Rudenko (ESPN)

3:30 p.m. — IndyCar: Bommarito Automotive Group 500 (NBC)

4 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Arizona Diamondbacks (Bally Ohio)

4 p.m. — WNBA: Atlanta Dream at Indiana Fever (Bally Indiana)

4:30 p.m. — MLS: Seattle Sounders at Minnesota United (FOX)

7 p.m. — MLB: Atlanta Braves at San Francisco Giants (ESPN)

8 p.m. — NFL: Houston Texans at New Orleans Saints (FOX)

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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 adamscounty5kchal-lenge.com or contact Macy Jauregui at (260) 724-2145 ext. 11036.

JC season tickets

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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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To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@theocr.com.

Sunday

9 a.m. — Formula 1: Dutch Grand Prix (ESPN)

9 a.m. — Premier League: Manchester City at Sheffield United (USA)

11:30 a.m. — Premier League: Liverpool at Newcastle United (USA)

1 p.m. — High School Football: St. Edward at Our Lady of Good (ESPN)

1 p.m. — ARCA Menards Series: Milwaukee (FS1)

1:30 p.m. — PGA Tour: Tour Championship (CBS)

2 p.m. — IMSA SportsCar Championship: Michelin GT Challenge (USA)

2 p.m. — World Athletics Championships (NBC)

3 p.m. — Little League World Series (ABC)

Monday

12 p.m. — U.S. Open (ESPN)

7 p.m. — WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at New York Liberty (ESPN2)

9:45 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at San Francisco Giants (Bally Indiana)

Tuesday

12 p.m. — U.S. Open (ESPN)

7 p.m. — U.S. Open (ESPN)

9:45 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at San Francisco Giants (Bally Indiana)

Local notes

Cheer clinic scheduled

The Jay County Junior/Senior High School cheerleading clinic is scheduled for Sept. 5 and 6.

The clinic will be at East Jay Elementary School with sessions for kindergarten through second graders from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. and third through sixth graders from 5:45 to 7 p.m. Participants will cheer at halftime of the JCHS football game against Adams Central on Sept. 8.

The fee is \$35 per participant, which includes a t-shirt. A registration form is available on the Jay County Cheerleading page on Facebook.

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Sports

Heart over Huntington

Patriots dig deep to move to 2-0

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review
HUNTINGTON — The Vikings had all the momentum.

The Patriots were making mistakes.

It was a recipe for a comeback win for Huntington North and a devastating defeat for Jay County.

The Patriots had the heart to pull out the win.

It was the unsung heroes that helped the Jay County High School football team outlast the comeback and pull off the Patriots' first win over the Huntington North Vikings in two decades, 14-9 Friday night.

The win moves the Patriots to 2-0 for the first time since 2011, when Delta had to forfeit a 55-0 victory in the opening week of the season. It was the first time since 1996 that Jay County was 2-0 with a pair of wins on the field.

"A lot of hard work and effort went into getting this win," JCHS coach Grant Zgunda said. "It's just heart. A lot of things went wrong and we made mistakes, but we just kept fighting. It's nice to see us wear somebody else down for a change ... I felt like we won the line of scrimmage."

Down only one score with five minutes left in the game,

the Vikings had Jay County on the ropes.

A 68-yard punt placed the football on Jay County's 3-yard line. A loss of two yards put it inches from the end zone.

Both of Sean Bailey's passes couldn't find their targets. The Patriots were forced to punt on fourth-and-12. Bailey got the snap and stepped out the back of the end zone for a safety to make it a 14-9 game and give Huntington North the ball.

On the third play of the Vikings' drive, Noah Wagner reeled in a 31-yard catch after struggling to hold onto the ball all game. With first-and-goal on the 5-yard line, the Vikings were in prime position to take the lead with four minutes left.

On the first play, Luke Teusch was stopped behind the line of scrimmage. Ian Wiley was pressured and couldn't get a clean look at a target on the second and third plays.

On fourth down, Teusch slipped past the defense right up the middle. Wiley tossed it over to him, but Benson Ward came from behind to bother the play and save the Patriots from a debilitating touchdown.

"It gave us energy and it felt good," Ward said. "It really hyped us up and kept us going."

The Patriots burned a minute off the clock before punting the ball away, forced the Vikings to go four-and-out and kneeled the clock out for the victory.

"Last year, we'd lose games because of those situations," Bailey said. "They'd get a deep ball and we'd all hang our heads ... (The defense) is the reason we won the game. That's for sure."

The Vikings punched the Patriots in the mouth to start the game.

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A pair of Huntington North High School football players wrap up A.J. Myers late in the fourth quarter of the Patriots' 14-9 victory on Friday. Myers rushed for 92 yards and one touchdown in the victory that moved Jay County to 2-0 for the first time since 2011.

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