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## Program will help homeowners

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

A new program will be available to low income homeowners in Jay County.

Jay County Council and Jay County Commissioners agreed Tuesday to move forward with creating an owner occupied rehabilitation program for local residents.

The program will be funded with the \$1 million Jay County will receive for being a part of the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP), a planning process through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for how to spend federal coronavirus relief funds through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Mike Kleinpeter of Kleinpeter Consulting explained to council

and commissioners Tuesday how the program will work. Low-income homeowners may apply for the program, which will cover improvements such as a new roof, furnace or air conditioner. Expectations are to make improvements to between 50 and 75 homes.

Commissioner Rex Journey asked how much money would be used for each applicant's project.

Guidelines for OCRA's Owner Occupied Rehabilitation program started in 2021 show applicants typically receiving between \$10,000 and \$15,000 for their projects. (Kleinpeter noted Jay County has a larger amount of funding going toward its version of the program.)

To be qualified as low-income, applicants must make at or below a salary threshold. Those

amounts are as follows: one-person household, \$44,200; two-person household, \$55,500; three-person household, \$56,800; four-person household, \$63,100; five-person household, \$68,150; six-person household, \$73,200.

Journey also asked how long the county will have to take action with the program.

Typically, said Kleinpeter, OCRA's iteration of the program

cycles within 18 months, but the county's timeline likely stretches until the December 2026 deadline for American Rescue Plan Act dollars to be spent.

The work must be completed by licensed and insured contractors. Kleinpeter said the process would likely include a scoring process and lumping several house projects together in each contract.

Journey asked who would be in charge of deciding which residents to award funding. Kleinpeter noted it would likely be a county official decision or up to a scoring committee.

"It'll probably be like most, first-come, first-serve, when the money runs out, it runs out," said council vice president Faron Parr.

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## Gary starts on new tech hub

By ALEX DALTON  
Post-Tribune (Merrillville)  
Tribune News Service

Gary leaders gathered on Wednesday to celebrate the start of an \$8 million dollar construction project that will turn the city's long-abandoned Union Station into a state of the art fiber optics hub and training facility.

The development is the latest step in a yearslong effort to see the derelict building rehabilitated. First opened in 1910, the train station received rail passengers until it was shuttered in 1971 and has sat disused ever since, becoming a favored haunt of urban explorers.

In the 2010s, the site attracted the attention of the grassroots preservation group Decay Devils, which purchased Union Station from the city of Gary in 2018 and led a successful effort to get the building added to the U.S. Register of Historic Places the following year.

Speaking at the event, Decay Devils president Tyrell Anderson linked Union Station's new purpose to its old one.

"This building, from its inception, it's connected people. From New York, all immigrants from across the world came right here, to relocate to work at this company, to build this city, to build this region, to build this heritage area," he told the audience, "and man, we're about to reconnect it again, in a different way."

Thanks to a series of grants from the Merrillville-based Legacy Foundation, the nonprofit Decay Devils were able to begin work on revitalizing the site, which had become overwhelmed with vegetation and trash. Decay Devils oversaw the clearing of the site and the installation of public art pieces and landscaping on the premises. U.S. Steel, whose Gary Works steel mill sits just north of the station, provided new concrete pads on the site.

The Fiber Smart House is a collaboration between the city of Gary and the national telecommunications development firm Digital Equity LLC, which will operate the site through a subsidiary called Gary Digital Equity.

## Tour stop



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

The lead car in the Hoosier Tour, an annual event intended to draw attention to this weekend's Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival in Auburn, makes the turn from Main Street (Indiana 167) onto Washington Street on Tuesday afternoon in Dunkirk. The tour visited The Glass Museum in Dunkirk before continuing on to Anderson, with visits to Carmel and Noblesville planned Wednesday before returning home Thursday.

## Classic car enthusiasts visited The Glass Museum as part of promoting Auburn festival this weekend

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — It wasn't quite a parade.

And it wasn't quite a car show. But it could have been confused for either.

A steady stream of classic cars, 30 in all, came driving down Main Street on Tuesday afternoon, turning right and then filling the west 100 block of Washington Street and the Dunkirk Public Library Parking lot.

It was all part of the Hoosier Tour, a traveling group of automobile enthusiasts that continues through Thursday as part of efforts to promote this weekend's Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival in Auburn.

"The intent ... is to go out into the region, usually within 100 miles of Auburn, go into a community — the locals come out and love the cars — and encourage them to come to Auburn this

next weekend for our festival," said tour director Bill Hohler.

This year's Hoosier Tour, the 48th, had planned to start its day Tuesday in Decatur with a tour of Thunderbird Boats and end it with an overnight stay in Anderson.

"We were looking for a point of interest in between and found the Glass Museum," said Hohler.

So just before 2 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, a stream of 30 vintage vehicles — Hohler was driving a red and black 1932 Auburn Speedster — came rolling down Main Street (Indiana 167).

The tour continued Wednesday with a visit to roundabouts in Carmel that are dedicated to Indiana car companies, including Auburn Cord Duesenberg. The group had a luncheon and heard a speech from the artist who created the pieces in honor of the car companies, before heading back north through Noblesville and finishing the

evening at Hoosier Park in Anderson. They were scheduled to finish the tour with a return to Auburn on Thursday morning.

On Tuesday, museum curator Bob Rawlings gave the visitors a short presentation about the museum and the history of glass manufacturing in Indiana generally and Dunkirk specifically. (The community was once home to a dozen glass factories.) He then made himself available to answer questions about any of the thousands of pieces on display.

"There's just a lot of stuff here to see," said Rawlings, noting that the museum gets about 10 to 12 large tour groups a year. "There's little stories behind about every piece you've got in here."

The history was a natural fit for the group driving cars that date back to the early 20th century.

"We love the glass museum,"

said Hohler. "I marvel at the fact that they're still making 2 million beer bottles a day nearby."

While the visitors were looking through the museum, Dunkirk residents checked out their vehicles outside.

The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival, which officially begins today and runs through Sunday, includes a swap meet, auction, car displays, a factory meet and greet, cruise-in, food, a speakeasy, a classic car parade, an art show and a variety of other activities.

"It's got a little bit of everything," said Hohler, noting that Auburn Cord Duesenberg enthusiasts come from all over the world to visit. "It's got the old cars for the gearheads. It's an old, historic town, so it's got beautiful architecture. ... It's just a great way for the older generation to show kids and grandkids to show kids what it was like ..."

### Deaths

David Baldauf, 81, Portland

Christopher Dann, 50, Geneva

Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 79 degrees Tuesday. The low was 64.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 40s. Expect sunny skies Friday with a high in the upper 70s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Portland Redevelopment Commission has scheduled a meeting for 8 a.m. Friday at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. The agenda includes discussion about the ongoing Meridian Street storm sewer project.

### Coming up

Friday — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Works meeting.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS football team's game against Southern Wells.





# Program ...

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Applicants will have to meet the criteria as well, pointed out council president Jeanne Houchins.  
Council and commissioners met with Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs in May to discuss potential options for the \$1 million. The extra funding — it was an incentive for communities to spend at least a third of their American Rescue Plan Act dollars on projects stipulated in the strategic investment plan created for HELP — comes from Community Development Block Grant funds, meaning there are

different guidelines for how the money can be spent. (It must respond to the coronavirus pandemic.) Those guidelines severely limited county officials' options included in the strategic investment plan.  
Commissioners approved a roughly \$80,000 contract June 12 with Kleinpeter Consulting for its services as a certified grant writer and aid in the HELP process. Council on June 14 discussed ideas, which included broadband, trail projects or transitional housing.  
Commissioners and council members also amended the

county's strategic investment plan for HELP this month to include the \$1.1 million purchase of 68 acres located on the western edge of Portland along Indiana 67. (The land acquisition should count as the county's requirement to spend at least a third of its American Rescue Plan Act funds on projects in the HELP plan.)  
Houchins asked Kleinpeter to clarify another option discussed previously by county officials to fund service programs, planning grants or economic development grants. Kleinpeter pointed out most of those ideas are not

included in the strategic investment plan.  
Commissioner Brian McCalliard, who has been involved in the planning process with Kleinpeter and OCRA, noted they also looked into transforming a portion of Jay County Country Living into a transitional housing facility. The idea was turned down because the facility would not solely provide space for those in need of transitional housing.  
Jay County's strategic investment plan included a sentence suggesting funding could be used for various housing development projects, including an

owner occupied rehabilitation program.  
Kleinpeter pointed out OCRA needs a decision on the matter before Friday.  
"If we can help, 50, 75, 100 people in this county have a more comfortable home to live in and not have to worry about, you know, 'Gosh I need a roof, I don't know how to pay for it,'" said Houchins. "I think that, of all the things we've planned, it's down to this one. I think it's a great program."  
Council and commissioners both agreed to designate the funding for the program.

## CR almanac

Friday 9/1	Saturday 9/2	Sunday 9/3	Monday 9/4	Tuesday 9/5
<b>79/55</b>	<b>86/62</b>	<b>90/66</b>	<b>92/67</b>	<b>92/68</b>
Friday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high of 80 degrees. At night, a low of 57.	Saturday will be sunny. The high may reach the mid 80s, and at night, it may dip to 63.	Another day of sun is slated for Sunday, when the temperature will hit the upper 80s.	Labor Day looks to be sunny and hot. The high temperature is expected to be 90.	Sunny skies with hot temperatures swelling to nearly 92 degrees.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$386 million	Evening Daily Three: 8-6-9 Daily Four: 6-3-5-9 Quick Draw: 5-9-15-19-23-28-32-34-36-40-46-50-52-53-55-57-58-67-75
<b>Mega Millions</b> 9-39-52-61-63 Mega Ball: 25 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$85 million	<b>Ohio</b> Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 7-3-3 Pick 4: 2-6-5-0 Pick 5: 7-9-5-9-3 Evening Pick 3: 1-2-9 Pick 4: 6-5-4-0 Pick 5: 2-7-6-6-2 Rolling Cash: 1-2-25-30-36
<b>Hoosier</b> Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 0-2-4 Daily Four: 5-8-9-7 Quick Draw: 3-5-8-10-12-14-18-25-29-32-34-37-45-50-51-67-68-74-75-77	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....5.83 Sept. corn .....5.83 Wheat .....5.19	Sept. beans .....13.37 Wheat ..... 5.26
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....5.84 Sept. corn .....5.84 Mid Sept. corn .....5.33	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....5.32 Sept. corn .....5.12 Beans .....14.14 Sept. beans .....14.09 Wheat .....5.65
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....5.23 Sept. corn .....5.23 Beans .....14.05	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....5.24 Sept. corn .....5.24 Beans .....13.75 Sept. beans .....13.65 Wheat .....5.14

## Today in history

In 12 AD, the Roman emperor Caligula was born.  
In 1850, King Kamehameha III declared Honolulu the capital of his kingdom.  
In 1864, the Confederate evacuation of Atlanta began during the Civil War. It was precipitated by the approach of Union troops led by William Tecumseh Sherman.  
In 1897, Thomas Edison received a patent for the kinetographic camera, which was an ancestor of the motion picture film projector.  
In 1945, Irish singer and songwriter Van Morrison was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland. His first hit song in the United States was "Brown Eyed Girl" and he was inducted into The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1993.  
In 1992, an armed standoff between government officials and a family of self-proclaimed white separatists that lasted 11 days came to an end with the surrender of leader Randy Weaver. Three people — two members of Weaver's family and a U.S. Marshal — had been killed during the standoff.  
In 1997, Diana, Princess of Wales, died when her driver lost control of the car she was riding in and crashed in a tunnel in Paris while speeding away from paparazzi.  
In 2012, the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team finished as runners-up at the St. Marys Invitational.  
In 2016, Dilma Rousseff, president of Brazil, was impeached and removed from office after the country's Senate found her guilty of using state bank funds to cover up a budget deficit prior to her 2014 re-election.  
In 2021, though ever set was close, the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team swept host Jay County 25-21, 26-24, 25-21.

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Thursday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Jay County EDIT Advisory Committee and Portland EDIT Advisory Committee joint session, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	<b>Friday</b> 8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
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## Obituaries

### David Baldauf

Dec. 24, 1941-Aug. 28, 2023  
David Baldauf, age 81, a resident of Portland, passed away on Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.  
David was born on Dec. 24, 1941, in Portland, the son of Ora and Pauline (Ritter) Baldauf. He graduated from Portland High School and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. David retired from the Portland Forge after 42 years of service and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Portland.  
He married Joyce Siegler on Sept. 19, 1964.  
Survivors include:

His wife of 58 years — Joyce Baldauf, Portland, Indiana  
Two sons — Brian Baldauf, Portland, Indiana, and Jeff Baldauf, Dunkirk, Indiana  
Two brothers — Richard Baldauf (wife: Patty), Portland, Indiana, and Dale Baldauf (wife: Debbie), Portland, Indiana  
One granddaughter — McKenna Baldauf  
Private graveside services will be held at Claycomb Cemetery, southwest of Portland.  
Arrangements entrusted to



Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.  
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

**Christopher J. Dann**, Geneva, May 26, 1973-Aug. 28, 2023. Services will be held at 7 p.m. today at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva.

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

## Capsule Reports

### Backing accident

A Winchester man backed the car he was operating into a Jay County officer's patrol vehicle and continued driving along Division Road about 2 a.m. Sunday.

Derek M. Bogenschutz, 35, Dunkirk, was driving a 2021 Dodge Durango and pursuing a 1999 Chevrolet Silverado along the road near State Line Road. The Silverado driver, 30-year-old David W. Atkinson, backed the vehicle into Bogenschutz's car and continued north, according to an accident report from Jay County Sheriff's Office.

The vehicle Atkinson was driving is registered to Chad J. Timmerman of Portland, and it was towed. Atkinson was preliminarily charged with a felony for battery. According to the report, he was driving without a license.  
Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

### Intersection crash

A Muncie man crashed into a Fort Recovery teen's car at the intersection of Indiana 16 and State Line Road about 12:22 p.m. Monday.

Christopher J. Smith, 24, Muncie, was driving his 2004 Chevrolet Malibu south on State Line Road and failed to stop at the intersection with Indiana 26, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. He continued south and struck a westbound 2009 Toyota Camry driven by 16-year-old Reed T. Albers of Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Smith was cited for disregarding the stop sign and driving without insurance.  
Both vehicles were towed. Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

### Moped hit

A Portland man's moped hit the side of another Portland man's car, causing him to fall off the bike at the intersection of Middle and Main streets about 11:26 a.m. Sunday.

Daniel S. Knipp, 67, was driving his 2020 Baodiao east on Main Street and following a 2014 Honda Crosstour, driven by 48-year-old Bryan L. Henkle of Portland. Henkle told police he was driving east and

slowed to turn onto Middle Street when Knipp tried to pass him, causing Knipp's moped to hit the front driver's side of Henkle's car and fall off his moped.  
Knipp sustained a cut on his forehead and may have

had a broken nose, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. He was taken to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie for his injuries.  
Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

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## Teenage girl can't connect

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old girl who is struggling to have a social life. Since I was a little girl, I have had a problem connecting with kids my own age. I have done better with kids older or younger than me. A lot of times I relate better with teachers than with students. The few friends I had before COVID-19 have vanished into thin air.

When school started, I was part of a new group of "friends," but it didn't last long. The groups in my school are very tight. It's almost impossible to break into an already-existing friend group. While I don't mind being alone, I know I'm missing out. It doesn't help that I don't know how to approach other teens and that I suffer from anxiety that makes me doubt myself when I try.

I also can't express myself clearly because I'm not from this country. English is not my first language, and there are cultural things I can't understand. Do you have any advice so I can approach people easier and maybe make a friend or two? — FRIENDLESS GIRL

DEAR GIRL: This may be something you can talk about with a trusted teacher or school counselor. Because the cliques at your school are difficult to break into, ask what kind of special interest clubs exist on your campus. Is drama offered, or is there a

Dear Abby



sport you might be interested in that would allow you to mix with others your age?

You don't have to be a star athlete or a great actress in order to enjoy activities such as these. The goal is to expose yourself to others who have a similar interest. And remember, high school may seem like it lasts forever, but it doesn't. Once you have graduated, you WILL have the chance to make many more social contacts on a level playing field.

DEAR ABBY: Do I give my daughter her baby book now that she's in her 40s? Does the same answer apply to a son? I just need to know if it's something a parent does. — WONDERING MOM

DEAR WONDERING: Some parents give their children these mementos when they are downsizing their homes. Others offer it to them once they marry, settle down or prove they are responsible enough that it won't be lost. Of course, before bestowing such a gift, it would be prudent to ASK if it would be welcomed.



## Eagle projects

Boy Scouts Troop 202 of Portland recently had three scouts complete their Eagle projects.

Pictured at top left from clockwise, Ty Paxson installed gravel under faucets to solve erosion issues in the campsites at Jay County Fairgrounds.

At right, Hayden Richman planted more than 80 trees at Jay County Fairgrounds.

At left, Austin Jellison built a gaga ball pit at Milton Miller Park in Portland.

Photos provided

## Community Calendar

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

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

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

next meeting at noon Friday, Sept. 1, at the Harmony Cafe in Portland.

**Saturday**  
GOODYEAR FAMILY REUNION — Will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Greek's Pizzeria in Portland.

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

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

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 - BRIANNA'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 Fri-

day. 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.

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

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- Maintains current knowledge of CDC guidelines and immunization/vaccination standards and attends educational training/seminars as necessary
- Issues certified birth and death certificates to authorized individuals
- Receives/receipts monies for permits, certificates, and immunizations and files reports as necessary
- Answers telephones and greets office visitors, responding to inquiries, providing information and assistance

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- Possession of or ability to obtain TB skin testing certification and CPR/AED certifications
- Possession of or ability to obtain Notary Public License and National Incident Management (NIMS) Certifications
- Ability to serve the public with diplomacy and respect, including occasional encounters with difficult persons
- Ability to problem solve and collaborate as a team player
- Ability to operate standard office equipment
- Ability to travel off-site (active Indiana driver's license)

**HOURS**

- 35 hours weekly (Monday through Friday)
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- Follows the Jay County government office holiday schedule

All interested applicants can submit their resume to the Jay County Health Department at:  
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Ph. 260-726-8080 Fax 260-726-2220 Environmental@jaycountyhealthdept.org  
Applications will be accepted until September 8, 2023

## Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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

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.



# Economic opportunities hold key

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Sheila Kennedy and I recently published a ground-breaking book, "From Property to Partner," concerning the struggle for women's rights.

It is distinguished by being current, but brief and comprehensive.

However, readers of this weekly homily rightfully demand what's missing from the book — attention to Indiana. Hence, the following is offered in partial expiation of that neglect.

The gap between the earnings of men and women nationally is generally reported as 17%, or 83%, which is the same thing. That is, women earn 83% of what men earn, which is 17% less than men. However, as with many statistics, the number will vary

## Eye on the Pie



depending on when and how the gap is measured.

Our data are for 2021, based on a five-year period, adjusted for inflation. They are the median earnings for men and women who are full-time, year-round workers, ages 16 and older. They come from the American Community Survey (U.S. Census Bureau) for each state and county.

These data show the median

American male earning \$57,803 and the median female \$46,823. That puts the wage gap at 81% or 19%. It may be lower/higher than previous estimates because it includes the COVID period, during which women often were more responsive to family needs.

Hoosier workers were earning less — males \$54,853, 95% of the national median (29th highest among the 50 states); females \$41,870, 89% of their counterparts in other states (35th highest level in the U.S.). The Hoosier male-female gap was \$12,983, 76% or 24%, the ninth-largest state-level gap in America.

The gap between men and women was greatest in Wyoming, Utah and Louisiana. It was least in Vermont, Maryland and New York. In the Cowboy State

(Wyoming), the gap was 32%. By contrast, it was 11% in the Green Mountain State (Vermont).

Within Indiana, the median earnings of males exceed the national median in 13 counties; for women the national median was exceeded in 19 counties. Hamilton County residents have the highest earnings in Indiana for both men and women, but the gap between the genders is 31% or \$26,570 a year.

The least gap between men's and women's earnings are found in Owen County where the gap is 9% or \$3,900. In Porter County, the gap is highest at 36% or \$15,020.

Why do these gaps vary so much? It is largely a question of economic opportunities for residents of the various counties.

Commuting is a way of increasing your earnings. But if the neighboring counties don't offer better wages, women, more reluctant to commute, will find less monetarily rewarding work.

Does Indiana have economic development policies to spread and support employment around the state?

Are location decisions made by companies at the expense of our mid-sized and smaller towns?

Are our county roads conducive to safe commuting?

Hoosiers might seek answers from our Lords of the Legislature.

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# There's value in liberal arts

The Dominion Post (Morgantown, West Virginia)

## Guest Editorial

There's a disheartening national trend where universities, as they contend with declining student enrollment and less government funding, shift their focus and narrow their offerings so earning a degree becomes less about education and more about job preparation.

However, there is value in a liberal arts education that can't be recorded on paper — and that many won't even realize until long after they've graduated from college.

When you're a student, the general education classes in English, foreign languages, philosophy, art and history all seem like irrelevant barriers standing between you and your degree.

When you're in your late teens and early 20s, you don't see how studying Plato or reading Shakespeare or analyzing Renaissance art or learning about Asian history matters. Those things likely have no bearing on your future career path.

It may be true that studying the arts, humanities and "soft sciences" won't make you a better employee down the road. But it will make you a better person, and that's even more important.

Literature and art will teach you that while there is sometimes beauty for beauty's sake, there is often more to play than just aesthetic appeal. They will teach you to stand in someone else's shoes and view the world through someone else's eyes; to have empathy and compassion. You will learn to note the significance of what is said and shown — and what is not. They will teach you answers are not always right or wrong, black or white; sometimes the answer lies in the foggy place between. More than one thing can be true at the same time — even disparate, contradictory things.

Philosophy teaches you about the unspoken, underlying rules of our societies — the patterns of thought and behavior that have influenced culture and shaped power structures for millennia. It will teach you to recognize how schools of

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thought impact our world: If you can name it, you can know it; and if you know it, you can see it in action all around you.

History and anthropology will teach you about what has come before, so you can better understand what is happening now and what will come in the future. They will teach you how even the smallest events can have long-lasting impacts. They will show you how humanity has changed and evolved — and how we haven't. And — particularly at the collegiate level — they will teach you things you have never heard of before and likely never would have otherwise.

The so-called "arts" aspect of a liberal arts education actually teaches you critical thinking: how to dive beneath the surface of what you see and hear; to consider the why and how, not just the what; to assess for veracity and to synthesize information to draw supported conclusions; and how to navigate in a world that increasingly sees you as a commodity.

So no, a liberal arts education won't necessarily make you a better worker. But it will make you are more well-rounded, empathetic and analytical person. Though it may take years for you to see the value in that, we promise your liberal arts education will more than pay for itself in the future.



# Teachers inspire love of learning

By ANDREW FIALA  
The Fresno Bee  
Tribune News Service

## Andrew Fiala



A new report from PEN America describes "education intimidation bills" in conservative states as part of an "ed scare." They see this as "a nationwide effort ... to foment anger and anxiety about public education; to restrict or prohibit instruction about race, sexuality, and gender; and to ban books that address these topics." The result is a "chilling effect" that is causing some teachers to leave the profession.

Critics on the right have also claimed that speech codes, diversity training, and left-wing cancel culture have had a similar chilling effect.

These politicized discussions seem far away from what actually happens in classrooms. And they ignore the basic question of how teaching, learning and education work.

Teaching is a risky adventure. Teachers have the immense responsibility of nurturing diverse young minds. The human beings in our classrooms are real people, with problems, personalities and passions. You cannot predict how students will respond, what questions they will ask or what ideas they will discover.

Teaching can be a joy-filled activity. But it should not be taken lightly. It requires patience, spontaneity, humor and care. It is also nerve-racking. Teachers don't teach well when external stressors are thrown into the mix.

This is also true of learning. We learn best when the intensity of our curiosity blossoms. Fear and intimidation can be used to instruct. But mere instruction is mechanical and top-down. It is important to memorize formulas and information, and to learn to follow rules. But instruc-

tion does not develop the passions of the soul.

Authentic education is not merely instruction. It is not about memorizing a restricted set of rules. Nor does education succeed when it is based on fear and constraint. Discipline and punishment may work for circus animals. But to educate autonomous human beings, freedom must be wedded to the love of wisdom.

Genuine education is soul formation. As we develop habits of critical thought, we become autonomous rational human beings. Education ought to develop the virtues of free thought, while empowering us to create and discover new ideas. The human soul is a free and creative thing. Human beings are driven by wonder and curiosity. We are concerned with justice, goodness, beauty and truth. And no matter what teachers say and do, young people will think for themselves.

Curiosity and freedom are ultimately irrepressible. Consider the case of Socrates. He educated his students in the art of free and critical thinking. The conservative authorities of ancient Athens did not like this. They put him on trial and executed him for corrupting the youth.

But by canceling Socrates, the authorities were not able to prevent people from thinking. In fact, Socrates became famous as a martyr for free thought and critical inquiry. And the questions he asked

remained on the table. His method of thinking did not belong to him, nor did his ideas. Rather, free thought is the common endowment of the human spirit.

Now consider the questions about race, gender, and sexuality that are provoking us today — and fueling the cancel culture of both left and right. By banning certain lessons, books, or topics, the underlying questions and ideas don't magically disappear. Human beings will still have these questions and ideas. We would do better if we empowered students to explore them wisely and well.

Much of the current debate about education occurs at an abstract level, divorced from the concrete process of teaching and learning. At that level of abstraction it is easy to forget that teachers are mortal beings working without a net. Very few teachers set out to indoctrinate students into a political worldview. Mostly they love to see young people develop curious and inquisitive minds. We also forget that ideas have a power of their own. Students are going to ask tough questions and explore difficult topics, no matter what rules are imposed from on high.

Genuine education cannot avoid the hard questions. It must confront them directly. This is delicate work that requires caring and creative teachers, who need support rather than intimidation. The youth are thinking beings who need inspiration and guidance to become free and critical thinkers. Education happens best when teachers love their work, and when students are free to explore ideas.

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frnaz@frontier.com

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Robert Thomas  
(765) 348-4620  
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

**Geneva First United Methodist**  
100 W. Line St., Geneva  
Barry McCune  
(260) 368-7655  
Services: 9:30 a.m.

**Geneva Nazarene**  
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Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

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Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren**  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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435 High St., Geneva  
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**Holy Trinity Catholic**  
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Services: 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday

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216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk  
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(260) 251-0063  
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**New Life Ministries**  
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Dr. Kay Fairchild  
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Services: 4 p.m.  
drkayfairchild.com

**New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist**  
5905 S. Como Road  
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Services: 9 a.m.

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1964 N. 800 East  
Aaron Huey  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

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829 S. Indiana 1  
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9945 N. 800 East, Union City  
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mypleasanthillchurch.org

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Services: 10:45 a.m.

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Union and Malin streets  
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Mike Eads (260) 703-0733  
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Rev. Alexander Witt  
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Rev. Kevin Hurley  
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**St. Paul Catholic**  
517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery  
Rev. Alexander Witt  
Services: 11 a.m. Sunday

**St. Peter Catholic**  
1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery  
Rev. Alexander Witt  
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County roads 400 North and 550 West  
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**Sugar Grove United Methodist**  
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Scott McClain  
Services: 9 a.m.

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pastorrobino@gmail.com

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Sunday school: 10:30 a.m.  
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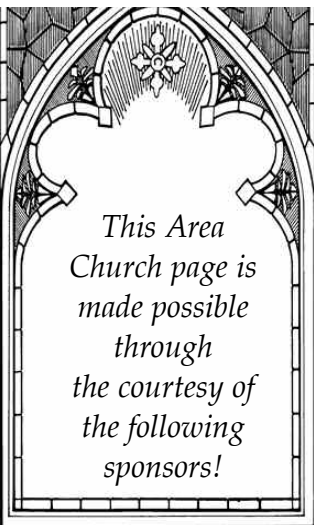
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**Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene**  
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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Steve Rogers  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**West Walnut Church of Christ**  
204 W. Walnut St., Portland  
Gil Alicea  
(260) 726-4691  
Services: 10 a.m.  
westwalnutchurchof-christ.org

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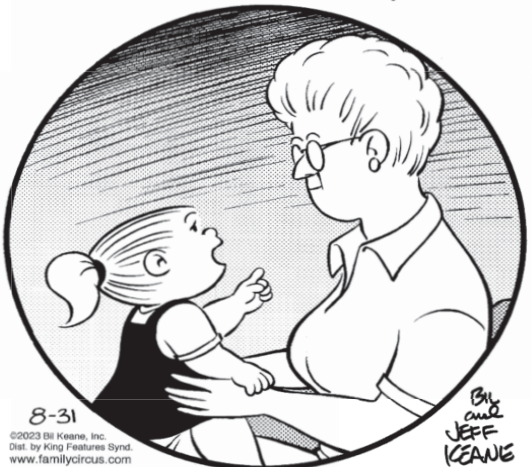
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



When you were little, Grandma, were you the only one in your class with gray hair?

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A frequently fatal weakness

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH A Q 9 8 6 3 2 5 6 2 J 6 4 WEST K 7 4 K 9 8 2 A Q 10 7 5 3 EAST J 10 5 J 10 7 4 Q 7 K 9 8 SOUTH A 6 3 K J 10 9 8 5 4 3 A Q The bidding: East South West North Pass 5 All Pass Opening lead — three of clubs.

In general, more contracts are won or lost on the opening lead than at any other stage of the play. But while it is true that some players are more successful than others in choosing opening leads, there are times when no one would find the winning lead. Take this case where South opened the bidding with five diamonds. West felt strongly tempted to double but followed the more conservative course by passing.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz. ©2023 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

8-31 CRYPTOQUIP

VKX OTJX QZXK LXBUAJXB XWOXX QRW OVV TYY OV EV OZX QRWZ ZXBWXYU, T ZXYLXE YRAEXB YRAKEXB.

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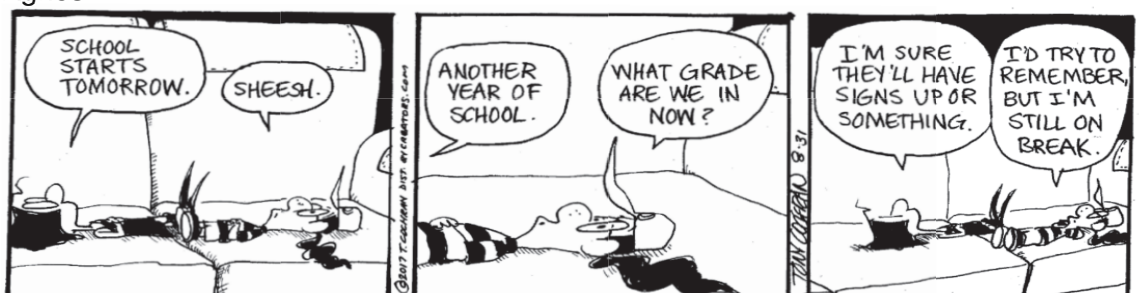
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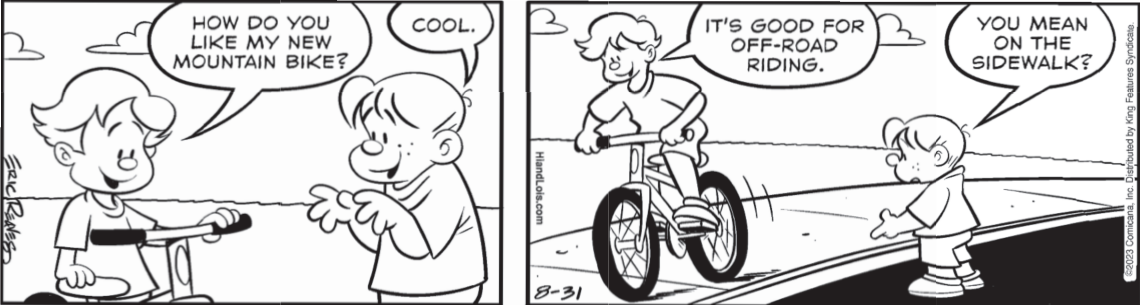
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Pictured at right is Jay County's outside hitter Laila Waddell (14) going up to hit against FRHS junior Kennedy Muhlenkamp (11) during Tuesday's match. Patriots coach Amy Dillon was impressed with her outside hitters in the match, going up without fear of being blocked by the Indians' taller middles.



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## Tribe ...

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Kenna Dues, Trinity Rammel and Ivy Tobe all served up aces in the match.  
Hallie Schwieterman finished with a team-high 4 kills for the Patriots. Also leading the team was Paisley Fugiett with 6 assists and Elizabeth Barrett with 10 digs.

## Roundup ...

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Both Molly Muhlenkamp and Finley Hatzell netted their only shots of the half to give the Patriots a 4-0 lead. Muhlenkamp also had an assist, while Aixa Lopez had two and Jenna Dues added one.  
Lopez scored twice for the Patriots in the second half. Jayla Huelskamp also

found the scoring column, while DeHoff posted the only assist of the half.  
South Adams scored the only one goal in the game. JCHS goalie Angel Clair-day sent back all three of the Starfires shots in the first half, while South Adams failed to take a shot at the goal outside of the score in the second.  
Lopez shouldered a lot of

the defensive effort, swiping the ball away 21 times.  
**Junior high sweeps**  
MUNCIE — The Jay County junior high volleyball team completed a two-set sweep of Northside Middle School on Tuesday, 25-10, 25-19.  
Amelia Heath led the Patriots with seven kills in the match. She also had

four service points, three of which were aces.  
Kenady Lyons found herself checking off multiple parts of the stat sheet. She had two kills, three assists and two aces.  
Brenna Ruble tied Heath for a team-high three aces.  
Gabi Petro led the defensive effort with three digs while also dishing out one assist.

## Review preview

Friday - 7 p.m.

### Jay County Patriots

Portland, 2-0 (0-0)  
**Coach:** Grant Zgunda, 3rd year (26th overall)  
**Conference:** Allen County

**Last week at Huntington North:** The Vikings punched the Jay County in the mouth when a squib kick was picked up by Huntington North and later scored, but the Patriots controlled the game the rest of the way for a 14-9 victory in week 2. Key defensive stops helped Jay County score twice in the second quarter. The Vikings forced a safety in the third, but the Patriots' defense held on for the victory.  
**Season leaders:** Passing — Sean Bailey — 15-of-26 passing for 207 yards and four touchdowns. Rushing — A.J. Myers — 41 carries for 182 yards and four touchdowns. Receiving — Justin DeHoff — six receptions for 118 yards and two touchdowns. Defense — Aiden Phillips — 18 tackles.

## at Southern Wells Raiders

Poneto, 1-1 (0-0)  
**Coach:** Jeff Sprunger, 1st year (3rd overall)  
**Conference:** Allen County

**Last week at Madison-Grant:** After picking up a 29-26 win in week one at Elwood, the Raiders gave up 52 points in week two's loss to Madison-Grant. All but six points were given up in the first half of the game. Case Boxell led the offensive push for Southern Wells, racking up 73 yards on 20 carries. The Raiders finished the game with only 113 total yards of offense. Slusher Trey went 1-for-3 passing in the game, with an interception.  
**Season leaders:** Passing — Trey Slusher — 1-of-4 passing for -10 yards and one interception. Rushing — Case Boxell — 35 carries for 160 yards and one touchdown. Defense — Bryar Gearheart — 9 tackles.

**Last meeting:** Jay County scored on every drive outside of its last when the JV players were put in during the Patriots 41-6 toppling of Southern Wells last season. A.J. Myers rushed for 57 yards and scored three touchdowns in the game for the Patriots. Sean Bailey threw for a pair as well, both of which were 45 yards or more. The Raiders' lone score came in the third quarter on a seven-yard pass from Bryar Gearheart.  
**Game notes:** This is the 10th meeting all time between Jay County and Southern Wells. Jay County has a 6-3 edge in the series ... Jay County is looking to go 3-0 for the first time since the 1985 season ... Jay County has a 50.23 Sagarin rating, which is 169th overall and 44th in Class 4A. Southern Wells' 18.64 rating is 286th overall and 47th in Class 1A ... Calpreps.com has JCHS as a 32-point favorite against Southern Wells.

## Sports on tap

**Local schedule**  
**Today**  
Jay County — Girls soccer vs. Norwell — 5 p.m.; Boys soccer at Norwell — 5 p.m.; Boys tennis vs. Marion — 5:30 p.m.; Volleyball at Wapahani — 6 p.m.; Junior High cross country vs. Lee L Driver — 5 p.m.; Junior High volleyball at Lee L Driver — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Boys golf vs. St. Henry — 4:30 p.m.; Girls golf at St. Henry at Mercer County Elks — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Parkway — 5:30 p.m.; Middle School football vs. Coldwater — 5 p.m.; Middle School volleyball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.  
**Friday**  
Jay County — Football at Southern Wells — 7 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Football at Coldwater — 7 p.m.

**TV sports**  
**Today**  
12 p.m. — U.S. Open (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — NCAA Football: Elon at Wake Forest (ACCN)  
7 p.m. — NCAA Football: Kent State at UCF (FS1)  
7 p.m. — U.S. Open (ESPN2)  
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8 p.m. — NCAA Football: Florida at Utah (ESPN)  
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7 p.m. — NCAA Football: Central Michigan at Michigan State (FS1)  
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**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 foot-

ball 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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**JCHS boys tennis hosts Marion today, see Sports on tap**

# Sports

## Tribe tops Patriots

*Indians keep Jay County on its toes in 3-0 sweep*

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

Athletic outside hitters are a valuable asset to have on a volleyball team. The ability to take a strong swing at a ball to attack the opponents can be a key aspect to winning matches.

Sometimes you have to switch things up. That's what the Indians did, as they changed speeds on the Patriots.

The Fort Recovery High School volleyball team kept the Jay County Patriots on their toes all night as they constantly changed their approach when attacking the net to earn a 25-22, 26-24, 25-21 victory Tuesday.

"I felt like we overall had a great team effort. We all made some really big plays today," FRHS coach Travis Guggenbiller said. "Every girl made at one time or another, they all made a big play. ... Everybody pulled their own when we needed it."

The Indians' outside and middle hitters put in a lot of work in the match, but none shined brighter than Teigan Fortkamp. She contributed a match-high 14 kills and five aces while digging out 11 balls. Of Fortkamp's 14 kills, nine of them came when the Patriots (2-2) were serving, three of them stopped Jay County runs and five times she changed speeds to just tip the ball between the blockers at the net and the defense along the back line.

Fortkamp attributed her success in the match to Cali Wendel and the communication between her and any hitter the ball was sent to.

"So every time I just listen to my libero Cali Wen-

del, and she tells me where to hit it," Fortkamp said. "That was our main success tonight was finding the holes, and Cali was telling me where they were at."

Wendel was the only Indian to not commit a service error on eight attempts. She also had a match-high 19 digs.

The Patriots tested Fort Recovery (3-0) at different points in the match. They had a 24-22 point lead in the second set before Mara Pearson rattled off four straight kills for the win. Pearson finished with nine kills in the match.

In the third set, the Patriots scored eight unanswered points, including two aces by Maggie Dillon.

"I was just picking the spots I thought were the weakest and just serving there," Maggie Dillon said. "Changing up the speed of my serve was definitely helping. I think us just being aggressive and strategic was helping but then them sending tips back over was a struggle for us."

Dillon led the Patriots with four aces, while also adding three kills and four digs.

The run ended with a Fortkamp kill, but the Patriots stayed with the Indians in the set. Approaching the end, Jay County had a 20-16 lead. The Indians tied the set because of a service error, a net violation and tip kills from Fortkamp and Paige Guggenbiller.

Bella Denton ended the short run with one of her nine kills in the match, but Fortkamp answered it with a soft kill of her own.

An ace, a bump from Jay County that sailed too far and two kills from

Paige Guggenbiller completed the comeback and clinched the set and the match.

"I just think that they stopped hitting the ball so much because we were covering that," Jay County coach Amy Dillon said. "They started mixing it up and tipping and finding corners and finding where we weren't. They were challenging us a little bit to start moving our defense."

Despite the loss, Amy Dillon was impressed with the mindset of Maggie Dillon and Laila Waddell, playing without fear of being blocked.

Both teams got strong performances from their middles. For Jay County, Bella Denton led the team with nine kills while Mya Kunkler added four. For the Indians, Paige Guggenbiller had nine kills while Kennedy Muhlenkamp had five kills and six digs and also tallied 16 assists as she flipped between playing as a middle and a setter in Fort Recovery's 6-2 lineup.

Travis Guggenbiller was impressed with his team's maturity, leadership and balance.

"I felt like we controlled the game the whole night tonight," he said. "And I'm just proud that we never lost our poise. Even when we were down in two of those sets, we just stayed calm and fought through, and it's good to see that kind of stuff."

### Junior varsity

Fort Recovery took down the Patriots in the minimum two sets 25-24, 25-18.

Bridget Homan had six kills for the Indians with Sophia Guggenbiller adding four.

See **Tribe** page 7



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FRHS junior Kennedy Muhlenkamp sets a ball for a teammate during the Indians' 25-22, 26-24, 25-21 win at Jay County on Tuesday. Seeing time on the floor as both a setter and a middle blocker, Muhlenkamp put together five kills, 16 assists, two aces and one dig for Fort Recovery.

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## FRHS pull off one-stroke win

The Indians had an inspired performance Tuesday afternoon.

It resulted in the team's lowest score of the season and two girls' best performance of their careers.

In the Fort Recovery High School girls golf team's first match since the death of coach Joe Bruns, the group banded together to take down Winchester and Jay County in a three-team match at Portland Golf Club.

The Indians finished with 211 strokes, just one better than the Winchester Golden Falcons' 212. The Patriots came in third with 236.

Bruns, a longtime FRHS teacher and coach, died Thursday following a battle with cancer. A day after his funeral Monday, both Ella Schoen and Brynn Stammen had the best rounds of their careers, finishing with 50 and 51 strokes, respectively. Schoen shot for par on both of the par-3 holes (No. 2 and 8) and had a bogey on the ninth. Stammen also pared the 119-

yard eighth hole. Jay County's Maddy Snow was the match medalist with a 47. She had pars on the fourth and fifth holes, while adding four birdies into the mix as well.

Winchester's top golfer was Allyssa Cole with a 49.

Following Schoen and Stammen for the Indians was Olivia Knapke with a 52. Knapke's only par came on the par-5 fifth hole, but she had three bogeys to go with it.

Emma Will and Eva Kahlig both shot 58s to round out the Indians' score.

Sophomore Whitney McIntire had the second-best score for Jay County with a 62.

Brooklynn Bright shot only one stroke over McIntire for a 53. The highlight of her round was a bogey on hole No. 8. Rounding out the Patriots' score was Meah Devoe with a 64.

Brooklyn Zimmerman's 67 strokes did not factor into the JCHS team score.

## Girls soccer net first victory

The Patriots have demolished the South Adams Starfires 7-1.

The Patriots got off to a quick start scoring four goals in the first half, all of which were assisted. Leading the scoring was junior Morgan DeHoff with two goals. She was 2-for-4 in the half on shots on goal.

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