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Boggs recovering from stroke

By RAY COONEY
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Portland Mayor John Boggs is recovering from a stroke.

Boggs' status came up during Thursday's Portland Board of Works meeting, from which the mayor was absent. Portland clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips confirmed that Boggs had suffered a stroke.

On Friday, Boggs provided an update to The Commercial Review via a phone call.

"Mentally, I haven't changed a bit," said Boggs. "But as far as making meetings or anything

like that, I'm not making any right now."

Speaking from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital Outpatient Rehabilitation Center in Muncie, where he has been recovering

and undergoing physical therapy, Boggs said he had a feeding tube removed Friday.

"I'm glad for that," he said.

Plans are for his family to meet with doctors Tuesday to discuss a

transition home. He said that may include a short stay at a rehabilitation facility, though he said he's hoping to avoid that step.

In terms of running the city,

Boggs said he has been in contact with Portland City Council president Kent McClung, members of the city's board of works and other local officials.

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Portland mayor expresses confidence in local officials, says he will maintain as many mayoral duties as he can

Charges formally filed for murder of FCC employee

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

A Muncie man has been formally charged with the murder of a former FCC employee.

Ceaser L. Curtis, 50, was charged Wednesday in Delaware Circuit Court 4 with murdering his ex-wife, 46-year-old Marcia Curtis.

The prosecution also filed a notice of intent to seek a habitual substance offender status.

Muncie police found Marcia Curtis' remains Sept. 14 at an abandoned property along Delaware County road 800 South.

According to a probable cause affidavit filed in connection with the case, Ceas-

er Curtis told police he picked up Marcia Curtis from FCC on Sept. 1 and they started arguing on their drive back to Muncie. He told police she had demanded to be let out of the vehicle at the intersection of Jackson Street and Butterfield Road, and she had started walking north as he drove away.

Detectives extracted information from Ceaser Curtis' phone, which included an argument via text. During the exchange she said she was "done" with him, after which he called her 36 times consecutively without a response, the affidavit says.

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Redkey without a marshal again

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

REDKEY — Another marshal has left town.

Redkey Town Marshal Kyle Denney resigned effective Sept. 11.

Redkey Town Council briefly touched on the marshal job during its meeting Thursday.

Denney, who was hired Thursday as a full-time officer in Portland, became the third Redkey Town Marshal to resign in the last 18 months. Longtime marshal Todd

Miller resigned from the role in May 2022. Chance Retter, who took over about a month later, resigned in January in order to allow him to take office after being elected to Redkey Town Council. (He currently works for Jay County Sheriff's Office.)

Denney started working for the town in May, marking the end of three-month stint during which the town did not have a police officer.

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Fort royalty

Fort Recovery High School crowned its homecoming king and queen Friday prior to the football team's 35-7 loss to the New Bremen Cardinals. Pictured are king Reece Evers and queen Teigan Fortkamp. For more on the game, see page 10.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Vehicle fire

A car caught fire Friday morning while stopped facing north on Ship Street at its intersection with Water Street in Portland. Pictured, Patrick Wells of Jay County Sheriff's Office attempts to extinguish the fire. Portland Fire Department arrived shortly after to put out the fire, with Portland Police Department also assisting at the scene.

Project cost goes up

By RAY COONEY
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The cost of paving and sidewalk work on Blaine Pike has gone up.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved a \$100,583.18 change order for the project for the addition of 710 feet of storm sewer line.

Brad Clayton, the city's wastewater treatment plant superintendent, explained that crews had initially planned to tie into a sanitary sewer line along Blaine Pike. But, he said, state regulations do not allow such a tie in. As a result, 710 feet of new line need to be added from Green Park Drive to Seventh Street to tie in to an existing storm sewer line.

He said the need for the additional line was initially missed by both local officials and project engineers.

The work is part of an Indiana Department of Transportation project to pave Blaine Pike and install sidewalks from near the railroad tracks just south

of Water Street to the south side of the city.

Board of works members Jerry Leonhard and Steve McIntosh, absent Mayor John Boggs (see related story), approved the change order. (Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips noted that she is working to see if INDOT will cover part of the additional cost, adding that other parts of the project have come in under budget.)

The board also approved a \$352,551.52 pay request from Watson Excavating of Redkey for work on the ongoing Meridian Street storm sewer project. Phillips said Watson plans to have the main part of the project, which stretches from the Salamonie River to Arch Street, complete by the end of October.

Phillips also noted that when work progresses in front of city hall, thus closing the drive-thru payment window, a box will be placed at the rear of city hall to allow payments to be dropped off after hours.

City hall will remain open during regular hours for residents to pay their bills inside.

Also approved Thursday were:

•A contract not to exceed \$8,360 with IWM Consulting, Fort Wayne, for the removal and disposal of hazardous material and equipment from the Sheller-Globe property on Bridge Street. Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips said the hazardous material to be removed is oil. She said the work is expected to be completed next week.

•The hiring of Kyle Denney as a full-time police officer. He had been Redkey Town Marshal for about four months before resigning Sept. 11. He had previously worked as an officer for Portland Police Department for five years, having resigned from the force in December 2022. He takes the full-time role vacated by Eric Fields, who left the department for a job at Grant County Sheriff's Office.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Friday. The low was 61.

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high in the mid 70s. Tonight's low will dip

into the upper 40s. Highs are expected to be in the 70s again Sunday and Monday under partly cloudy skies.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Historical Society's annual Heritage Festival is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Jay County Historical Museum at the east end of Main Street in Portland. The event includes free horse and wagon rides, historical re-enactors and games for children and food, including kettle cooking.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS and FRHS cross country teams at the Versailles' Tour De Sewer.

Wednesday — Coverage of the Dunkirk City Council and Jay County Commissioners meetings.



Commission OKs shifting funds to roof

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Funds previously committed to help with a downtown building renovation can be used for a different aspect of the project.

Additional funding may be considered later in the process.

Portland Redevelopment Commission on Friday approved allowing LeeAnn Miller to shift the \$30,000 grant it had previously approved for work on her downtown building renovation project to instead be used for the roof.

Miller, who is in the process of renovating 206 N. Meridian

St. as the new home for her business Reclaiming Design, visited the redevelopment commission Friday to ask for an additional \$30,000 for the roof work. She was seeking help because the cost increased after a July storm ripped off part of the roof. (The damage has delayed work on the interior of the building until the roof could be fixed.)

"My project is not just about replacing a roof and the masonry ... it's about building a brighter future for our city," said Miller. "This investment encompasses more than just the

immediate costs, it represents the long-term vision and commitment I have for our community's growth and prosperity. ... I envision future collaborations and developments that will further enhance our city."

She told the commission the total investment to renovate the building is \$283,000 and thanked the group for its initial \$30,000 commitment to the project. (The project has also received \$20,000 from the city's facade improvement program.)

Redevelopment commission member Joe Johnston asked about the timeline for the over-

all project. Miller said those details are difficult to accurately project because the delays caused by the damage to the roof forced her contractors to move on to other jobs. She said she hopes to have her business open in its new location — it will be the retail site and showroom for her interior design firm, which is currently heavily focused on kitchen and bathroom projects — in 2024.

Mike Simons of the redevelopment commission suggested granting Miller an additional \$30,000 for the roof work. Fellow member Dave Teeter, though,

expressed concern about setting a precedent for how future projects would be handled. Redevelopment commission president Rusty Inman said he would also feel more comfortable with shifting the initial \$30,000 grant — it was approved for heating, ventilation and cooling, plumbing and electrical work — to be used for the roof and then considering additional funding, if needed, in the future.

The redevelopment commission followed Inman's suggestion, approving the initial \$30,000 grant to be used for the roof work.

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Sunday 9/24	Monday 9/25	Tuesday 9/26	Wednesday 9/27	Thursday 9/28
77/54	72/57	71/55	71/53	72/53
Sunny skies are expected Sunday with a high of 77 degrees.	Monday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies. The high will be around 72.	Tuesday has a slight chance of showers. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	There's a 40% chance of showers Wednesday under mostly cloudy skies.	Partly sunny skies are expected Thursday, when the high will be in the mid 70s.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 4-4-5 Daily Four: 0-2-9-2 Quick Draw: 3-5-9-12-15-20-24-26-30-46-48-50-52-55-56-65-67-71-74-78	Pick 3: 1-0-2 Pick 4: 9-2-5-5 Pick 5: 6-3-3-6-7 Rolling Cash 5: 21-24-30-31-33 Jackpot: \$130,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 7-9-5 Pick 4: 2-6-0-0 Pick 5: 3-1-5-5-6 Evening	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$750 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$205 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.32 Oct. corn.....4.87 Wheat.....4.75	Dec. beans.....12.48 Wheat.....4.95
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.27 Oct. corn.....4.87 Oct./Nov. corn.....4.62	Central States Montpelier Corn.....4.77 Oct. corn.....4.47 Beans.....12.56 Oct. beans.....12.53 Wheat.....5.39
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....4.87 Oct. corn.....4.52 Beans.....12.56	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.62 Oct./Nov. corn.....4.32 Beans.....12.56 Oct. beans.....12.41 Wheat.....4.95

Today in history

In 1806, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark arrived in St. Louis, concluding their exploratory expedition to the Pacific Northwest.

In 1846, astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle first observed the planet Neptune.

In 1863, Mary Church Terrell, who served as the first president of the National Association of Colored Women, was born in Memphis, Tennessee. A teacher who graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio, she worked with the organization to achieve education and social reform and to bring an end to discrimination based on race and gender.

In 1889, Nintendo was founded as a playing card company. The Japanese firm made the

move into the video game industry with the release of the arcade game Donkey Kong in 1981.

In 2003, the Jay County High School volleyball team recorded 17 aces in a 23-21, 21-18, 24-25, 21-15 victory over South Adams. Sara Hough led the team with five aces.

In 2021, Joseph Boggs broke his own course record as he won the boys race for Jay County Junior High School in a three-team event against Monroe Central and Union with a time of 11 minutes, 46 seconds, at Hudson Family Park.

In 2022, Alex Ardizzone and Gabi Bilbrey were crowned as Jay County High School's homecoming king and queen.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 10:45 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council special meeting, village hall, 201 S. Main St. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk	Board of Works, city building 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building 131 S. Main St.
Wednesday 7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council public hearing, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building 131 S. Main St.	

Recovering ...

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He said he expects McClung will preside over the next Portland City Council meeting, which is scheduled for Oct. 2, but that he's hopeful he can be back sooner rather than later.

"The way my recovery has progressed, I can see myself attending meetings in late October or early November," Boggs

said, while adding that he wants to maintain as many of the mayoral duties as he can in the interim.

He said he's received updates on the ongoing Meridian Street storm sewer project — the two blocks from the Salomonie River to Main Street reopened this week — and that he wishes he had been home to see the progress.

But he also expressed confidence in those who are overseeing things while he's out of the office.

"The city's in good hands," he said. "I've got good people running it. I'm not the slightest bit worried that anything is going to be anything but what it's been the last several months."

Boggs had two strokes in the months leading up to

his election victory over Randy Geesaman in 2019. He took office in January 2020 and has suffered two strokes since then.

He is heading into the final months of his term after losing in the GOP primary in May. Jeff Westlake is the Republican candidate for mayor while Geesaman is seeking a return to the office for the Democrats.

Marshal ...

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Prior to Denney being hired, the town hadn't been able to enforce its ordinances or handle police calls since Retter's resignation.

Retter explained the town is taking applications for the role. Plans are to conduct interviews in the next two weeks to find an eligible candidate.

Currently the town has one officer, Zach Moser. He's been with the department since June.

"Zach's done a good job stepping up," said Retter.

Council tabled decision on a \$7,350 animal control contract with Jay County Humane Society for 2024. Clerk-treasurer Mary Eley pointed out the organization has offered to lock in the price if the town enters into a two-year contract.

Council member Gary Gardner expressed his concern with a two-year contract. Retter and Moser both noted they have had issues with Jay County Humane Society responding to calls. Council member John Pierce asked if the contract would guarantee the organization will pick up animals as needed.

County attorney Wes Schemenaur noted he also has questions about the contract, such as if an out clause and specifics about what qualifies as an emergency could be added. (The contract stipulates that calls will be taken during regular business hours and only emergency calls will be taken after hours and on weekends.)

Council agreed to allocate money

in the budget for animal control but held off on approving the contract with Jay County Humane Society.

Also Thursday, council approved the first reading of its 2024 budget following a public hearing before the regular meeting.

The budget is estimated at \$508,762, which is up about \$35,400 from the current year's budget. The largest increases come from additional dollars allocated for insurance, an additional \$30,060. Next year's budget also factors in 3% raises for town employees as well as a \$1,000 raise for the town attorney.

Council also OK'd a \$53,960 contract with Utility Supply Company of Indianapolis to purchase new water meters.

The agreement includes installation of a new system, 144 lead-free water meters and other equipment. Town employee Randy Young pointed out the cost will be paid for using coronavirus relief funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act — per Indiana Department of Environmental Management regulations, Indiana communities must have lead-free systems by October 2024 — and an additional 144 meters will cost about \$38,000. Young plans to buy about 500 meters total and will be spacing purchases out as they're able to install them in homes.

Also Thursday, council agreed to move forward with creating zoning restrictions, which involves passing a zoning ordinance and joining Jay

County Planning Commission. Schemenaur agreed to forward a document listing the process and details to council sometime in the next week. He advised council members to take their time considering the change, noting they will lose some control if they join the county board. (In order to be eligible for some grants, the town needs zoning restrictions.)

In other business, council members Erik Hammers, Floyd Life, Gardner, Pierce and Retter:

- Agreed to send a letter to Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition formally requesting a naloxone box be installed in Redkey. Stephanie Patterson of Jay County Drug Task Force noted the box would come at no cost to the town and would be checked by a drug prevention coalition member weekly.

- Were reminded by Young the town needs to create a plan by December for how to deal with two of its Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO). (The CSOs are in violation of IDEM's regulations.) Council signed a \$90,000 contract — the majority of the cost is covered by a grant from OCRA — with Choice One Engineering in August to conduct a master utility study, which will involve inspecting Redkey's water, wastewater and stormwater utilities and creating a plan for utility issues.

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For more from the meeting, visit theocr.com.

Charges ...

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A male witness told police Ceaser Curtis admitted to him that "he did it," the affidavit says. The witness said Ceaser Curtis told him he had slapped Marcia Curtis in the face while driving south on Burlington Drive and tossed her phone out of the window on Sept. 1. He alleged Ceaser Curtis told him he hit Marcia Curtis with a baseball bat and left her in a rural part of the county near Prairie Creek Reservoir.

He told police Ceaser Curtis regularly takes drives around the reservoir and surrounding areas, and the witness took police to some of those locations. At an abandoned property along Delaware County road 800 South, police found a shoe near a field and smelled a "strong odor of decay," leading them to find Marcia Curtis' remains. Police noted "significant trauma to the head," according to the affidavit.

An autopsy on Marcia Curtis was performed Sept. 15 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. Preliminary results had not yet been shared with The Commercial Review as of Thursday afternoon.

Marcia Curtis had been missing for two weeks. Her daughters filed a missing person report with Muncie police Sept. 6.

Ceaser Curtis posted to Facebook on Aug. 27 accusing his ex-wife of sleeping with other men. He shared more than 100 posts that same day from various

sources, including a picture of a sweatshirt with the following words printed on it: "I'll put you in the trunk and help people look for you don't test me!"

He asked a female witness to kill Marcia Curtis shortly after their divorce March 28, according to the affidavit. The witness said Ceaser Curtis had discovered his ex-wife had been speaking with other men and he told her he had a homemade lead pipe he wanted her to use, the affidavit says.

Ceaser Curtis was also charged in Randolph Superior Court in June with a Class A misdemeanor for invasion of privacy in the case of violating a protective order issued to prevent domestic or family violence or harassment. His criminal history includes charges for battery and operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

In Indiana, murder carries a penalty of 45 and 65 years with an advisory sentence of 55 years.

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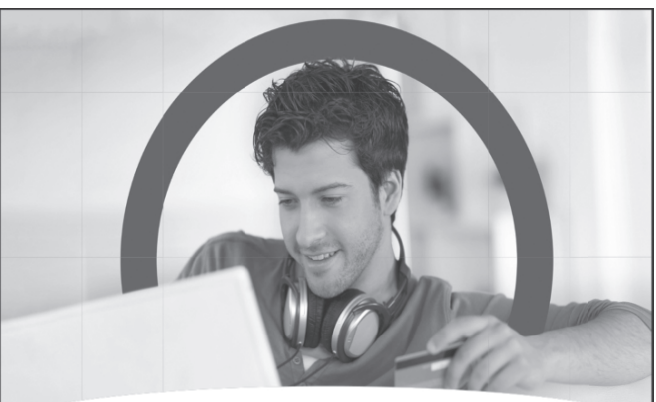
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New cause discovered

By **ARIELLE ROBINSON**
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Scientists at Oregon Health and Science University have made a development that could lead to a greater understanding of Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia.

They discovered a new cause for the diseases that impact cognitive functioning.

"We've missed a major form of cell death in Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia," senior author of the study Dr. Stephen Back told OHSU in a news release. "We hadn't been giving much attention to microglia as vulnerable cells, and white matter injury in the brain has received relatively little attention."

The researchers found that ferroptosis, a type of cell death that results from a buildup of iron in cells, destroys a form of cell involved in the brain's immune response called microglia cells. This occurs in Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia cases.

Essentially, the degeneration of the microglia may be a factor in furthering cognitive decline in Alzheimer's and vascular dementia patients.

The study, in which researchers studied post-mortem human brain tissue

from dementia patients, was published in the peer-reviewed journal *Annals of Neurology*.

Microglia deteriorates in the Alzheimer's and vascular dementia patient's white matter of the brain, scientists found.

According to *Medical News Today*, microglia are native brain cells that normally act to remove cellular waste as part of your body's immune system.

Microglia cleans up debris when myelin is damaged. Myelin acts as an insulator and protective covering for your brain's nerve fibers, according to OHSU.

However, researchers found that microglia are demolished while getting rid of myelin, which is heavily rich in iron. This sabotage happens through a form of cell death named ferroptosis.

The chain of events of deteriorating microglia seems to play a role in advancing cognitive decline in Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia, according to Back.

Back said that over time, multiple instances of low blood flow and oxygen to the brain due to acute strokes or chronic illnesses such as hypertension and diabetes may contribute to the underlying cause that begins the cycle of cognitive decline.

The new research offers a

glimmer of hope for scientists, who hope to create improved technologies to slow the process of dementia.

"If iron toxicity is responsible for cell death and negative impact, myelin repair targeted therapies of this pathway could impact how we treat Alzheimer's and vascular dementia," Mercy-health Memory Clinic medical director Dr. Amarish Davé, who was not involved in the study, told *Medical News Today*.

Iron toxicity in the brain is well known and typically from genetic dysfunction. This paper identifies potential iron toxicity from cell death and the debris that accumulates."

"Further work needs to be done, but drugs that target microglial function may be a useful avenue for future therapeutic approaches to prevent neurodegeneration," Providence Saint John's Health Center neurologist Dr. Santosh Kesari told *Medical News Today*.

Back said in a news release he anticipates pharmaceutical companies will use his study's findings to create compounds aimed at lessening the brain's microglial degeneration.

"That's where the field will go next," he said. "A discovery like ours will stimulate a lot of excitement in the pharmaceutical industry to devel-

Husband drinks through vacation

DEAR ABBY: I love to travel, yet I loathe traveling with my husband. He gets anxious and extremely mean on the days leading up to the trip and especially while en route. I do all the planning and pay for everything, and I regard it as not only ungrateful and rude, but unnecessary. Is it wrong for me to not want him to come on the next big trip I plan?

Also, while we travel, all he wants to do is sleep, eat and drink. I'm all about taking in the local culture and making sure to not miss anything. I also enjoy a glass of wine with dinner, but I don't want to drink into oblivion, and I'm definitely not up for sleeping my vacation away. My husband does have a drinking problem as well (a topic for another letter).

Before I booked our last trip, I begged him to please not ruin it (our children were with us), and he promised to be on his best behavior. That lasted until the day before we left. Then it was like the mean switch flipped on. Before we even left for the airport, all he did was yell and complain about the airline, parking, packing, etc. I'm at my wits' end. The one time I did travel alone, he told the kids I didn't like any of them and that's why I went alone. He refuses counseling and seems to not understand why I don't want to be around him. He also "spares no expense" on my dime when we are on vacation. He acts as if we are loaded. Help! — UNHAPPY TRAVELER

DEAR TRAVELER: Traveling is stressful, and some people don't handle it well. Your alcoholic husband appears to be one of them. If you want to enjoy your travel experience, consider taking another vacation trip without him. Include the children, if they are old enough to appreciate

Dear Abby



the exposure they are being given, and always assure them that you love them without measure. If you leave your husband at home, you and your children may enjoy the experience more than if you drag him along.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, a friend went out of town to shop and asked if I'd like for them to pick me up a few small items while they were there. I said I would, and told them what I would like. When they returned, they sent me the calculation of what I owed: purchase price, tax — and gas! This is someone I consider to be a fairly close friend, but charging me for gas for an errand they were already running seems not only rude, but also transactional to the point of cheapness. I might add that my items were nearly weightless and did not increase fuel requirements. (Had I asked for bricks, I'd be more understanding.) Is my friend cheap for charging me for gas after offering to shop for me? Or am I cheap for balking? — NICKELED AND DIMED IN INDIANA

DEAR NICKELED AND DIMED: Your friend is cheap. They should not have asked for monetary compensation for a trip they were taking anyway. If you value the relationship, pay the \$2 and, the next time you are asked if the person can pick up something for you, say "Thank you, but don't bother."

Radio show performing today

Tom Cherry's Old Time Radio Show will be back with a performance Saturday.

The show will feature a performance of "Alice in Wonder-

land" at 3 p.m. Saturday at Farmland Community Center.

The performance will feature musical guest Dan Wright. An audience member will also get a

chance to play a game during the show.

Tickets for the performance are \$1. For more information, call (765) 468-7631.

Community Calendar

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

Saturday

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

LOCALS MARKET — Is held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in May through October on East Main Street in Portland. For more information, contact The Flower Nook at (260) 726-7166.

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.

JAY COUNTY HOSPITAL RETIREES — Will meet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 25 in the community room at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. All retired or former Jay County Hospital employees are welcome. Please bring a dish to share, your table service, a drink of your choice and a \$2 bingo gift. For more information, call Sharon Taylor at (765) 578-0357.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m.

each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

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

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS

AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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

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

A BETTER LIFE - 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. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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

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Sep. 25-29

Monday: Main Entrees: Classic Cheeseburger **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lunch, Ham & cheese salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** French fries

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Turkey corn dog **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lunch, Ham & cheese salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** Roasted broccoli

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

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U.S. safety nets are not working

Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

The US has a long-acknowledged problem of poverty and inherited economic disadvantage — though not for lack of policy interventions. Its social safety net is expansive, encompassing multiple schemes including Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, or “food stamps”), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and numerous other subsidies to help pay for childcare, housing, energy and more. All told, such programs receive more than \$1 trillion in federal spending annually.

Yet they’re much less effective than they should be. That’s partly because many individual policies are poorly designed or not

Guest Editorial

fully funded by Congress. But the system’s overall complexity is also to blame. It makes benefits costly to administer and harder to navigate for many of those who’re eligible for help. According to a new study, less than half of the promised support from seven big antipoverty programs makes its way to the people intended to get it. Steps to remedy this failure should be a priority.

Researchers at the Urban Institute measured payments

through Supplemental Security Income; SNAP; TANF; the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; Child Care and Development Fund subsidies; the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program; and public and subsidized housing. They found a remarkable shortfall: If each of these programs were fully funded and 100% of eligible beneficiaries participated, payments would double, from \$220 billion a year to \$447 billion. That would be enough to cut the poverty rate from 14.7% to 10.1%, and child poverty from 15.2% to 8.5%.

Ideally, the whole system would be taken back to the drawing-board and made simpler and internally consistent, with particular attention to the inadvertent interactions of various fed-

eral and state-run programs. For now, there’s little hope of any such overhaul. But progress is still possible, if Washington works with state and city governments to make improvements based on best practices.

As a start, technology should be used to simplify applying for benefits and getting them renewed. Many low-income households have smartphones but no personal computer, so mobile-friendly applications (with the ability to upload documents as photos) would help. Agencies could use text messages to tell existing beneficiaries when they need to act to maintain their coverage — an obvious step that’s far from universal. Joint applications, which let beneficiaries enroll in various programs through one

streamlined process, would also boost participation. (Illinois, for example, helps applicants sign up for SNAP, Medicaid and various other supports through a single portal.) Short of that, referrals to other programs should be more widely automated, since eligibility for one form of support often indicates eligibility for others.

Admittedly, such steps are workarounds for a system that’s far too fragmented and, as a result, less effective than it should be. It will take sustained effort and comprehensive reform to get participation close to 100% and make further strides in fighting poverty. But better management, a more user-centric approach and smarter use of technology would be a good start.

Planned VA cut would hurt vets

By **WILLIAM ENYART**
Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

Unless stopped, the Department of Veterans Affairs is set to knock over a domino that may drastically harm veterans’ health care and then spread to the general community.

In a cost-cutting measure on track to take effect early next year, the VA plans to sever a critical link between veterans and medical facilities by significantly slashing reimbursements for the ambulances that transport them. Today, many veterans rely on ambulances for transportation because they are staffed by emergency medical technicians trained to monitor their medical condition.

Too many veterans simply do not have the financial resources or the support network necessary to arrange and pay for transportation to a medical facility where treatment is provided. Confronted with costs that run into thousands of dollars — the Chicago Fire Department charges more than \$1,500 for a one-way ambulance ride — many of our neediest veterans may simply forgo receiving care.

Veterans in rural areas will be most affected because a disproportionate number of our service people come from rural places where a trip to the hospital is far more challenging. Rural areas have experienced an epidemic of hospital closures over the last 30 years — more than 130 hospitals have closed since 2010 — as overall population density has decreased. As a result, a trip to hospitals and medical facilities has become longer, more expensive and more difficult for veterans and other residents.

Should the VA move forward with its plan and cut ambulance reimbursements, making that same trip to the hospital will become much more difficult, if it happens at all. Should payment become a barrier to use ambulances for veterans, ambulance companies will likely be forced to contract their service offerings, exiting rural areas that are no longer profitable and decreasing service in urban areas.

As a former major general and an Air Force and Army veteran, I was taught along with my fel-

William Enyart



low soldiers to leave no one behind. To move ahead with this cut would likely have the effect of leaving many thousands behind. Confronted with a cost they can ill afford, our heroes may choose to delay or put off the care they require. The same may happen throughout the communities that lose ambulance services when the remaining alternatives are insufficient or too costly for many.

It’s obvious to those who served in the military and in government that what the VA appears to be doing is shifting the cost of ambulance services from its federal authority onto state and local government entities. The problem with this is that no plan has been developed, local governments have not been engaged and such a move negatively affects hundreds of thousands in Illinois where I live and millions more throughout the U.S.

Good military and government planning is required to fix this existential threat to the health and well-being of veterans. The cuts must be paused and a study must be conducted to explore the real effects on veteran health and the likely impact to ambulance service in rural and urban areas. And, most importantly, state and local governments throughout the U.S. must be engaged to determine if shifting this federal responsibility for care from the VA to local and state responsibility is even possible.

We will not abandon our veterans, and so we will not let this occur without insisting on full transparency and, ultimately, a rock-solid guarantee that veteran health care will not suffer any ill effects.

This crisis in the making is happening now, and the cuts are scheduled to take effect at the end of February. We can and should let our federal lawmakers know we oppose this.

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Take tips for college essay

By **ADAM PATRIC MILLER**
Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

“Whatever you do when you write your college application essay,” I’ll say as I’ve always said to my high school seniors, “Don’t ever write a college application essay.”

Then I’ll explain that no human (we’ll talk human writing, too, because AI will rear its blinking-eyed head), especially the admissions officers who read so many of “these things” wants to read about who you are, where you grew up, who your hero is, the event that changed your life or how you went to Guatemala for the summer to rebuild a village and purify water for hundreds. What those folks want to read, the thing that will wake them from their somnambulatory reading, is a publishable piece of prose.

Like some high school English teachers who teach seniors, especially those seniors whose parents’ anxieties outstrip their child’s and whose net worth — aided and abetted, by the entitlements born of the systemic racism my colleagues around the country aren’t supposed to talk about when they teach — I’ve become a master of how to knock the seniors off their game. The game is where a student is conditioned to look at him or her or their selves as a commodity to be sold at the Ivy League market or whatever other competitive college might have them (and their parents’ money).

So I’ll tell them, “Yes, you may use the personal statement you honed over the summer because mom made you do it and hired a pricey tutor to help you write it.” But then I lure them into writing

Adam Patric Miller



something else, step by step, and tell them to trust me. If all goes well I’ll get to the point where I can talk about language on the level of rhythm, sound, and meaning, so that each of their essays will have something in common with the work of Michel de Montaigne where the reader can’t help but be intrigued by their attempt to make sense of their lives in a complex world.

This summer, I’ve been reading articles such as “Applicants, Colleges Want to Know More About You and Your ‘Identity’” and I go through the same thought process I’ve done for years: quit teaching and make bank tutoring wealthy kids to write publishable prose to get into Ivy League schools. I see myself sleeping in (it’s 5:30 a.m. as I write this on my first day back to school), then sitting comfortably at home, cup of coffee in hand, preparing for my first Zoom meeting with a kid in Manhattan whose private school isn’t doing enough for what is now the one major factor that can tip the outrageous scales in their direction for early action, early decision, or whatever gets the pressure off their backs fast. And I could help them decide whether or not to dial in race. I know how to do that. But it’s precisely because I know the rotten game so well that I won’t: there’s nothing further away from real

teaching than making big bucks that way (like the guy who wrote essays for students to the tune of \$2,000 a week).

In my teacher’s heart I know that’s phony. I also know there’s nothing more phony than a writer leaning on his identity to get the golden ticket to the Ivies, even if this upcoming application season, private schools, private teachers, private tutors, will factor the decision into how students prepare their essays so they can perpetuate the capital that pays their salaries and maintains the property values of the parents’ neighborhoods. And it’s because I know the playing field of American education is criminally skewed no matter what the not-so-Supreme Court rules, that I will ignore the most recent policy shift and stick to the basics of helping students connect to a topic that makes them scared, makes them sad, or makes them happy.

Once they connect to that, time for them to write a mess of words and sentences, pages of pure crap. Within that mess of drafting, however, a real teacher will help them see the thing that glimmers. And no, it’s not Fort Knox gold they see or getting accepted to college or an A+. But that glimmering thing will give them the energy to revise and revise until the music of their sentences reveals an image that our sham-meritocracy of an education system smudges away on the daily: the thing that cannot stay “when dawn goes down to day.”

Miller has taught high school English for more than 25 years in three states.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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9-23 CRYPTOQUIP

LHLJRV' VNXSSRC NYZV NMHN
HWR OHCR JF NMR JOHPR YS
QTHVVJQ QYXFNWZ VJFPRW

HWFYTC: RCCZ LRHWV.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN PREP SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE UNDER GUARDIANS' CARE, WHAT MIGHT YOU CALL THEM? ACADEMY WARDS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals T

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Forty years ago

1) This movie, the third in a trilogy, was the most popular of 1983?

2) What was the most popular album of 1983?

(2) Michael Jackson's "Thriller"
(1) Return of the Jedi

9-25 CRYPTOQUIP

MNBE H UHLLZ DIGTVFBY H
FIZ LBFHVYB CU'Y CE DHCE,
MNHU FGVST ZGV FHSS UNHU?

UNB FHU'Y ZBGM.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: BABIES' STUFFED TOYS THAT ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF CLASSIC COUNTRY SINGER ARNOLD: EDDY BEARS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals Y

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to the wilderness. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 13 = R)

A. 9 13 5 5 7
Clue: Provide shade and habitats

B. 24 26 9 3 24 24 13 7
Clue: Not inside

C. 2 1 17 1 23 14
Clue: Walking through wilderness

D. 23 6 9 26 13 5
Clue: Wildlife and plants

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the great outdoors.

R D S B I

Answers: Birds

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Mississippi on September 30, 1982. I participated in the World's Our Little Miss Scholarship Competition in 1985. I gained fame on "Party of Five," a hit TV show, and went on to make various movies in the 1990s and beyond.

Answer: Lacey Chabert

kids' corner

PEOPLE FACT!

WHAT IS THE AVERAGE AGE THAT MOST CHILDREN BEGIN THEIR PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION?

ANSWER: AGE 5

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Grade
SPANISH: Grado
ITALIAN: Classe
FRENCH: Classe
GERMAN: Klasse

What's the Difference?
There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A

B

Answers: 1. Girl in back on left has sleeves stripes on shorts
2. Girl in back on right has physical white box on door
3. Missing boy in front missing white

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

SEP 26

- 1789: GEORGE WASHINGTON APPOINTS THOMAS JEFFERSON THE FIRST UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE.
- 1934: THE OCEAN LINER RMS QUEEN MARY IS LAUNCHED.
- 1983: AUSTRALIA II WINS THE AMERICA'S CUP, ENDING THE NEW YORK YACHT CLUB'S 132-YEAR RUN AS THE REIGNING CHAMPION.

New Word

MATRICULATE
to be enrolled in a college or university

WILDERNESS WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS:

- ALPINE ANIMALS AVALANCHE CLIMATE COASTAL CONSERVATION CYPRESS DECIDUOUS EXPLORE FLORA FOREST HORIZON LAKE MAPLE MEADOW MOUNTAINS OAK OASIS RAPIDS REMOTE RIDGELINE SOIL STREAM VALLEY

Did You Know?

MANY SCHOOLS ISSUE REQUIRED READING ASSIGNMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS OR DURING EXTENDED BREAKS.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SCHOOL BUS

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Interior design
6 Skater Ohno
11 Sporty Chevy
12 Foodie's avocation
14 Hobbled
15 Grumble
16 Sugary suffix
17 Big rigs
19 CBS forensic drama
20 Trawler gear
22 "— the ramparts ..."
23 Voucher
24 Bar legally
26 Makes a come-back
28 Saloon
30 Summer sign
31 Side-ways
35 Scare-crow stuffing
39 Winged

DOWN

40 — Angeles
42 "Hell
43 Hr. fraction
44 Donny-brook
46 Numerical prefix
47 Nobelist Sakharov
49 Gladdens
51 Going out with
52 Table linen fabric
53 Big hit
54 Incline

ACROSS

2 Circus clown
3 Upper limit
4 Un-refined metals
5 Wild West show
6 Fleet bigwig
7 Name of 12 popes
8 Toronto's prov.
9 Chinese nut (Var.)
10 Infant's outfit
11 Carbon copy
13 Southern side dish

DOWN

12 Sea, to Ravel
21 Serious
23 Fabric
25 Standard
27 Guitar great Paul
29 North Carolina capital
31 Tibetan monks
32 Flared skirts
33 Bicycle for two
34 Texter's chuckle
36 Wicker material
37 Not moving
38 Egg-beating tool
41 Canary snacks
44 Clothing store section
45 Mideast airline
48 Estuary
50 Docs' org.

Solution time: 26 mins.

UNCLE LASERS
NOSIR APT PHJ
OGLER TSELIOT
EVOLVE ETNA
DOW REI LASER
ELIS AARON
VESPAS INTENT
AREAS OBJIE
AVERT LEW WAD
MINT PARTISH
PDJAMES ELIAS
LAO EEK LOTTTO
ELY TRA DEEMS

Yesterday's answer 9-23

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Now you see it, now you don't

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 4
♥ 6 3
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ Q 9 7 4 2

WEST
♠ 10 9 2
♥ A K J 9 5
♦ J 10 8 7
♣ 3

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

SOUTH
♠ 5
♥ Q 10 7
♦ A Q 9 2
♣ A K J 10 5

The bidding:
East 3♠ South 4♣ West 4♠ North 5♣
Pass Pass Dble

Opening lead — king of hearts.

There are many ways by which a declarer can cause an apparently certain loser to vanish. Ingenuity has no bounds in bridge; all that's required is a steady hand at the helm when the situation is desperate.

Consider this deal where South is in five clubs doubled. West leads the king of hearts, East playing the deuce, and shifts to the ten of spades. From declarer's point of view, the contract is ice-cold if the diamonds are divided 3-2, since his only losers in that case would be two heart tricks.

South should therefore assume a 4-1 diamond division and try to protect against it. In line with this, after winning the spade shift with the ace, he ruffs a spade.

Two rounds of trump now reveal that West started with only one club, and since the bidding indicates that he probably has only three spades, it becomes more likely that he has four diamonds. So South cashes two more trumps, ending in dummy, to produce this position:

North
♥ 6
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ 9

West
♥ A J
♦ J 10 8 7

East
Immaterial

South
♥ Q 10
♦ A Q 9 2

The lead of dummy's last trump, on which South discards a diamond, places West in an awkward position. He cannot afford to part with a diamond, so let's say he discards the jack of hearts.

Declarer thereupon leads a heart to the ten, losing to the ace, and wins the rest of the tricks with his three high diamonds and the queen of hearts. His apparently certain diamond loser disappears into thin air.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Flightless bird
4 Mac rivals
7 Beach crawler
11 Chinese dynasty
13 Stetson, e.g.
14 "Today" co-host
15 Israel's Golda
16 Bruins legend
17 Detail
18 Ear bone
20 Bath powder
22 Last letter in London
24 Otter's kin
28 Making fun of
32 Limber
33 Autobahn auto
34 Fitting rhyme for "spa"
36 Medical suffix

DOWN

37 Strep of "The Post"
39 Hotel areas
41 Investigations
43 Golf peg
44 Wax-coated cheese
46 Garish
50 Coffee story
53 Fish
55 Actress Perlman
56 Mideast ruler
57 Santa's helper
58 Doomed
59 Faucets beverage
60 Yoga pad

ACROSS

61 Uplands, for short
12 Yellow-stone denizens
19 Floral garland
21 Grazing land
23 "CSI" evidence
25 Spanish ayes
26 Writer Wiesel
27 Minus
28 Easy win
29 Copycat
30 Goose
31 Lass
35 Sizzling
38 Went first
40 Plead
42 Witch trial town
45 Actress Kunis
47 "Nope!"
48 Mar on a car
49 Talks nonstop
50 Lustrous black
51 "I — Rock"
52 Big shot
54 Newt

Solution time: 21 mins.

DECOR APOLLO
CAMARO DINING
LIMPED MUTTER
OSE SEMIS CSI
NETS OER CHIT
ESTOP RALLIES
BAR LEO
LATERAL STRAW
ALAR LOS HATH
MTN MELLEE TRI
ANDREI ELATES
SEEING DAMASK
SMASH SLANT

Saturday's answer 9-25

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13

14 15

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28 29 30

31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

39 40 41 42

43 44 45 46

47 48 49 50

51 52

53 54

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer. East-West vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ 9 8 7 5 2
♥ A J 7 6
♦ A Q
♣ 10 9

EAST
♠ 4
♥ K Q 5
♦ J 10 8 6 5 2
♣ 7 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K 10 6 3
♥ 10 4 2
♦ K 4
♣ K Q 8 6

The bidding:
East Pass South 1♠ West 1♠ North Pass
Pass 1NT Pass 2♥ All Pass
2♦ Pass Pass 2NT

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

About half the hands dealt in bridge are partscores rather than games or slams. Because of their high frequency, how a player fares on these deals has a lot to do with how well or how poorly he does over a long period of time.

Consider this deal played in a match between Italy and the United States during a World Bridge Olympiad. When the U.S. held the

North-South cards, South got to two notrump as shown.

The Italian West led the A-Q of diamonds, and South cashed his nine tricks to score 150 points (including the 50-point bonus for making a partscore). But if West had initially led a low heart to his partner's queen and East had returned a diamond, the outcome would have been entirely different. West would have cashed his A-Q of diamonds and then led another low heart to East's king, and the contract would have gone down five!

The bidding at the second table, with Italy now North-South, went:

East Pass South 1♠ West 1♠ North Pass
Pass 1NT Pass 2♥ All Pass

North led the nine of hearts, taken with dummy's queen. When the U.S. declarer now played a low diamond from dummy, South went up with the king. Declarer took the king with the ace, cashed the ace of trump and queen of diamonds, then led a trump to dummy's king.

When the trumps divided 3-3, West was able to run 10 tricks to score 170 points. And so, even though only partscores were involved, the U.S. team gained 320 points on the deal.

Tomorrow: Improving your chances.
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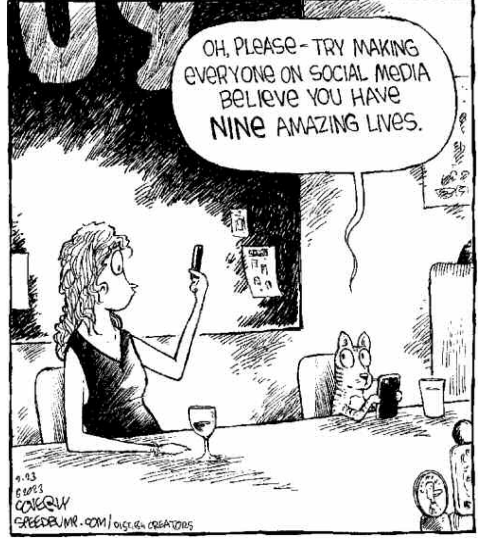
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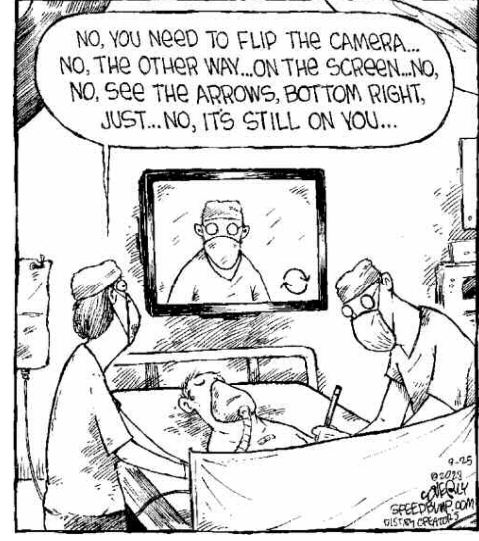
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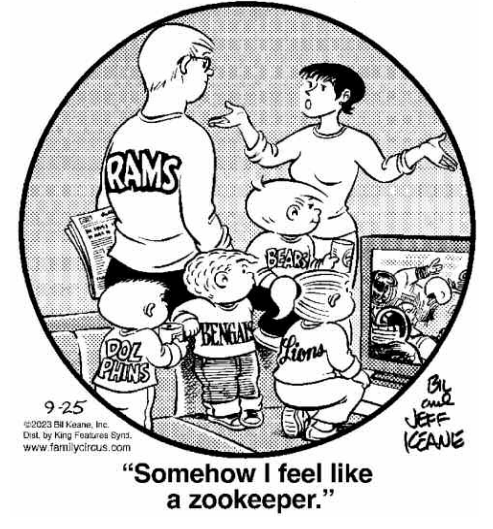
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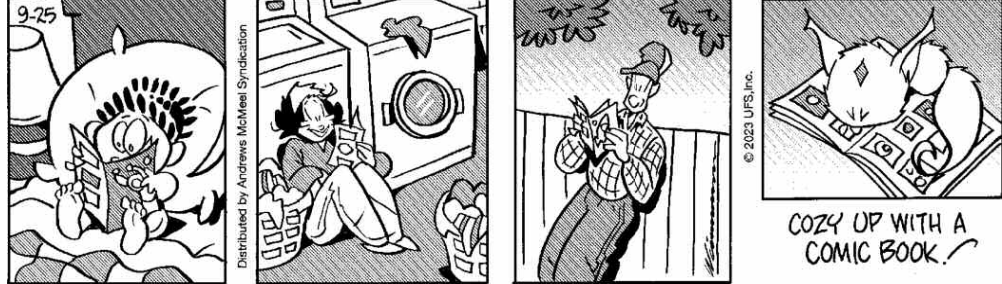
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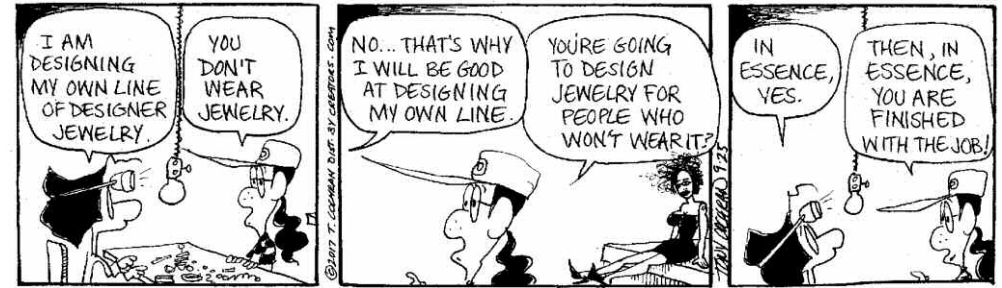
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Hi and Lois



Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Between Friends



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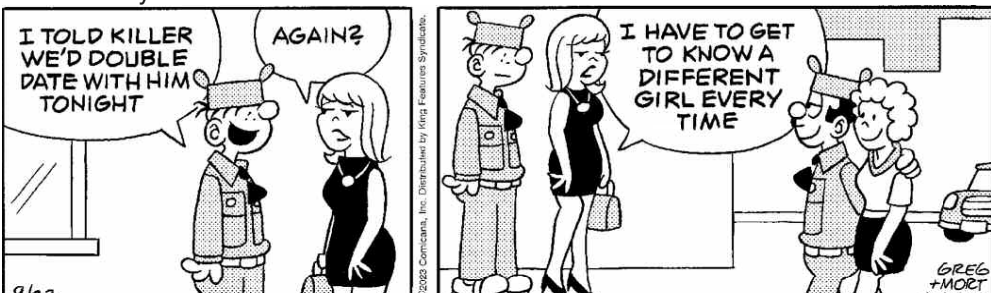
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Beetle Bailey



Beetle Bailey



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Two minutes to win it

Tigers score two goals within two minutes to take down Jay Co.

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

Despite being banged up, the Patriots' defense played strong for 78 minutes.

Two minutes was all the Tigers needed to take control. They scored two goals within a minute and a half of each other and iced the game away with a third score late.

The Jay County High School girls soccer team couldn't hold out long enough to beat the sectional rival Yorktown Tigers on Thursday, falling 3-1.

The Patriots (4-8-1) were banged up in the game, forcing players to move around and fill different roles in the lineup. They were without exchange student Naroa Zugasti Goicoechea, Elie Wendel missed a large chunk of the second half and could be seen limping at times and goalie Angel Clairday was forced to leave the game with an injury after a collision with Yorktown's Nina Fischer.

"Our team has really had to adjust a lot this year," JCHS coach Kendra Muhlenkamp said. "It's just putting people into places that is going to save us for five minutes and then rotating it out."

A prime example of a player who filled that role was Jayla Huelskamp. She ended up playing everywhere from forward to middle and back on defense. She was part of the defensive crew with Wendel, Ariel Beiswanger, Emma Hatzell, Tessa Frazee and Clairday in the goal that held the Tigers scoreless in the first half.

"We just recently kind of been doing a four line defense back," Kendra Muhlenkamp said. "We've been switched to a 4-3-3 for the last four games. I would call it the most basic soccer formations. With everyone having to play different spots, it gets really confusing for them if we do anything else."

That core held strong for the first 50 minutes of the match, finding a way to disrupt the Tigers and erase any advantage they had.

With 29:46 left in the second half Yorktown (8-4-1) broke through. Left stranded 18-yards from the goal, Fischer took a shot that found its way past a defender and bounced into the lower left corner of the net. Harper Mitchell assisted the play.

Just 86 seconds later, Michell found herself in a similar situation at near the top of the box, just left of the center of the field, when she kicked the ball past a pair of Jay County defenders for another goal to the lower left corner.

"I thought we moved the ball well," Yorktown coach Beverly Tanner said. "I thought we deserved to get one in finally, because we've been moving the ball really well as a team, knocking it around, finding feet. So, it was coming."

Molly Muhlenkamp scored the only goal for the Patriots with just over six minutes left to cut the deficit to 2-1. Morgan DeHoff assisted the play when she controlled the ball in the midfield and took a hard turn to get up the left side of the field before passing ahead. Molly Muhlenkamp found a way to catch up to it, dribbled it once and put it into the bottom left half of the goal.

The Tigers scored a third time after Molly Muhlenkamp replaced Clairday in the goal. Yorktown created a fast break when Mitchell passed the ball to Kylie Patton and received a quick pass back for a through ball. Mitchell finished off the play for her second goal with 3:08 remaining.

Jay County struggled to find the net as Yorktown goalie Lilly Kleinschmidt finished with 11 saves.

"A lot of the struggles were that we were sending it right to the goalie, rather than choosing a corner," Molly Muhlenkamp said. "(We) just need to keep our eyes up and get better touches on it quicker and sooner."

A big momentum shift in favor of the Tigers occurred at the 14:20 mark in the second



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Jay County High School junior Meredith Dirkesn (25) pulls the ball back to keep possession as Yorktown's Kylie Patton (14) tries to poke it away during the first half of the Patriots 3-1 loss on Thursday.

half. DeHoff had the ball in the right corner near Yorktown's goal. She crossed it to Huelskamp, who hit it off her body towards the right post of the goal. After the post, it ricocheted off Kleinschmidt and rolled to the open goal. In a mad dash to the ball, Yorktown's Hayley Reece beat Huelskamp, sending it toward midfield and keeping it a two-score game.

"That was big," Tanner said. "That could be a 2-2 game. It was a big save. I was excited."

Despite the loss, Kendra Muhlenkamp saw the game as a positive development for her team, as it competed with its sectional foe for most of the match. Jay County already beat sectional rival Delta 4-2, while Yorktown tied with Hamilton Heights 1-1 and took

down both Centerville and New Castle 9-0.

"I told the girls huddle up at the end to keep their heads up," she said. "After tonight, it really shows sectionals I believe is anyone's game. ... Going into sectionals, knowing that everyone we play (is) beatable is really reassuring. And I hope the girls can get really excited about that."

Patriots take down South Adams for six wins in a row

BERNE — One of the Patriots' goals was to win an Allen County Athletic Conference title.

With a win Thursday, they clinched a share of it.

The Jay County High School boys tennis team swept the South Adams Starfires 5-0 Thursday.

The Patriots (10-8, 2-1 ACAC) have won six matches in a row after starting 1-5. Bluffton was the Patriots' sole loss in conference, giving the Tigers the tiebreaker for the title.

Liam Garringer played the best match of his career in a 7-5, 3-6, 10-7 victory over Gabe Neuenschwander in the No. 3 singles match.

The No. 2 singles match finished the quickest, with Eli Dirksen dismantling Ian Neuenschwander 6-0, 6-0. The No. 1 doubles team of Sam Myers and Gage Sims took down Cole Hayman and Will Mawhorr 7-5, 6-4.

Isaac Miller and Luke Muhlenkamp moved to 10-1 on the season in No. 2 doubles matches when they beat Kade Sprunger and Kane Sturwold 6-1, 6-4. In No. 1 singles action, Abraham Dirksen earned a 7-5, 6-2 win against Conner Hyman.

Gabe Pinkerton and Joseph Nicholes earned the only junior varsity win. They beat Isaiah Conrad and Artur Lynnyk 7-6.

Suffering a loss in the No. 1 doubles match were Blake Kahlig and Jacob Monroe. They fell to Ben Dubach and Alex Stutman 6-4.

In the No. 3 doubles competition, Dylan Chalfant and Chase Spencer couldn't overcome Dubach and Stutman either. They beat the Patriot duo 6-4.

Pats can't finish

Jay County's volleyball team couldn't get over the hump as it

Jay County roundup

was swept by the Wes-Del Warriors 25-20, 25-21, 25-18 Thursday.

The Patriots (6-9) put up a good defensive effort in the game, with both Brenna Haines and Lani Muhlenkamp contributing 11 digs. Sophie Saxman and Maggie Dillon followed with nine and seven, respectively.

Bella Denton led the offense with nine kills. She also had three aces while Saxman had two.

Mya Kunkler also had a hand in the attack, recorded five kills and two blocks. Saxman and Denton had the most service points for the Patriots with four each. Saxman also recorded a team-high 19 assists.

They will compete in the ACAC tournament today at Southern Wells.

The junior varsity team had better luck, beating the Warriors 25-8, 25-11.

Wes-Del struggled to return Jay County's serves in the match. Ella Rigby aced the Warriors six times and Hallie Schwieterman did it five times. Rigby also had 11 assists.

Heavyn Willoughby had a team-high four kills while Trinity Glassford and Kendel Rowles each had three.

Jay Co. dominates

PARKER CITY — Both the boys and girls Jay County Junior High School cross country teams scored 20 points to take

down Monroe Central and Wes-Del on Thursday.

Monroe Central's girls earned 51 points to trail Jay County by 31 and its boys earned 47 to trail by 27.

The boys team got a first-place finish from Raif Beiswanger who took 11:26 to cross the finish line.

After him, Rocky Beiswanger came in second and Sam Wiggins earned third. The other two scores came from Grady Warvel (sixth) and Carson Westgerdes (eighth).

Jedidiah Ferguson was the top boy outside of Jay County, finishing fourth with a time of 11:56.

The girls' top scorer was Abby Fifer, who finished second with a time of 12:52. Rylie Paskiewicz of Wes-Del beat Fifer by six seconds.

While the girls didn't claim the top spot in the race, they got the next five.

After Fifer were Jessie Homan in third, Ava May in fourth, Brooklyn Byrum in fifth and Gracie Rowles in sixth.

Spikers bounce back

After losing seven of its last eight games, the Jay County junior high volleyball team bounced back with a 25-8, 25-13 win over Union City.

The Patriots (9-6) took advantage of Union City's mistakes while serving up 11 aces in the match. Emalyn Homan led with five and Allie Westfall was only one behind with four. The other two aces came from Brenna Ruble.

There were only two kills from Jay County. One came from Amelia Heath and the other from Kenady Lyons.

Lyons was also one of two players with an assist. The other was Peyton Schoenlein.

Golfers finish fifth in MAC

CELINA, Ohio — Jeff Vaughn wanted the Indians to focus on having fun and getting better at golf.

They happened to find some success as well.

The Fort Recovery High School girls golf team finished sixth of nine at the Midwest Athletic Conference meet at Mercer County Elks Golf Club on Thursday. The MAC named the tournament after late Fort Recovery coach Joe Bruns who passed away Aug. 24 during a battle with cancer.

Fort Recovery (7-7, 4-4 MAC) finished with 448 strokes, just one over fifth-place Marion Local and 78 over first-place Minster.

Olivia Knapke shot a 102 to lead the Indians. MAC Player of the Year Ella Porter of Versailles was the match medalist with 81 strokes.

Other Indian scores came from Ella Schoen (113), Emma Will (116) and Eva Kahlig (117). Brynn Stammen's 118 and Marissa Schoen's 121 didn't affect the team score.

The Indians finished fourth in the regular season, tying with St. John's at 4-4 but had the advantage with the head-to-head. After the conference tournament, the Indians sit in fifth. Minster was the MAC champion.

Knapke was named to the All-MAC second team. She was 2.5 points behind Madison Louth of Parkway, who took the final spot on the first team. Emma Will, Eva Kahlig and Ella Schoen earned

FRHS roundup

All-MAC honorable mention.

Indians top Flyers

MARIA STEIN, Ohio — The Division III No. 6 Fort Recovery volleyball team bounced back with a 25-22, 25-19, 17-25, 25-18 win over the Division IV No. 8 Marion Local Flyers on Thursday.

Teigan Fortkamp exploded for 21 kills for the Indians (9-2, 4-1 MAC), who were undefeated before suffering consecutive losses to Division IV No. 3 Crestview and Division III No. 2 Coldwater on Monday and Tuesday.

Paige Guggenbiller also had her best match of the year, earning nine kills and three blocks.

Mara Pearson and Kennedy Muhlenkamp followed up with nine and six kills, respectively. They filled the stat sheet outside of attacking as well. They combined for 15 digs and two blocks, while Mulenkamp recorded an ace and 19 assists as well.

Kayla Heitkamp was nearly perfect on serves, going 20-for-21 with an ace against the Flyers (8-1, 1-4 MAC). She also had 16 assists, 11 digs and one kill.

The Indians will get a break against Newton on Monday before facing another ranked team in St. Henry on Sept. 28.

Late ...

Continued from page 10
A healthy diet of A.J. Myers rushes, one from Bryce Wenk and a pass interference call against Woodlan helped the Patriots find the end zone.

A quick stop, another six carries for Myers and a 14-yard pass from Sean Bailey to Wenk led to another score.

The Patriots' sideline was buzzing.

Players and coaches alike were screaming two phrases.

"It's not over yet!"
"Who wants it more?"
Jay County bought in.

One player in particular that took that to heart was sophomore Grant Wendel.

On the previous drive, Wendel got beat by Kuntz, leaving him wide open on fourth down. Luckily for Wendel, Kuntz didn't bring the ball in, resulting in a turnover on downs.

On the next drive, the Patriots were down a point and Woodlan had the ball with seven minutes to go.

The Warriors were moving down the field when Loudon lofted a ball up for Luke Meyer down the right sideline, but Ben Crouch found a way to deflect it. And Wendel was there to snag the ball for an interception. Six defensive



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A.J. Myers lurches over the goal line for his third touchdown of the game in Jay County High School's 34-29 win over the Woodlan Warriors on Friday. Myers rushed for 237 yards and five touchdowns to power the Patriots' offense in the victory.

plays after getting chewed out for getting burnt, he found himself in the perfect position to create a turnover and swing all momentum in the Patriots favor.

"I got up and just told

everybody, 'We've got the momentum and we've got three minutes to score.'" Wendel said. "We kept the momentum going and (Woodlan) was all hanging their heads from there."

With the ball at the 44-

yard line, Jay County knew what to do. It handed the ball off to Wenk once for 2 yards and Myers seven times for 42 yards, including a 4-yard touchdown.

From there the Patriots

Box score			
Jay County Patriots (4-2, 2-2 ACAC) at Woodlan Warriors (2-4, 1-3 ACAC)		Team Statistics	
Jay Co.	0 14 8 12—34	Rushes — yds	JC 51-289 17-130
Woodlan	7 15 7 0—29	Comp-Att-Int	5-10-1 12-23-1
First Quarter		Passing yds	39 219
W — Drew Fleek 44 run (Ava McAlexander kick), 2:09.		Total Plays	61 40
Second Quarter		Total Offense	328 349
JC — A.J. Myers 28 run (kick blocked), 10:51.		Punt ret — yds	0-0 0-0
W — Ty Loudon 1 run (Mason Moore pass to Luke Myer), 7:55.		Kickoff ret — yds	4-82 6-36
W — Jayse Kuntz 48 pass from Loudon (McAlexander kick), 5:59.		Sacks — yds lost	1-9 0-0
JC — Myers 1 run (Myers run), 26.5.		Punts — yds	1-26 1-27
Third Quarter		Ints — yds	1-16 1-12
W — Carter Fleek 17 pass from Loudon (McAlexander kick), 7:37.		Fumbles — lost	1-1 0-0
JC — Myers 2 run (Bailey run), 1:23.		Penalties — yds	8-53 12-95
Fourth Quarter		Individual Statistics	
JC — Myers 20 run (kick failed), 7:28.		Rushing — Jay County — A.J. Myers 39-237, Bryce Wenk 6-32, Sean Bailey 5-25, Justin DeHoff 1-5. Woodlan — Drew Fleek 14-120, Ty Loudon 3-10.	
JC — Myers 4 run (run failed) 1:08.		Passing — Jay County — Sean Bailey 5-9-1 39, A.J. Myers 0-1-0 0. Woodlan — Ty Loudon 11-22-1 179, Drew Fleek 1-1-0 40.	
		Receiving — Jay County — Bryce Wenk 4-38, Ben Crouch 1-1. Woodlan — Jayse Kuntz 2-88, Braden Smith 4-78, Luke Meyer 2-22, Carter Fleek 1-17, Drew Fleek 2-13, Mason Moore 1-1.	

were able to put up the final stop and end the game on a knee.

"We needed one of these, and it's nice to get it," Zgunda said. "We're gonna keep banging away and we're gonna we're gonna keep working on all the mistakes and man when we put this all together, we're gonna be a tough team to beat."

Woodlan simply could not stop Myers. In the sec-

ond half, he was often powering through tackles for extra yards after contact.

He finished the game with 237 yards on 39 carries while cashing in all five touchdowns for the Patriots.

"I'm feeling great," Myers said. "I've got to praise my O-line. I wouldn't be anything without them."

... I've got to buy my O-line dinner sometime."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys tennis at Eastern Hancock — 9 a.m.; Volleyball ACAC tournament at Southern Wells — 9 a.m.; Cross country at Versailles' Tour De Sewer at Water Treatment Plant — 9 a.m.; Boys soccer at Delta — 10 a.m.; JV volleyball ACAC tournament at Southern Wells — 9 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys golf MAC Match at Mercer County Elks — 8:30 a.m.; Cross country at Versailles' Tour De Sewer at Water Treatment Plant — 9 a.m.; JV football at New Bremen — 10 a.m.; Middle school cross country Tour De Sewer at Water Treatment Plant — 9 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Girls soccer vs. Richmond — 6 p.m.; JV football vs. Woodlan — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Volleyball vs. Newton — 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Boys soccer vs. Black-

ford — 5 p.m.; Girls soccer at Blackford — 5 p.m.; Volleyball at Southern Wells — 6 p.m.; Junior High volleyball at Southern Wells — 5:30 p.m.; Junior High eighth grade football at Heritage — 6 p.m.; Junior High seventh grade football at Bluffton — 6:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls golf sectional at Moose Landing Country Club — TBA; Middle school volleyball at St. Henry — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
12 p.m. — College football: Rutgers at Michigan (BTN); Florida State at Clemson (ABC); Auburn at Texas A&M (ESPN); Virginia Tech at Marshall (ESPN2); SMU at TCU (FS1); Oklahoma at Cincinnati (FOX)

3:30 p.m. — College football: Maryland at Michigan State (NBC); Ole Miss at Alabama (CBS); Colorado at Oregon (ABC); Miami at Temple (ESPN2); BYU at Kansas (ESPN); UCLA at Utah (FOX); Florida Atlantic at Illinois (BTN); Oklahoma State at Iowa State (FS1)

7 p.m. — College football: Oregon State at Washington State (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Iowa at Penn State (CBS); Ohio State at Notre Dame (NBC); Texas at Baylor (ABC); Akron at Indiana (BTN)
8 p.m. — College football: UCF at Kansas State (FS1)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Cal at Washington (ESPN); USC at Arizona State (FOX)
10:30 p.m. — Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix (ESPN2)

Sunday
1 a.m. — Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix (ESPN2)
9 a.m. — Premier League: AFC Bournemouth at Brighton & Hove Albion (USA)
11:30 a.m. — Premier League: Newcastle United at Sheffield United (USA)
1 p.m. — NFL: Indianapolis Colts at Baltimore Ravens (CBS); New Orleans Saints at Green Bay Packers (FOX)

1 p.m. — WNBA: Connecticut Sun at New York Liberty (ESPN)
1:40 p.m. — MLB: Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
2 p.m. — College soccer: Ohio State at Northwestern (BTN)
2 p.m. — NHRA Carolina Nationals (FS1)
4:25 p.m. — NFL: Chicago Bears at Kansas City Chiefs (Fox)
5 p.m. — WNBA: Dallas Wings at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN2)
5:30 p.m. — Friendly International Women: South Africa at United States (TNT)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — MLS: Inter Miami at Orlando City (FS1)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: Pittsburgh Steelers at Las Vegas Raiders (NBC)
7:30 p.m. — MLS: Los Angeles Galaxy at Austin (FS1)

Monday
7:15 p.m. — NFL: Philadelphia Eagles at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (ABC)

8:15 p.m. — NFL: Los Angeles Rams at Cincinnati Bengals (ESPN)
9:45 p.m. — MLB: San Diego Padres at San Francisco Giants (FS1)

Tuesday
6 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Cleveland Guardians (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — WNBA: Connecticut Sun at New York Liberty (ESPN)
10 p.m. — WNBA: Dallas Wings at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN)

Local notes

Turkey Trot sign-up open
Cooper Farms will be hosting its 16th annual Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant in St. Henry, Ohio. Participation costs \$15. All proceeds benefit EverHeart Hospice. The race will begin at 10 a.m. There will be splits at each mile of the 3.1-mile course. There will also be chip timing for participants operated by Speedy Feet.

Water will be provided throughout the race, as well as a to-go turkey meal at the end.

You can register by visiting bit.ly/cooperfarmsturkeytrot, or registration will open at 9 a.m. at Cooper Farms on the day of the race.

Hunt applications available
Hunters can apply for a variety of reserved hunts by visiting on.in.gov/reservedhunt.

Applications for the following hunts can only be applied for online. They include waterfowl and deer hunts in fish and wildlife areas, deer hunts on state park property, November game bird area hunts, Indiana private land access hunts, and December game bird area hunts.

Applications are due Sept. 24 by 11:59 p.m.

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Sports

Locked in late



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Jay County High School's Lucas Strait (13) and Garrett Bennett work together to take down Woodlan's Drew Fleek as a swarm of other Patriots seek to join in on Friday night. The defense strung together three stops to finish out the game on a 20-0 scoring run for a 34-29 victory over the Warriors.

Patriots come through in final minutes of the game to pick up their first win over Woodlan in school history

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

WOODBURN — Last season, Jay County led Woodlan by a point with less than a minute to go. Jacob Snyder ripped off a 54-yard pass on fourth-and-8 to set up a game-winning score.

The scene was set nearly the same Friday night.

The Patriots were up by five points and Woodlan had the ball on its 27-yard line. The War-

riors ran a fake play on which running back Drew Fleek laced the football to Jayse Kuntz for a 40-yard gain.

The pass-heavy offense was just 33 yards away from the end zone.

The Patriots refused to let a win slip away again.

A late-game interception and five rushing touchdowns helped the Jay County High School football team to a 34-29 win over

the Woodlan Warriors in a mistake-filled game Friday night.

The win marks the first in school history for Jay County in 10 tries against Woodlan. It also moved the Patriots to four wins for the first time since 2018 and marks the first time they have been 4-2 since 2013.

"I'm just so proud of this team," JCHS coach Grant Zgunda said. "We made a lot of mistakes and put ourselves in a

hole. And a lot of teams don't come back from that. It shows the character of our players and their heart. And, man, when you got that on a football team, you got something."

The game-ending stop capped off a strong second half for the Patriots.

The run wasn't perfect. It started with what should have been a three-and-out, but turned into a Woodlan touch-

down after Benson Ward touched a punt and couldn't control it before the Warriors got to it. Eight plays later, the Warriors found the end zone on a 17-yard pass from Ty Loudon to Carter Fleek to extend their lead to 29-14.

The Patriots didn't let it deflate them. Instead they answered with a score of their own.

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FULL TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

JAY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

2023 SALARY: \$28,264.60

WORK SCHEDULE

- 35 hours weekly (Monday – Friday)
- Occasional evening, weekend, and overnight hours as necessary for community outreach, training, etc.
- Ability to respond to the EOC for emergencies on a 24-hour basis as necessary.

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- Performs department bookkeeping duties to include preparing and recording claims/payroll, maintaining an up-to-date budget, and filing/recordkeeping.
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REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or equivalent
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- Ability to effectively communicate both orally and in writing.
- Ability to work on several tasks at the same time, and work rapidly for long periods, often under time restrictions.
- Must have a valid Indiana driver's license and be able to travel off-site as necessary.

All interested applicants can submit their resume to the Jay County Emergency Management Agency, 224 West Water Street, Portland, IN 47371 or to the Director via email srhodehamel@co.jay.in.us.

Applications will be accepted until September 27, 2023.

Indians drop to 0-6

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians trailed by just seven at halftime.

They were down by seven again heading into the fourth quarter.

The final 12 minutes did not go their way.

Fort Recovery High School's football team gave up three fourth-quarter touchdowns Friday night as it dropped to 0-6 with a 35-7 loss to the New Bremen Cardinals.

The Indians (0-6, 0-4 Midwest Athletic Conference) pulled within a single score when Reece Wendel reached the end zone on a 10-yard run with 37 seconds left in the third quarter. But it took New Bremen just 1:35 to reclaim the advantage on a Roger Muether 15-yard TD run.

The Cardinals (3-3, 2-2 MAC) got two Aaron Thieman touchdown runs — 9 and 29 yards — in the last

Cardinals pull away from Fort Recovery in the fourth

seven minutes for the final margin.

Thieman's 59 yards on seven carries led a multifaceted running attack for New Bremen. Trevor Schaefer added 52 yards on 16 attempts and Keaton Puthoff had 45 yards on 15 carries.

Puthoff also completed six passes for 128 yards, including a 43-yard touchdown to Muether in the third quarter. (The only points of the opening half came on a Hayden Zeller 10-yard return after he intercepted FRHS quarterback Troy Homan.)

The Indians finished

with 174 yards of offense compared to 314 for New Bremen, with Reece Wendel totaling 80 on just seven carries. Homan was 9-of-18 passing of 68 yards.

Ethan Hartnagel powered the Fort Recovery defense with 11 tackles and a forced fumble. Alex Gaerke and Wendel added nine tackles apiece.

The Indians will be back at home Friday for another daunting MAC task as they take on the Division VII No. 1 Marion Local Flyers, who remain undefeated after knocking off Division VI No. 1 14-13 Friday.

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