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Project funds get cut back

Commission reduces commitment to \$25,000

By RAY COONEY

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Portland Redevelopment Commission is saving some money.

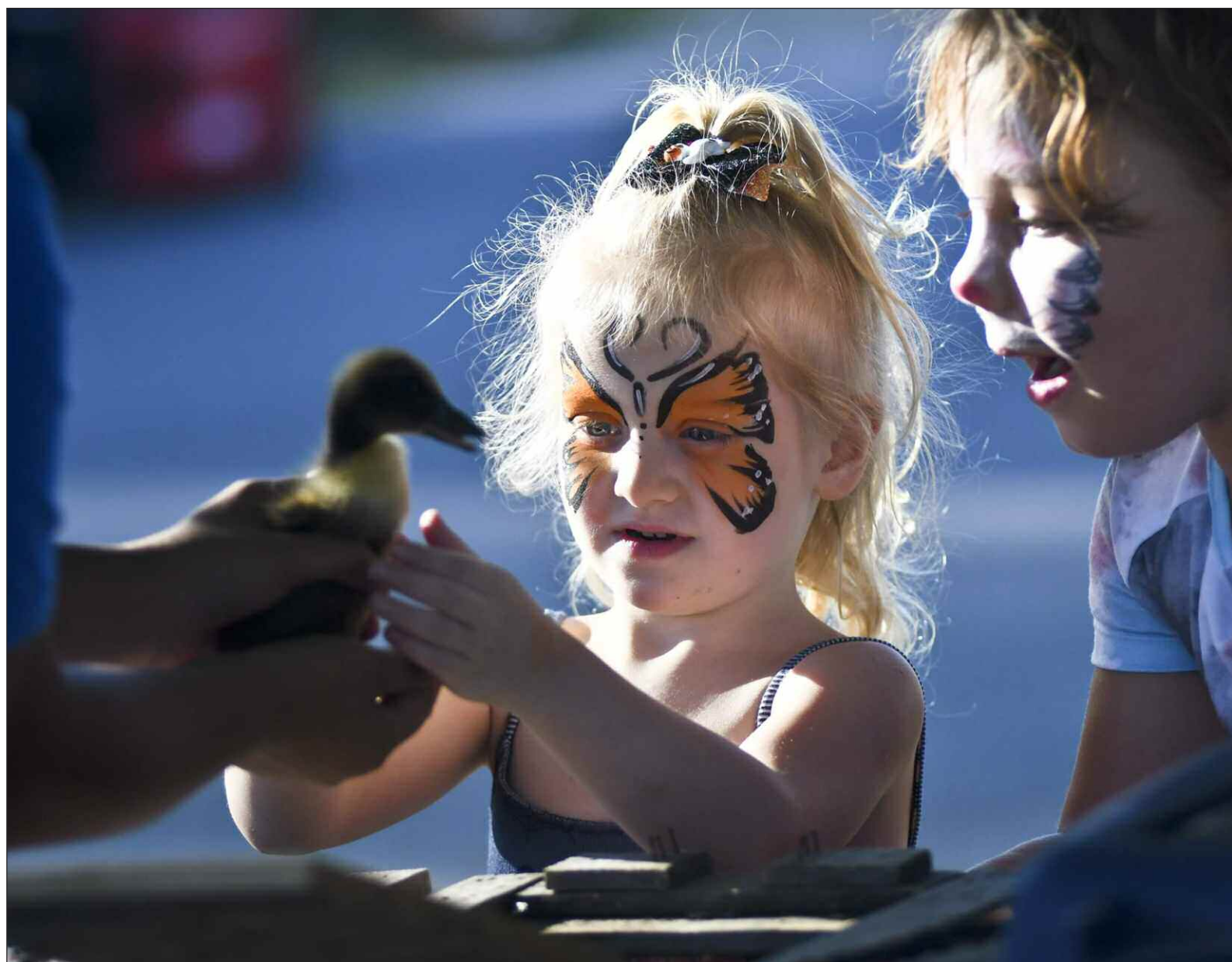
The redevelopment commission during a special meeting Friday adjusted its latest financial commitment to the ongoing Meridian Street storm sewer project because of an error by city officials.

Portland Mayor John Boggs had requested an additional \$259,598.81 from the redevelopment commission during its July 18 meeting, saying there was a \$519,197.64 shortfall on the project because of various project delays and changes from Indiana Department of Transportation. At that time, the redevelopment commission approved a \$100,000 contribution, pushing for Portland City Council to step up and cover the remainder of the funding. (It had already previously approved \$350,000 for the project, with an additional \$1.355 million coming from the city's federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and \$780,450 State Transportation and Stormwater Grant from the State Water Infrastructure Fund.)

However, at the Aug. 7 Portland City Council meeting, Boggs explained that the shortfall on the project amounted to just under \$52,000. (He explained that city officials had been looking at the project with all of its alternates, some of which are not being done, which led to the incorrect amount being presented to the redevelopment commission.)

Portland City Council at that meeting approved \$26,832.64 for the storm sewer project, with Boggs saying redevelopment commission president Rusty Inman had been informed the organization's contribution could be reduced.

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Dunkirk duckling

Four-year-old JoJo Bentz and 8-year-old Kenna Cramer (right), both of Portland, make friends with a duckling during Friday's fall festival in Dunkirk. The event at the former Webster Depot, now home to Living in Joy, featured various vendors and activities.

Holcomb asked to reconsider cuts

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

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A bipartisan group of lawmakers from both chambers sent a letter to Gov. Eric Holcomb earlier this week urging him to reconsider the proposed rate cuts for Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy, a specialized form of treatment for autistic children.

The letter, authored by Shelbyville Republican Rep. Robb Greene, was signed by 13 senators and 29 representatives from across the state. Greene, a freshman legislator, shared the impact of ABA therapy on his young son.

"When my son, RG, was

Bipartisan group wants to maintain funding for ABA therapy

diagnosed with (Autism Spectrum Disorder) at age 3, he was functionally non-verbal. At an age when many parents are experiencing the joy that accompanies each milestone, we were told that our son had the developmental parity of a nine-month-old," Greene wrote in a statement.

"... Within 2 months (of

ABA therapy), RG went from very few vocalizations to the start of meaningful exchanges with us, his peers and his therapy team. Within the first year, he acquired many necessary life skills, such as beginning and mastering potty training, efforts made toward dressing himself and learning coping mechanisms that enabled

our family to socialize together in more public settings," Greene continued.

Greene said RG's current ability to communicate basic needs and advocate for himself wouldn't have occurred without "intensive" ABA therapy. His son now attends kindergarten at the family's local public school.

"Simply put, ABA saved my son's life," Greene said.

The Family and Social Services Administration, through their Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning division, proposed establishing a rate standard for the treatment that would go into effect in late 2023 or early 2024. Prior to 2016, the state didn't cover the service and thus didn't have a precedent to set base rates.

Rather, the agency paid a flat 40% reimbursement, which caused payments to vary widely from provider to provider — averaging \$91 for hourly rates but ranging from \$46 to \$222 hourly for the same services.

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Retrospect

A new system was installed

Twenty-five years ago this week, the largest local school was becoming more secure.

The Sept. 1, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about Jay School Corporation having a new security system installed at Jay County High School.

The plan was to have the new system — it included an electronic locking system with 30 exterior high-security door locks, 50 interior high-security locks, 20 master keys and 100 numbered keys — up and running in two weeks.

In addition to the keys, six coded key pads would be used by teachers and staff in high-traffic areas in order to eliminate the need for all staff to have exterior keys. Each JCHS

employee would have their own code, with entries to be tracked by a computer system.

"This is an excellent and state-of-the-art system," said Jay Schools facilities director Ron Krieg. "I've heard rave reviews about the quality of this system from other schools and businesses that use it."

Best Access Systems of Indianapolis installed the software for the \$19,676.18 system.

Krieg said the equipment, approved by Jay School Board that June, was needed because the 23-year-old building was no longer secure.

"In 23 years there has been a lot of personnel turnover and (school officials) have lost the integrity of the key system," he said. "You can buy the present

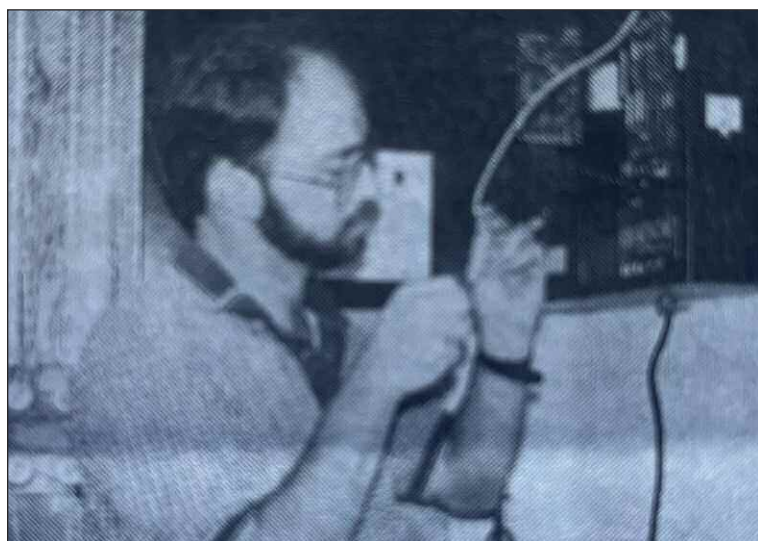
blanks and have them made uptown."

He noted that the new keys had a registered blank that could not be made locally.

Security experts recommend having such buildings re-keyed every six to seven years. At that point, the high school had never been re-keyed.

Keys were to be provided to emergency agencies such as Portland Fire Department, Portland Police Department and Jay County Sheriff's Office.

"After hours and on the weekends we want to be able to secure that building," said Krieg. "With the recent violence (in other schools in the nation), this will allow us to lock down the building electronically and quickly."



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Mike Gillespie of Best Access Systems of Indianapolis makes the final connection on the new security system's main controller at Jay County High School in August 1998.

Deaths

Arthur Vorhees, 89, Geneva

Randy Betz, 68, Portland

Patricia Hostetler, 85, Portland

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 79 degrees Friday.

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high in the mid 80s. Expect a low in the 60s tonight with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour.

Highs Sunday through Wednesday are expected to be in the 90s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Development Corporation has scheduled a meeting for 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Also, because of the Labor Day holiday, both Portland City Council (5:30 p.m.) and Portland Park Board (7 p.m.) will meet Tuesday.

Fort Recovery Village Council's first regular meeting of September has been canceled.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from today's Jay County High School girls soccer game against Coldwater.

Wednesday — Pennville Park Board is working on plan for future upgrades to facilities.



Obituaries

Arthur Vorhees

Arthur D. "Art" Vorhees, 89, Geneva, died Friday at Adams Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva.

Randy Betz

May 20, 1955-Aug. 30, 2023
Randy L. Betz, age 68, a resident of Portland, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, at IU Health Jay in Portland. Randy was born on May 20, 1955, in Portland, the son of Basil and Madonna (Shauver) Betz. Randy graduated from Portland High School in 1974. He retired from Metaldyne in

Bluffton, Indiana. Survivors include: Two daughters — Christy Day and Traci Clark (husband: Jerod), Portland, Indiana. One brother — Gary Betz (wife: Vickie), Portland, Indiana. Ex-wife — Donna Betz, Portland, Indiana. Five grandchildren. One niece — Sarah McClure, Portland, Indiana. He was preceded in death by a nephew, Andrew Betz. Private services will be held at Williamson-Spencer and



Betz

Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Patricia Hostetler

March 28, 1938-Aug. 31, 2023
Patricia Hostetler, age 85, former Portland resident passed away on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023, at Blue Grass Assisted Living in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. She was born in Moorehead, Kentucky, on March 28, 1938, the daughter of Ray and Ora (Ingram) Armstrong. She was

married to Donald Hostetler on Nov. 6, 1966, and he passed away on Sept. 26, 1996. She was a beautician and owner of LeRendez-vous Hair Salon. She was a Portland High School graduate and member of American Legion Auxiliary, Garden Club and Card Club. Surviving are a son, Ted Hostetler (wife: Kelly) of Connersville, Indiana; a daughter, Jana McKinney (husband: Adam) of Elizabethtown, Kentucky; and four grandchildren. Graveside services will be held Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023, at 2



Hostetler

p.m. in the Green Park Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Parkinson Foundation. Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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

CR almanac

Sunday 9/3	Monday 9/4	Tuesday 9/5	Wednesday 9/6	Thursday 9/7
88/67	91/67	92/67	90/68	86/62
Sunny skies are expected Sunday, when the high will be around 88 degrees.	Labor Day looks to be sunny and hot. The high will be around 91 degrees.	Tuesday's forecast shows sunny skies and hot temperatures, with a high of 92.	Mostly sunny on Wednesday, when the high will be around 90 degrees.	There's a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Otherwise, mostly sunny.

Lotteries

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 1-3-8
Daily Four: 1-6-4-1
Quick Draw: 5-6-7-14-15-18-22-27-32-33-41-45-48-49-56-68-69-74-75-78
Pick 3: 9-1-5
Pick 4: 8-1-6-8
Pick 5: 0-4-3-9-7
Rolling Cash 5: 4-7-19-28-30
Jackpot: \$100,000

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$420 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$85 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....5.77
Sept. corn5.22
Wheat5.06

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....5.86
Late Sept. corn5.31
Oct. corn4.76

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn5.22
Oct. corn4.92
Beans13.21

Oct. beans13.58
Wheat5.11

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....5.32
Oct. corn5.12
Beans14.14
Oct. beans14.09
Wheat5.65

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....5.22
Oct. corn4.37
Beans13.49
Late Sept. beans13.14
Wheat5.11

Today in history

In 31, at the Battle of Actium, Roman forces led by Octavian defeated those of Mark Antony and Cleopatra off the western coast of Greece.

In 1666, the Great Fire of London started in the house of the king's baker. Burning for four days, it destroyed a swath of the city that included about 13,000 homes.

In 1789, the U.S. Department of the Treasury was formed with Alexander Hamilton as its first secretary.

In 1885, a mob of white coal miners from Union Pacific Coal Company attacked their Chinese co-workers over a dispute in Rock Springs, Wyoming Territory. There were 28 Chinese workers killed and 15 wounded in what became known as The Rock Springs Massacre.

In 1901, Republican vice presidential candidate Teddy Roosevelt first used the phrase "Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far," in a public speech.

In 2021, no comments were presented during a Portland City Council special meeting to hear from the public regarding a proposed CB Development condominium project along the south side of county road 75 South near Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

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Citizen's calendar

Tuesday
4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, school-house community center.

Wednesday
5:30 p.m. — Jay County Council budget review, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Thursday
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay Classroom Teachers' Association and Jay School Corporation public hearing, General Shanks, 414 Floral Ave., Portland.

Buttigieg touts jobs, investment

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ

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U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg touted Indiana's new billions in federal infrastructure dollars — and the thousands of jobs created — during a visit to a union apprenticeship facility in Indianapolis on Thursday.

The trip came just ahead of Labor Day, which recognizes the American labor movement.

As of July, the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has sent \$4.6 billion to Indiana for over 210 projects, according to President Joe Biden's administration.

Sheet Metal Workers Local 20 has "ramped up" its apprenticeship programs to meet demand, Business Manager Trent Todd said. Buttigieg said such efforts lead to "good union careers."

"Everybody here knows that one good career — one good union career — can change the trajectory of a family. It means homeownership becomes possible, means new educational opportunities become possible, for the next generation," Buttigieg said.

"So if that's true of one job, then we know 1 million good jobs and more can change the trajectory of entire generations," he continued. "And that's what we're in the middle of right now."

Buttigieg, a former mayor of South Bend, visited the facility as part of a two-day tour of Indiana.

Former South Bend mayor and current transportation secretary visited Indianapolis on Thursday

Sheet metal workers make, install and maintain heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems — better known as HVAC — as well as roofs, gutters and more. This union is part of the The International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART).

Buttigieg was joined by U.S. Rep. André Carson, a Democrat representing Indiana's Seventh Congressional District, and Liz Shuler, president of AFL-CIO — the largest labor federation in the country.

"We're investing in you: the American workers who make our country great," Carson said, praising the SMART apprenticeship programs for "opening doors to new talent" that he said couldn't be replaced by artificial intelligence.

Shuler emphasized union jobs as a way for Americans to "reclaim their power" over their futures.

The hunt for more people to fill needed jobs is a far cry from the economic devastation of 2008, Buttigieg said.

"What we're doing right now — what we're stimulating the private sector to do and what we are funding in the public sector — will test the productive capacity of this country," Buttigieg said. "(That's) from the raw materials themselves to, most of all, the skills and the readiness of the workforce that are going to shape those materials into the factories and the roads and the bridges and airports that we're going to be counting on for the rest of our lives."

His critics weren't swayed. "No amount of photo ops will change Pete Buttigieg's image as a failed secretary of transportation," outgoing Indiana Republican Party Chair Hupfer said in a statement Wednesday.

The party criticized Buttigieg's delayed online response to the hazardous waste released during a train derailment in Ohio earlier this year, as well as his handling of widespread flight cancellations and his personal travel during intensive rail-labor negotiations last year.

Cuts ...

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The newly established rates would be \$55.16 per hour of ABA therapy administered by a registered behavioral technician.

Greene acknowledged "the need to find a resolution on standardizing the reimbursement rate" but

sought to find more common ground.

"Legislators, providers, stakeholders and families are ready to work with your administration to reach a collaborative decision on the shared goal of standardizing these reimbursement rates for ABA," Greene wrote.

Funds ...

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That was made official during Friday's special meeting, with redevelopment commission members Reda Theurer-Miller, Dave Teeter, Mike Simons, Joe Johnston and Inman voting to rescind the previously approved \$100,000 contribution and instead approve \$25,000.

Also Friday, Inman informed his fellow commission members that the wind storm that caused damage through a corridor of Portland in July hit the building LeeAnn Miller is renovating as the new home for her business, Reclaiming Design. He noted that she may return to ask the commission for additional help with the project. (The redevelopment commission in June approved a \$30,000 grant to help cover the cost of the renovations.)

SERVICES

Thursday
Hostetler, Patricia
Hostetler: 2 p.m., Green Park Cemetery.

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Shelter donation

The 615 hosted its annual No One Fights Alone benefit Aug. 19 and raised more than \$6,000 for Jayland Homeless Shelter. Pictured above, Jayland Homeless Shelter president Jim Brewster, Denise Brewster and resident director Stephanie Harris receive the check from Cindy and Tim Morris of The 615. For those who would like to donate items, Jayland Homeless Shelter regularly needs toilet paper, paper towels, detergent, cleaning supplies, toiletries, socks, condiments and new undergarments.

Sharing is not caring

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for 23 years. We are both originally from Europe. He hasn't seen his brother in 25 years, so we are planning to go on vacation near where his brother is currently living with his girlfriend. My husband will pay for them, as they can't afford a trip, and they'll be staying with us for two or three days.

My dilemma: My husband expects us ALL to share a two-bedroom hotel suite. Abby, I do not know these people. I'm anxious about sharing a suite with people I have never met and with whom I do not share a common language. I have expressed my unease to my husband and asked if we could have two separate hotel rooms. He was very upset at my suggestion and said it will cost him more to arrange two rooms. He now wants to cancel the trip due to my "selfishness." Am I being unreasonable? — NERVOUS IN NEW YORK

DEAR NERVOUS: Because your husband feels he cannot afford to pay for completely separate accommodations, tell him you will agree to his plan with certain ground rules in place. First, he must translate for you any conversations he has with his brother and the girlfriend in which you are present. Second, you will be free to take excursions on your own if you wish, so you aren't trapped the entire time listening to conversations that are Greek to you. Give it a try, and you may be pleasantly surprised to find you like your brother-in-law and his lady friend. If it turns out you don't, you do not have to go along on your husband's next visit, which may not happen for another quarter of a century.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for six years. Until about 18 months ago, my mother-in-law and I got along swimmingly. Unfortunately, that relationship has become troubled. The cause is her deep involvement with her church, indoctrinating our toddler with her religious beliefs and, finally, (ironically) her deep physical attraction to her priest. She believes this last topic is acceptable to confide to me. Needless to say, it has made me very uncomfortable, and I have begun avoiding her.

This is difficult because she and my father-in-law live in the downstairs apartment of our home. My husband, thankfully, understands my position. We both have spoken to his mother several times, to no avail. I've reached the end of my rope, and

I'm asking for any advice you may have as to how to handle this awkward situation. — ROUGH WATERS IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR ROUGH WATERS: Because you can't change your mother-in-law, the most direct way to handle this would be to tell her that her confidences have made you uncomfortable, and you don't want to hear another word about her physical attraction to the cleric. I assume your father-in-law is aware of all this? If not, she should inform HIM.

I will further assume that because your in-laws are family, you don't plan to ask them to move. Putting an end to her attempts to indoctrinate your toddler is as easy as hiring a babysitter.

DEAR ABBY: "Stacy" and I have been friends for more than 20 years. Ten years ago my husband, children and I moved back to our hometown. At that time, I was afforded the opportunity to be a stay-at-home mom. Stacy has one child and never married, so she had to work. A few years ago, she was in a terrible auto accident. I took care of her afterward and drove her to her medical appointments for six months. When Stacy was released to return to work, she didn't go, so she was fired — and she has changed for the worse. She is verbally abusive at stores, doctor's offices, restaurant drive-thru windows, you name it. She would call me 20 to 30 times a day, and if I told her I was busy, she would come over anyway. I started having a breakdown. I told her to stop and blocked her, but now she is back at it. I am being stalked. What do I do? — FRIEND GONE WRONG

DEAR FRIEND: Your friend appears to have become mentally unbalanced. Does she have family? If she does, inform them about what's going on. If she comes over, do not let her in. If needed, your next step should be to file a police report. If you have reason to think she might become violent or damage your property, you may need to seek a restraining order.

Birth announcements

Criswell
Everlee Rose, a daughter, was born Aug. 21 at St. Vincent Randolph in Winchester to Haley Bower and Jesse Criswell of Portland. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Grandparents are Chris and Sarah Hudson of Portland, Randy Haffner of Portland and Curt Criswell of Roswell, Georgia. Great-grandparents are Martha Haffner of Portland and Laverne Criswell of Salem, Ohio.

Community Calendar

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

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.
CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.
EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.
TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.
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, call (260) 766-2006.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636.

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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk.

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Friday's Solution

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

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.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools September 5-8

Monday: No School - Labor Day

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Chicken alfredo sauce, rotini pasta,
Alternate Entrees: Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken salad with cheese, breadstick,
Sides for all meals: Roasted broccoli

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Toasted cheese sandwich
Alternate Entrees: Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken salad with cheese, breadstick,
Sides for all meals: Creamy tomato soup

Thursday: Main Entrees: Breaded chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, dinner roll **Alternate Entrees:** Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken salad with cheese, breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken salad with cheese, breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** Savory green beans

george family DENTISTRY

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We can't let history repeat itself

By MICHAEL LAZZERI

Over 100 years ago, the National Child Labor Committee used photos of children doing industrial work to demand change in America.

Several states adopted child labor laws, and after much debate and several setbacks, the Fair Labor Standards Act became law in 1938. Its protections included the nation's foundational child labor laws, including restrictions on the age of workers and hours they can toil.

As we reflect on this Labor Day holiday almost a century later, we must not overlook the recent federal investigation conducted by my staff in the Midwest that found children working overnight to clean a Nebraska meatpacking plant with caustic chemicals amid razor-sharp cutting machines and tools. Shock-

Michael Lazzeri



ing facts that reveal the ugly truth that some businesses are still illegally employing young teens and putting them at risk.

Since 2018, the U.S. Department of Labor has seen a 69 percent increase in children employed in violation of federal child labor laws. Hard-fought progress made five generations ago to eliminate child labor exploitation is being undone in cities and communities across the country.

America is better than that.

In February 2023, the Department of Labor launched an Inter-agency Task Force to Combat Child Labor Exploitation, bringing together federal agencies to improve information sharing, provide outreach and education to the public, and coordinate efforts to advance the health, education, and well-being of children in the U.S.

The department has launched a National Strategic Enforcement Initiative on child labor and is using all of our enforcement and legal tools to stop companies from profiting illegally on the backs of children by taking violators to court and invoked the Fair Labor Standards Act "hot goods" provision to prevent shipment of goods produced using illegal child labor are also scrutinizing labor violations at all steps in industry supply chains.

To strengthen our efforts, our leadership has called on Congress to bolster protections for children and tougher penalties for companies that use child labor, which currently stand at a maximum of just \$15,138 per violation. That's not high enough to be a deterrent for major profitable companies. Further, the Labor Department has requested increased funding for its enforcement agencies to investigate child labor cases and to expand outreach to employers, workers' advocacy groups, schools and other community resources to educate employers and workers on the law.

We cannot put profitability ahead of the physical, emotional and educational well-being of children. That is not the basis for a sound and just economy.

Our job is to make sure a teen's work experience is positive and safe – and does not endanger them or interfere with their educational opportunities.

We cannot allow children in America to return to laboring in modern-day workhouses. Our national and state leaders must come to the table and work together to prevent the scourge of child labor abuse from again becoming an American-made tragedy.

We cannot build our economy on the backs of children. America was better than that 100 years ago, and America is better than that today.

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Finger pointing is not a solution

The Daily Gazette
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Tribune News Service

There's a tactic in politics in which political leaders who aren't doing enough to solve a problem point the finger at other politicians, telling them what they're doing wrong and blaming them for the problem they've failed to solve themselves.

And guess what doesn't get solved by this tactic:

The problem. And the big problem in New York right now is the 104,000 or so asylum seekers from south of the border who've been foisted upon the city and state of New York by Texas.

A couple of weeks ago, it was Gov. Kathy Hochul and New York City Mayor Eric Adams exchanging nasty letters pointing out the other's mistakes and demanding the other do more to solve the problem.

In the past week, the two have turned their blame game on the Biden administration, which in turn responded on Monday with critical letters of its own to Hochul and Adams.

In the response, Homeland Security Secretary chief Alejandro Mayorkas followed up on earlier statements in which he blamed "structural" and "operational" issues with the city's response by calling on the city to improve its communication with immigrants, its case management and its data collection at migrant-intake centers.

In all, Homeland Security offered two dozen or so recommendations on how the city and state could better manage the crisis, but offered no actual help to offset the billions of tax dollars both the state and city expect to spend in the next few months caring for the migrants while trying to reduce their need for public assistance.

Nor did the feds provide any assistance in response to Hochul's repeated requests to loosen federal restrictions on the ability of the migrants to work in order to allow them to live on their own.

Clearly — judging from the large and growing number of people displaced; the lack of facilities being put into use to

Guest Editorial

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house them; the city's shift of the migrant burden to upstate New York communities; the large financial burden this is placing on the city, state and local governments; and the lack of anything more than lip service from the federal government so far — cooperation and action needs to replace letters, excuses and finger-pointing.

Rather than being insulted by each other's recommendations, officials on all sides should start seeing each other's ideas as an opportunity to act.

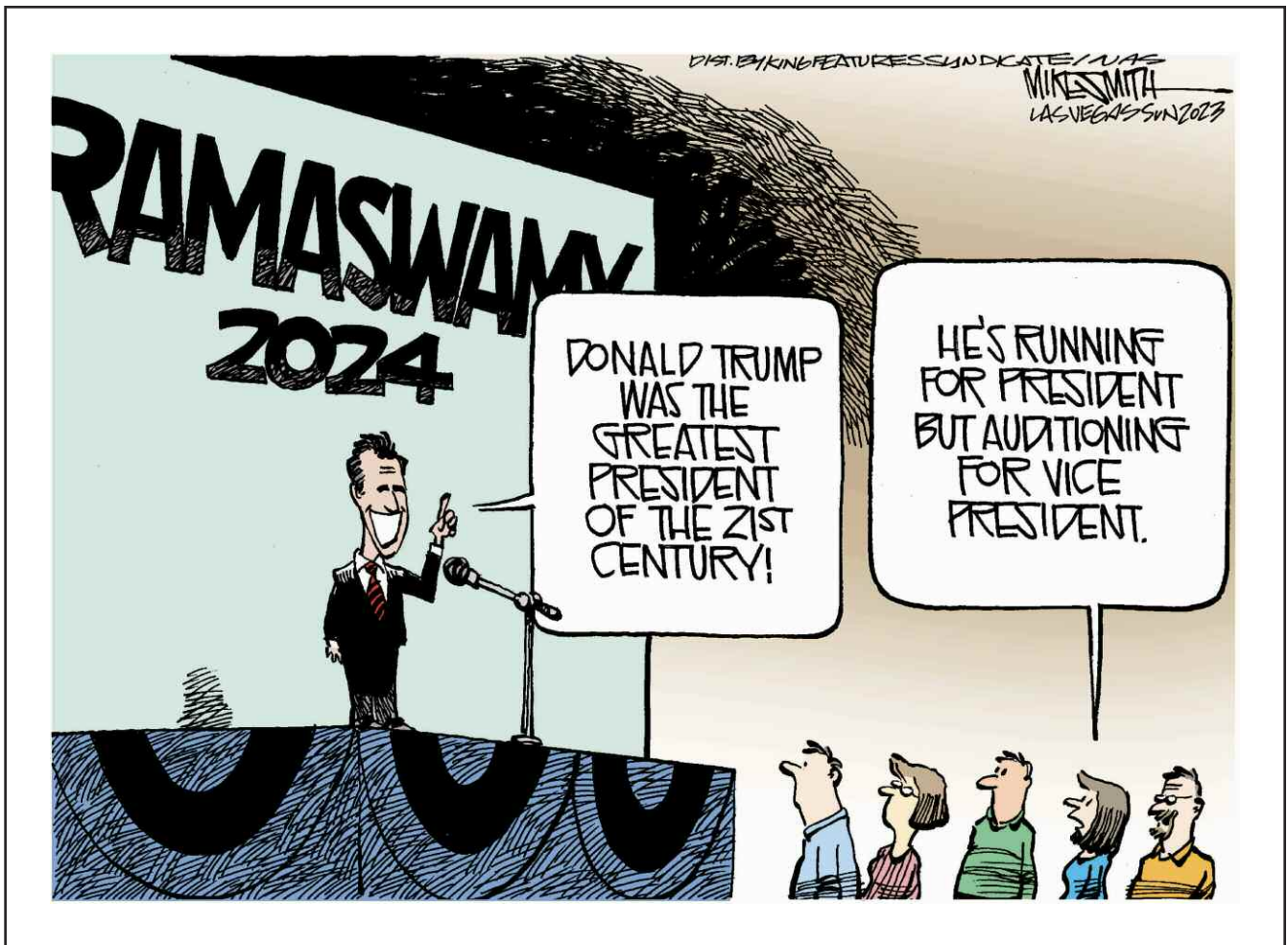
Maybe those two dozen recommendations from Homeland Security include some good suggestions that the city and state could put into place to alleviate at least a portion of the crisis, like making better use of existing federal facilities around the state to house the migrants temporarily.

Maybe the feds should commit to finding a way to expedite the work permits, perhaps by executive order if possible, or by pushing to amend existing barriers when both houses of Congress return on Sept. 12.

Maybe that's also the time to ask Congress to release money to help the city and state alleviate the burden. But Congress will only consider changes if Biden and the leadership push for them.

Enough of the blame game. People are suffering.

Bad politics created this situation. Responsible politics can fix it.



Harvard can learn from Olive Garden

By TYLER COWEN
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Tribune News Service

The evidence continues to accumulate that America's nonprofit sector is failing the country in some basic ways. Specifically, it is not doing enough to break down unjust inequalities and barriers to opportunity.

Consider nonprofit hospitals. According to the data, nonprofit hospitals barely behave differently than for-profit hospitals. They do not charge systematically lower prices or somehow do more to help people. Some studies show slight differences, but it's hard to argue that nonprofit hospitals are more charitable or have more altruistic priorities.

Another example: prestigious universities. At Harvard, for example, more than two-thirds of the undergraduates come from the top 20% of the income distribution, while only 4.5% come from the bottom 20%. Given that Harvard has an endowment of roughly \$50 billion and enjoys tax-free status, it might be expected to distribute its benefits more evenly — if only to avoid the bad publicity. (Disclosure: I work at a nonprofit university and have a degree from Harvard.)

At this point, I'm no longer surprised when I read a study detailing how egalitarian some nonprofit institutions are. So I was pleasantly surprised to read an investigation, released last week, that took a novel approach: It used geolocation data to examine which places are the best — and which the worst — at bringing rich and poor Americans together.

Unfortunately, museums scored especially poorly, and of course most of them are nonprofits. Nor do churches fare well, even though their rhetoric tends to be very friendly to the poor. And there are many places in the for-profit private sector that do badly. Drugstores, for

instance, tend to be very local, and their customers reflect the income segregation of their neighborhoods.

And which are the best at attracting customers from all income levels? Chain restaurants. Not necessarily fast-food places, but so-called casual restaurants. As it turns out, the rich and poor in America only truly come together at places like Olive Garden and Applebee's.

Where I live, in northern Virginia, I have noticed that high-quality but cheap Chinese restaurants have an especially mixed clientele. The combination of lower prices and regional cuisine, which can be a signal of refined taste, seems to appeal to a wide demographic.

These kinds of restaurants manage to mix the rich and poor by creating an environment in which a lot of the traditional status markers are absent. None of these places could be described as fancy, and the mixing occurs partly because many higher-income customers are willing to do without the trappings of their local country club (to their benefit, I might add).

These findings raise a question: If the goal is to become more egalitarian, is there anything America's nonprofit institutions can learn from its casual restaurants?

One lesson is that it's harder to convince poorer individuals to mingle with wealthier individuals in settings where the culture is shaped to align with a higher socioeconomic status. Churches, for instance, are usually free and open to all — but the

Tyler Cowen



poor do not seem so keen on attending religious services in wealthier neighborhoods. Maybe that's because they don't view the wealthier church as a "better service" (however that might be defined) but rather as an environment where they do not feel entirely comfortable or welcome.

In other words: Wealthier institutions or establishments attract a mixed customer or user base only when they give up cultural control. Taller stained-glass windows and more comfortable pews can do only so much to attract lower-income churchgoers. (An aside: One nice feature of marketing "culture" — for lack of a better word — on the internet is that it can be broadly appealing. Classical music on YouTube, for example, is not only free but also free of snob appeal.)

The business model of America's nonprofit sector depends on producing status and reputation, both for itself and its affiliates. Many nonprofits work at creating environments of a very particular sort, both to raise money and to boost their influence. To elites, those environments are innocuous, even inspiring. But those same elites are starting to realize that what is inviting to one person is off-putting to another.

To be fair, the question of how to be more egalitarian plagues more than just the nonprofit sector. The rise of populist politics around the world, for example, can in many ways be explained by the failure of elites and experts to tailor their appeal to ordinary voters.

I will not pretend that Olive Garden is my favorite restaurant. I will say, however, that this latest research gives me a newfound appreciation for it.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A SOLID PIECE OF EVIDENCE PROVES THAT OPINIONS ONE HOLDS ARE FALSE, IT BELIES BELIEFS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals G

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

It's a laborious affair

- 1) In 1935, Walter Philip Reuther founded what organization in Detroit?
2) What president signed the act making Labor Day a federal holiday?

1) United Automobile Workers (2) Grover Cleveland

9-4 CRYPTOQUIP

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MIHPI JHK GOKJHKBIDZ EDL
EDXL PEDTO DI V GKVQDIZ
GHLDXDHI: MIOOT YDVBHIY.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: PIOUS WOMAN KNOWN FOR MANAGING A HUGE BOAT-CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE BIBLE: JOAN OF ARK.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals W

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to employment. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 7 = E)
A. 9 7 10 8 5 7
Clue: Account of one's qualifications
B. 10 7 19 9 17 12
Clue: Look for
C. 9 7 17 9 8 4 14 7 9
Clue: Fills positions
D. 17 19 9 7 7 9
Clue: Occupation

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to getting a job.
FOECIF
Guess Who?
I am a singer born in Canada on September 9, 1975. As a young man I prayed to become a famous singer. Since then, I have become a Grammy Award-winning jazz singer who has sold over 50 million records internationally.

kids' corner
HEALTH FACT:
TRUE OR FALSE?
A BOND BETWEEN A PERSON AND A PET IS LINKED TO MANY HEALTH BENEFITS, SUCH AS LOWER BLOOD PRESSURE AND A LOWER RISK OF LONELINESS.
Get Scrambled
Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.
ODG LOCLRA
SNOUT
the projecting nose and mouth of an animal

Math Blocks
Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.
Solution:
THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
1620: THE PILGRIMS SAIL FROM PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND, ON THE MAYFLOWER, HOPING TO SETTLE IN NORTH AMERICA.
1939: SOUTH AFRICA DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY DURING WORLD WAR II.
1997: THE FUNERAL OF DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES, TAKES PLACE IN LONDON.

JOB SEEKING WORD SEARCH
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.
WORDS
ADVERTISEMENT
APPLY
ATMOSPHERE
ATTIRE
BENEFITS
COMPANY
COVER LETTER
EMPLOYMENT
EXPERIENCE
FOLLOW-UP
INTERVIEW
JOB
KEYWORDS
LISTING
MATCH
NEGOTIATE
OFFER
RECRUIT
RESUME
SALARY
SEEK
SKILLS

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Tail
SPANISH: Rabo
ITALIAN: Coda
FRENCH: Queue
GERMAN: Schwanz

Did you Know?
RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP
REQUIRES KEEPING DOGS ON LEASHES FOR THEIR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHER PEOPLE AND PETS.
GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
38 Heart chart
1 Nasality (Abbr.)
6 Loath
12 Pub on wheels
13 Suds
14 One-named folk singer
15 Church leaders
16 iPod model
17 Some GIs
19 Make lace
20 Valley in California
22 Punk rock offshoot
24 Atty.'s title
27 Jessica of "Fantastic Four"
29 Actor Bana
32 Pulitzer-winning author of "The Night Watchman"
35 Oil cartel
36 Zwei follower
37 Corp. boss
DOWN
1 "There!"
4 D.C.
5 Tried to deal (with)
6 Sir Guinness
7 Ravel's "La —"
8 Takeoff stat
9 Art of speaking
10 Antitoxins
11 Formerly, once
12 Rock's — Jovi
18 Maker of ornate eggs
21 Small batteries
23 Mal de —
24 "Xanadu" band
25 Soak (up)
26 Hive ruler
28 Floor coverings
30 "Rocks"
31 Comedian Margaret
33 "Nasty!"
34 Cato's 502
39 Trait carriers
41 Luke-warm
42 Rights advocacy org.
43 April forecast
45 Bit of merchandise
47 Actress Merrill
48 Villain in "Wonder Woman"
49 Club —
51 Nabokov novel
53 Chairman of China

Solution time: 26 mins.
AOL CASA APEX
TRI ATUB CUKE
MCKINLEY OPEE
SHEENA SIR
VOW MCNABB
RISEN TAERA
OMAR DAL KILL
AAA HIP INDIA
MCBEAL EGO
CHE PUREED
DIAL MCCARTH
OLGA MOON TUE
MEET ATTA ADD

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Strange exchange
East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
A K 4
J 9 8 5 3
A J 7 2
WEST
8 6 2
4 2
3
Q 10 8 6 5 3 2
SOUTH
Q J 10 9 7 5 3
K Q 6
10 9 8 5 4
A K J
The bidding: East South West North 3 4 Pass 6
Opening lead — three of diamonds. Assume you reach six hearts on the bidding shown and West leads a diamond. Considering that only the K-Q-6 of diamonds are missing, and that West is leading that suit rather than the suit his partner bid, it should not take you long to conclude that West's three is a singleton. You therefore go up with the ace of diamonds and, after drawing two rounds of trump, look for a way to escape two diamond losers.
One possibility is to cross to dummy with a trump and lead a club to the jack. If the finesse succeeds, you can then discard two diamonds from dummy on the A-K of clubs and so lose only one diamond trick.
This is not an attractive line of play, however, because East — who almost surely has seven spades and has already shown up with one heart and (presumably) three diamonds — is unlikely to have the queen of clubs.
A much better approach is to assume that West has the queen of clubs and no more diamonds, in which case you are certain to make the slam.
Acting on this assumption, you lead a trump to dummy, cash the A-K of spades discarding two diamonds, and ruff dummy's last spade. You then cash the A-K of clubs, discarding a diamond from dummy, and continue with the jack. When West covers with the queen, you let him win the trick as you discard a second diamond from dummy.
Poor West has nothing but clubs left at this point and is forced to lead one. This allows you to discard dummy's last diamond as you ruff in your hand, and the outcome, strangely enough, is that the only trick you lose is a club.
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
East dealer. East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
A 6 5
A J 10 9
Q 7 3
Q 5 3
WEST
3
K 7
J 9 8 2
J 10 8 7 6 4
SOUTH
K 9 8 4 2
Q 4 2
A 10 4
A 2
The bidding: East South West North Pass 1 Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass 1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — jack of clubs. This deal occurred in the semifinal of the 1993 world team championship in the match between the Netherlands and the United States. It features a thoughtful defensive play by Sam Lev of the U.S.
When the Dutch sat North-South, they reached three notrump as shown. West, Cliff Russell, led the club jack, which rode to South's ace. Declarer then played the spade eight and ducked it to East's ten.
Lev, East, now made the inspired return of the diamond five. He knew that if declarer played low, dummy's queen would almost surely win what would have turned out to be South's ninth trick. But he also knew two things declarer didn't know: that the spades were not breaking, and that the opposing clubs were blocked and couldn't be run.
As Lev hoped, South was unwilling to risk losing the lead to West, who could return a club through the queen. Instead, declarer rose with the diamond ace, took a successful heart finesse and cashed his heart winners. Expecting next to run the spades, he played the ace and got the bad news, at which point the position was:
North
6
Q 7
Q 5
West
J 9
10 8 7
East
Q J
K 6
K
South
K 9 4
10 4
South could have recovered by, for example, playing the king and another spade, discarding a club from dummy. East could score a spade, a club and a diamond, but would have to yield a trick to the diamond queen at the end. Instead, declarer led a spade to the king and a diamond to the queen — down one.
At the other table, the U.S. North wound up in three notrump and easily made nine tricks after a heart lead.
Tomorrow: Vanishing act.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Apple desktop computer
5 Tic-tac-toe
8 Bacterium
12 Karate school
13 Conceit
14 Novelist Seton
15 Skin care brand
16 September celebration
18 Saunter
20 Industry tycoons
21 Hardy lass
23 Not "agin"
24 Time near a deadline
28 Romanov ruler
31 Swiss canton
32 Stag
34 Big bird of Australia
35 Understands
37 Fortunate sort
DOWN
19 Spartan queen
22 Portly
24 Schlep
25 "Where you?"
26 Element No. 22
27 Bewitches
29 I love (Lat.)
30 Bad hairpiece
33 Scratched (out)
36 Mire
38 Motorcycle maker
40 Days of yore
42 Emmy winner Alan
43 Dealer's foe
44 Auctioneer's cry
46 Construction piece
47 Small fruit pie
48 USMC ranks
50 Misery

Solution time: 21 mins.
TWANG AVERSE
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NANO PFC S TAT
NAPA EMO
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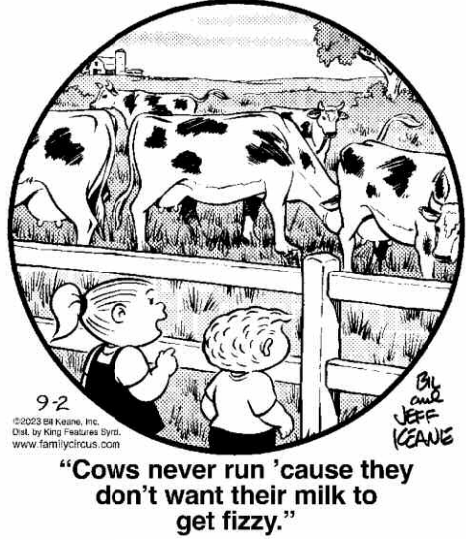
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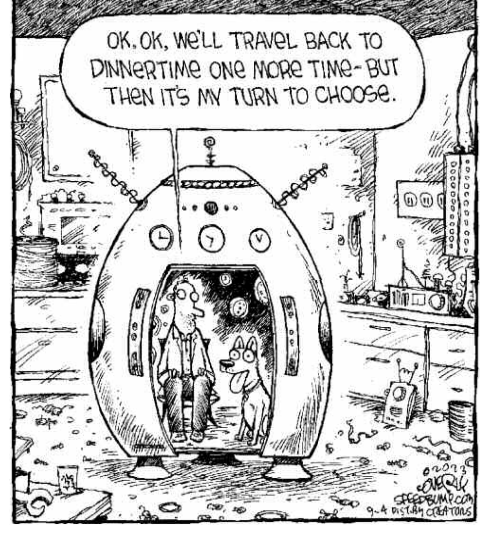
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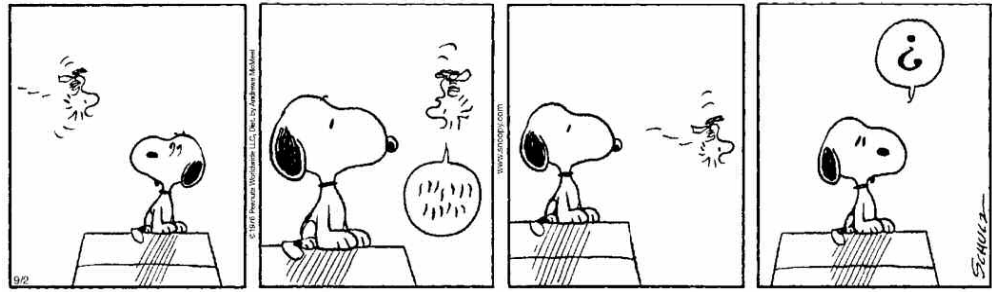
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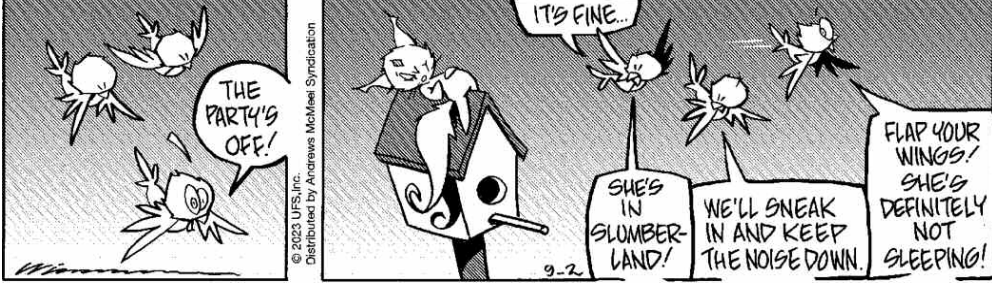
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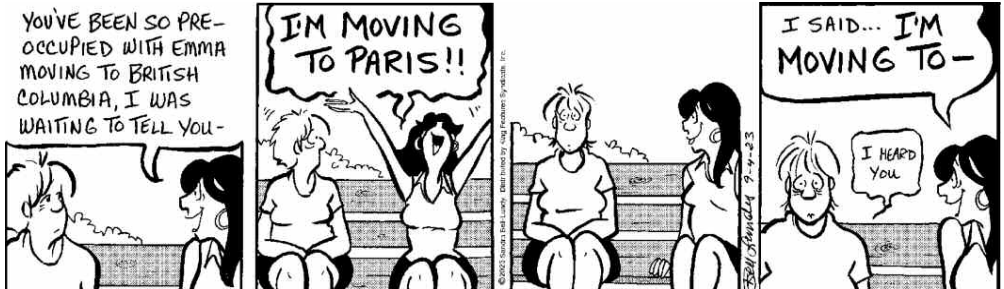
Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Between Friends



Blondie



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Beetle Bailey



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SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
6:00 P.M.

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Making progress



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Jay County High School sophomore Aixa Lopez fires a shot from the left side of the box for the Patriots' only goal of Thursday's 1-1 tie with Norwell. Her shot went just inside the right post for her third goal in the last two games.

Jay County girls soccer ties Norwell after opening season with series of one-goal losses

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Progress. Each of the Patriots' first three games this season resulted in one-goal losses. In all of them, they gave up an early score.

So while a tie wasn't the target Thursday, Kendra Muhlenkamp saw it as a step in the right direction.

Aixa Lopez delivered the equalizing score late in the first half before the Jay County and Norwell girls soccer teams played to a stalemate in the second for a 1-1 tie.

"I thought we got better," said Muhlenkamp, the Jay County High School coach whose team is now 1-3-1. (The Patriots opened with losses of 1-0 and 3-2

to Heritage and 2-1 to Woodlan before topping South Adams 7-1 Tuesday.) "Norwell is a really good team. And I thought we looked really good against them. I'm proud of our effort."

The teams looked evenly matched from the get-go, frequently trading possession with neither team seeming to have the upper hand.

It took until the 27th minute before Norwell (2-2-1) to break through. Morgan Batdorff pushed up the right side and sent a pass in to Makenzie Fliess, who then tapped it to Gracie Mann. The sophomore forward fired a shot that deflected off of the hand of diving goalie Angel Clairday and into the left side of the net.

The tying goal from Lopez came with just 2:33 remaining in the opening half when she took a pass from Jayla Huelskamp. She proceeded to scoot past multiple defenders working toward the left post before lining a shot just inside the right post.

Muhlenkamp said she's been encouraging the sophomore to be a bit more selfish with the ball. (Lopez has scored three times in the last two games after recording one goal in the first three.)

"She likes to pass. She's got the ability to pass. But she's definitely got the ability to score," Muhlenkamp said. "When she's in playing that center-mid, I think we have better control of the game. But when she's up top

we have a better chance to score the ball because she is very good with her footwork."

Scoring opportunities were limited in the second half for both teams, with Muhlenkamp pulling shifting formations to give Molly Muhlenkamp and Jayla Huelskamp some help in the defensive midfield. She then pulled Jenna Dues, Molly Muhlenkamp and Lopez with eight minutes to go to give them some rest for a final push, but the Patriots were unable to find the net after they returned for the final 4:50 of the game.

"I think they did a great job controlling," said Norwell coach Dan Batdorff. "Jay County was excellent in the midfield.

"They settle the ball well.

They're strong on the ball."

Jay County's best chances to get a second goal came before the scoring started in the first half. About the 28:30 mark, the Patriots popped the ball up in front of the net and Rinckenberger was unable to get to it. Noroa Zugasti Goicoechea had a chance to get her head on the ball near the right post but couldn't connect, and Norwell junior Elise Boomershine finally was able to clear it despite Molly Muhlenkamp bearing down on her.

Then, with 16:21 on the clock, Lopez got open behind the defense when she beat Lillian Norris to the ball but her grounder shot was directly at goalie Gracie Rinckenberger.

Indians stay undefeated

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians had 14 service errors against Jay County on Tuesday.

They cut that number to three in their first Midwest Athletic Conference win.

Fort Recovery High School's volleyball team needed some extra points to pull off the 25-18, 26-24, 27-25 sweep over the Parkway Panthers on Thursday.

Mara Pearson, Cali Wendel, Kenzie Gaerke and Kayla Heitkamp were all perfect from the service line. Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Teigan Fortkamp weren't far behind, combining to go 28-for-31. Fortkamp had all five of the Indians' aces.

The Indians (4-0, 1-0 MAC) received more big performances from their outside and middle hitters.

Pearson led with 13 kills, while Fortkamp and Muhlenkamp weren't far behind her with nine and eight, respectively. Also contributing to the attack were Paige Guggenbiller with four, Saige Leuthold with three and Karlie Neikamp with two.

Fort Recovery blocked attacks 15 times in the match. Guggenbiller led with six, Fortkamp and Leuthold both had four and Pearson added one.

The junior varsity team also won its match 20-25, 25-23, 25-15.

Bridget Homan's four kills and two aces were team highs. Sophia Guggenbiller also had two aces with three kills.

Alexis Grisez was the only player to record any blocks, totaling five.

Girls stay hot

CELINA, Ohio — It took seven matches for the Indians to pick up their first win. They have been undefeated ever since.

The Fort Recovery girls golf team won its fourth straight match Thursday, as it took down Midwest Athletic Conference-rival

FRHS roundup

St. Henry 220-223 at Mercer County Elks Golf Club.

Four straight pars on holes two through five propelled Oliva Knapke to a 47, her best score of the season, for match medalist honors. St. Henry's Ava Watercutter shot the low score for her team with a 53.

Emma Will began to return to form as her 55 was the second-best score for the Indians (5-5, 3-2 MAC). Will's highlight was a par on the par-3 fifth hole.

Ella and Marissa Schoen had 59 strokes to wrap up the team's score.

Brynn Stammen's 60 and Eva Kahlig's 67 didn't factor into the final.

Boys bounce back

After dropping three straight Midwest Athletic Conference matches, the Fort Recovery boys golf team bounced back with a 171-183 victory over St. Henry at Portland Golf Club on Thursday.

The Indians (4-5, 3-3 MAC) had three golfers tie for match medalist. Keegan Muhlenkamp, Nate Jutte and Alex Dues all tied with rounds of 42.

Jutte shot a birdie on the 498-yard, par-5 12th hole, three pars and three birdies to reach his score.

Muhlenkamp and Dues shot four pars and three bogeys each. Ty Post had St. Henry's best score, shooting a 44.

The final score for Fort Recovery came from Reece LeFevre, who shot a 45.

Eli Lennartz and Matthew Romer's scores of 48 and 52 didn't affect the team score.

The JV team won its match 189-200. Colson Post and Sage Wendel both shot 46 to lead the team.

Giants sweep singles for victory

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

The Patriots shook things up.

The result was a sweep in the doubles, but they failed to find a third win match.

The Jay County High School boys tennis team couldn't find that third win during their 3-2 loss to the Marion Giants on Thursday.

Coming into the match, the Patriots (3-6) changed their lineup up a bit. They moved three-year doubles player Sam Myers over to the No. 3 singles position. In turn, they moved Liam Garringer back to No. 2 doubles with Luke Muhlenkamp and promoted Isaac Miller to be Gage Sims' partner in the No. 1 doubles.

"So we've been trying to move the lineup around. Liam (Garringer) has been moving back and forth from doubles to singles," assistant coach Andrea Garringer said. (Coach Donald Gillespie missed the match with an illness). "Sam is a strong singles player, so we decided to try it. He fought hard."

In Myers' debut, he fell to Marion senior Ryan Spitzer 6-3, 6-3.

In the first set, Myers fell behind Spitzer early and wasn't able to make a comeback. In the second, Myers had a 3-2 lead before relinquishing it by dropping four straight games.

As Myers adjusted to the smaller court, he was staying near the back line. He generated points by being aggressive. However, at times it also made him vulnerable, such as the final point of the match where Myers ran up to the net and Spitzer smoked a ball past him.

"The biggest thing for me is being more aggressive, hitting balls harder with more spin and coming to the net a lot more," Myers said. "When I did that, I did a lot better

than when I was sitting back there and just going back and forth.

"I don't think I played terrible. It's something to move (forward from). I'm not disappointed but we should have had that one. Just keep moving on."

The other Patriots in singles matches struggled as well. Abraham Dirksen fell to Ryan Sebastian 6-2, 6-0 in the No. 1 singles match. In the No. 2 singles, Marion's Elijah Maki beat Eli Dirksen 6-0, 6-0.

The Patriot's singles players knew that they would have tall tasks, but couldn't quite pull out the win.

"From the start, my No. 1 singles played very relaxed," Maron coach Diana Spitzer said. "He didn't let anything bug him. I think one and two singles just went out there and showed what they had."

The Patriots found success at the doubles positions. The No. 2 doubles pair took care of Meetkumar Patel and Jake Wood with a 6-0, 6-3 victory.

Muhlenkamp provided a steady hand for the duo. He wasn't trying to be over-aggressive and, in return, he made few mistakes while providing the Giants with ample opportunities to slip up. The duo at times would struggle to pull off overhead swings, but in general were solid when serving or just returning the tennis ball.

"Consistency is key," Muhlenkamp said. "If you're consistent, you'll make your good shots and good shots win games."

Sims and Miller also found success at No. 1 doubles. They topped Todd Pederson and Daniel Terhune 6-3, 6-0.

In the first set, the pair were still getting used to being partners. As the match progressed, they started to familiarize with each other's games and their confidence grew as they turned the



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JCHS senior Abraham Dirksen hits a backhand shot during the No. 1 singles match against Ryan Sebastian on Thursday during the Patriots' 3-2 loss to Marion.

heat up on the Giants.

They had a great day serving the ball up, with Sims even earning a couple of aces in the match.

Junior varsity

Blake Kahlig and Jacob Monroe both picked up wins in their

matches as the team fell 4-2. Kahlig took down Marion freshman Noah Elliott 8-6 while Monroe beat Nicholas Smith 8-2.

Gabe Pinkerton had a 7-2 lead on Dylan Schud but fell 9-7.

Dylan Chalfant fell to Chayim Hofmann 8-4.

Explosive ...

Continued from page 10
"I'm really happy to be back and turn things up for the football team," Wenk said. "It feels amazing. I just really wanted to get in there and show the coaches and show the other team what I can do."

Bailey was also lacing the football Friday. He finished 8-for-10 with 224 passing yards in the game. Two of his highlights came on a pair of 50-plus yard touchdowns — one to Benson Ward in the first quarter and another to DeHoff in the fourth.

"When the O-line blocks and the receivers are great athletes that find a way to get open every time, it makes my job easy," Bailey said.

Gearheart scored the first touchdown for the Raiders on a 21-yard rush with 7:19 remaining in the first half. Joshua Aulbach missed the field goal to keep the game at 7-6 in favor of Jay County. Penalties and losing steam ultimately spelled Southern Well's demise.



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Jay County High School's Bryce Wenk (14) and Isaac Dues (tackling) get to Southern Wells quarterback Trey Slusher early in the second half of the Patriots' 43-12 win on Friday. The pressure caused Slusher to misfire his throw, allowing Justin DeHoff to intercept the ball and run it back for a pick-six.

"It's one of those nights you're proud of your guys after; after a half, you know, and you're proud after a full game," Southern Wells coach Jeff Sprunger said. "They

came out, they played. We ran out of gas."

Tucker Worster had the other Southern Wells touchdown when he rushed 90 yards with 6:14 when it was already too late.

While Zgunda thought his team came out a little flat, he took responsibility for the team not being fully ready at the start of the game. He also gave Southern Wells credit for switch-

Jay County Patriots (3-0, 1-0 ACAC) at Southern Wells Raiders (1-2, 0-1 ACAC)		Team Statistics	
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23	13	8-10-0	0-2-1
43	43	224	-40
0	6	38	47
0	6	304	147
		0-0	0-0
		3-63	7-127
		2-20	3-24
		3-68	3-95
		0-0	1-40
		1-1	2-1
		2-30	10-80

Individual Statistics	
Rushing — A.J. Myers 19-54, Sean Bailey 4(-7), Bryce Wenk 3-25, Justin DeHoff 1-6, Garrett Bennett 1-2, Huntington North — Case Boxwell 20-65, Bryar Gearhart 13-54, Tucker Worster 7-97, Trey Slusher 4(-26), Derek Rockwell 1(-3).	Passing — Jay County — Sean Bailey 8-10-0, 224, Huntington North — Trey Slusher 0-2-1-40.
Receiving — Jay County — Benson Ward 4-92, Justin DeHoff 2-102, Bryce Wenk 2-30.	

Jay falls in four to state-ranked Raiders

SELMA — The Patriots got off to a slow start against the Raiders. Despite picking things up in the second set, they just couldn't put it all together.

The Jay County High School volleyball team fell 25-13, 25-22, 23-25, 26-24 to the host Wapahani Raiders on Thursday afternoon.

Jay County (2-3) only managed 13 points in a slow first set, but picked it up to be with in striking distance in the following sets.

Bella Denton again led the Patriots in both kills (10) and blocks (four). Second in kills was Laila Waddell with eight while Mya Kunkler added five. Sophomore Paisley Fugiett contributed three blocks.

Brenna Bailey and Sophie Saxman led the Patriots with eight service points apiece.

Jay County roundup

Both led the team in another statistical category as well, Bailey in digs (11) and Saxman in assists (25).

The junior varsity team took down the Raiders 25-12, 22-25, 15-13.

Hallie Schwieterman and Maria Hemmelgarn led Jay County with five kills apiece. Brenna Schmiesing and Kendel Rowles both had four.

Schmiesing and Rowles also combined for five blocks in the match.

Ella Rigby recorded team-

highs in both aces (three) and assists (13).

Patriots tie

Jay County's boys soccer team finished its match with the Norwell Knights with a 0-0 tie on Thursday.

It was the Patriots (1-2-2) second tie of the season. The first was on Aug. 22 against the New Castle Trojans.

Kaleb Coppock saved all 11 shots that Norwell took at the goal.

Junior Hudson Gerber launched the most shots for the Knights with three.

Goalie Noah Fromm stopped all 14 shot attempts from the Patriots as well.

The Patriots will have some time off, with their next game scheduled for Thursday at Yorktown.

Beiswanger sets record

Raif Beiswanger set a new school record during the Jay County Junior High cross country meet against Driver Middle School on Thursday at Hudson Family Park.

Beiswanger's finish helped the boys team to a 17-41 victory while the girls claimed the top eight spots for a 15-59 victory.

Raif Beiswanger broke the previous record with a time of 11:15. Close behind were Rocky Beiswanger in second and Sam Wiggins in third.

Driver's Abram Bogue placed fourth with a time of 12:08.

Rounding out the boys' score was Grady Warvel (fifth) and Carson Westgerdes (sixth).

Abby Fifer finished first with a time of 13:14 for the girls.

In second through fifth place were Jessie Homan, Ava May,

Brooklyn Byrum and Elly Byrum.

JH wins in two

WINCHESTER — The Jay County junior high volleyball team swept Driver 25-15, 25-17 on Thursday.

Emalyn Homan led the Patriots with 12 service points, six of which were aces. She also had six assists, two kills and one dig.

Kenady Lyons tied Homan's six assists while contributing three aces and two kills of her own.

Amelia Heath led the Patriots in kills with five. She had two blocks for Jay County and found the floor three times on serves for aces.

The only other player to record a block was Brenna Ruble. She also had an ace, a dig and a kill.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls soccer vs. Coldwater — 10 a.m.; JV football vs. Southern Wells — 10 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross Country Treaty City Invite at Greenville City Park — 9 a.m.; Volleyball vs. Arcanum — 10 a.m.; JV football vs. Coldwater — 10 a.m.; Middle School cross country Treaty City Invite at Greenville City Park — 9 a.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls golf tri-meet at Yorktown — 4:30 p.m.; Girls soccer at Wapahani — 5 p.m.; Boys tennis vs. Randolph Southern — 5 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Bluffton — 6 p.m.; Junior High football vs. Adam Central — 5:30 p.m.; Junior High volleyball vs. Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Volleyball at Celina — 5:30 p.m.; Freshman football vs. Marion Local — 6 p.m.; Middle School volleyball at Versailles — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
11 a.m. — Tennis U.S. Open (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — College football: Colorado at TCU (FOX); Virginia at Tennessee (ABC); College football: Arkansas State at Oklahoma (ESPN); Utah State at Iowa (FS1); Fresno State at Purdue (BTN)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Boise State at Washington (ABC); Ohio State at Indiana (CBS); Tennessee State at Notre

Dame (NBC); Rice at Texas (FOX); Towson at Maryland (BTN); Buffalo at Wisconsin (FS1); UMass at Auburn (ESPN)
4 p.m. — College football: Cal at North Texas (ESPNU)
6:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — College football: New Mexico at Texas A&M (ESPN); UTSA at Houston (FS1)
7 p.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN2)
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Milwaukee Brewers (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — College football: West Virginia at Penn State (NBC); North Carolina at South Carolina (ABC); Texas Tech at Wyoming (CBS); Toledo at Illinois (BTN)
10:15 p.m. — College football: Sam Houston at BYU (FS1)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Coastal Carolina at UCLA (ESPN)

Sunday
9 a.m. — Auto racing: Formula 1 — Italian Grand Prix (ESPN)
9 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Aston Villa at Liverpool (USA)
11 a.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
11:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Manchester United at Arsenal (NBA)
12:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
3 p.m. — Auto racing: IndyCar — Grand

Prix of Portland (NBC)
3 p.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
3 p.m. — WNBA basketball: New York Liberty at Chicago Sky (ESPN, ESPN2)
4 p.m. — Auto racing: NHRA — Funny Car All-Star Callout (FOX)
6 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series — Cook Out Southern 500 (USA)
7 p.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN2)
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Houston Astros (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: New York Red Bulls at Philadelphia Union (FS1)
8:40 p.m. — Basketball: FIBA World Cup — Lithuania vs. United States (ESPN2)

Monday
11 a.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
Noon — Auto racing: NHRA — Dodge Power Brokers NHRA U.S. Nationals (FS1)
4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Seattle Mariners at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Chicago Sky at Indiana Fever (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — College football: Clemson at Duke (ESPN)
9:38 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Baltimore Orioles at Los Angeles Angels (FS1)

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Explosive second

Jay County overcomes lackluster first half to clobber Southern Wells and reach 3-0 for the first time since 1985

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

PONETO — It was a tale of two halves for the Patriots.

The first they'd like to forget. The second they will hold onto.

An explosion in the third quarter helped turn a close game into a blowout as the Jay County High School football team defeated the Southern Wells Raiders 43-12 to pick up their first Allen County Athletic Conference victory and move to 3-0 for the first time since 1985.

Up by only a point at the break, Jay County needed to make some adjustments to its offensive scheme to pull away.

The Patriots stopped the Raiders' opening drive of the second half after eight plays and blocked the punt to get the ball on their 22-yard line.

Over the span of five plays (and an offside call against Southern Wells), Myers was able to run the ball into the end zone, capped off by an 8-yard rush at the 5:48 minute mark.

When the Patriots went for two, Sean Bailey connected with Bryce Wenk for the conversion.

"I thought our 2-point conversion to make it a nine point game was big," JCHS coach Grant Zgudna said. "Rather than being a one score game, you're a two score game. ... That was big because (the Raiders) are not built for quick scores. They don't throw the ball very much."

The next time Trey Slusher tried to throw the ball for the Raiders, it was a disaster.

On the prior drive, Slusher threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to Bryar Gearheart. But it was taken away because of a penalty for an illegal block in the back.

Defensive back Justin DeHoff got an earful from the sideline for leaving Gearheart open on the play. During the drive following Jay County's score, he made up for it.

Slusher was pressured by Bryce Wenk and Isaac Dues, causing him to misfire the ball.



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Sean Bailey, a junior at Jay County High School, throws the ball up for Justin DeHoff in the second half of Jay County's 43-12 win at Southern Wells on Friday night. Bailey connected with receivers on eight of 10 attempts for 224 yards and three touchdowns.

DeHoff zipped over to pick the pass off at the 40-yard line and take it into the end zone for a pick-six at 4:41.

"I messed up on that previous play and thought, 'I can't let that happen again,'" DeHoff said.

"They ran the same play the opposite way, I saw ball and thought, 'OK, this is it. Let's do it.'"

The play shifted all remaining momentum into the Patriots' favor.

Once again, Bailey and Wenk connected for the 2-point conversion.

The Patriots would score a third time in the quarter when Bailey and Wenk connected for a 7-yard passing touchdown with

only 24.9 seconds left to give them a commanding 36-6 lead.

Wenk, who had missed the first two games, also had a 13-yard rushing touchdown with a minute left in the fourth quarter. See **Explosive** page 9

Fort Recovery slips to 0-3 at Coldwater

COLDWATER, Ohio — The Indians opened with a couple of losses to non-conference foes.

Stepping into the Midwest Athletic Conference against one of its perennial powers wasn't the path to getting on track.

Fort Recovery High School's football team fell behind by four touchdowns in the first half Friday and dropped to 0-3 with a 35-7 loss to the Coldwater Cavaliers.

Coldwater (3-0, 1-0 MAC)

scored midway through the first quarter and led the Indians 14-0 at the quarter break and 28-0 at halftime. It extended the advantage to 35 points on

a Baylen Blockberger 6-yard pass to Braylen Harlamert with 1:05 left in the third quarter.

Fort Recovery (0-3, 0-1 MAC) got its only points

with 2:34 left in the game when Troy Homan reached the end zone on a 4-yard run. Alex Gaerke added the extra point.

Blockberger was effi-

cient in leading the Cavaliers to the win as half of his eight completions went for touchdowns. He was 8-of-10 for 162 yards.

Ethan Elander caught two second-quarter TD passes, the first for 23 yards and the second for 24. AJ Harlamert had a 70-yard touchdown at the 5:55 mark of the first quarter.

Miles Pottkotter, who ran four times for 25 yards, had the other touchdown on a 4-yard

run. Braylen Harlamert ran five times for 68 yards.

Homan handled the bulk of the offense for the Indians, running 21 times for 83 yards and going 15-of-30 through the air for 108 yards and one interception. Reece Guggenbiller caught five passes for 30 yards.

Owen Knapke led the FRHS defense with six tackles.

Fort Recovery will return to Barrenbrugge Athletic Park on Friday to host Minster (2-1, 0-1 MAC).

Indians fell behind by 28 at halftime in 35-7 loss in their conference opener

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